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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

William Elbert Rooke Lindsey

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William Elbert Rooke Lindsey was a Confederate veteran who lived in Tarrant County at the time the 1910 census was taken. His service is established by a statement he made to the census taker at that time.

William was born in October 1838 in South Carolina, to two South Carolinian parents. There is a degree of confusion among Lindsey descendants who have posted information online at Ancestry.com. Some have him dying in Arkansas, others have him dying in Mississippi. It seems likely that the details of more than one William E. Lindsey have been combined into a single man.

When the 1860 census was taken, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey were living in Township 21, Choctaw County, Mississippi. They had one child, James, who was four months old at the time the census taker came on Sept. 12, 1860.

Mr. Lindsey appears in the 1880 Mississippi census as Elbert Lindsey. He and his family lived in Beat 3, Lafayette County, Mississippi. With him were his wife, Mary A. Lindsey (born about 1842 in Mississippi to two South Carolinian parents); and children James Lindsey (born about 1860); Manerva Lindsey (born about 1867); Alice Lindsey (born about 1870); Delia Lindsey (born about 1873); Ida Lindsey (born about 1873); Mary Lindsey (born about 1876) and William Lindsey (born in October 1879).

The family was in Blansett Township, Scott County, Arkansas when the 1900 census was taken. Mr. Lindsay was a widower. Three of his children were living with him in that year: Alice E Lindsey (born in August 1870 in Mississippi); Mary Lindsey, (born in April 1876 in Mississippi), and William G. Lindsey (born in October 1879 in Mississippi). The 1900 census indicates that the mother of his children was born in Mississippi also.

By 1910 William was living in the Grapevine area with the family of his son, William G. Lindsey. The younger William had married about 1905 and moved to Oklahoma, and moved again back to Arkansas for a time only a year before coming to Texas around 1909. Perhaps William Sr. had made those moves with him. This census says William Jr.'s mother was born in Alabama.

There are several possible candidates for this William E. Lindsey in the rolls of the Confederate soldiers from Mississippi.

No one appears in the index to Texas Confederate pensions who appears to be this William E. Lindsey. He does not have a death certificate on file in the Texas vital statistics records.

There is one William Elbert Lindsey buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery in Scott County, Arkansas, with dates on his headstone of October 25, 1839 and June 20, 1911. Since our Grapevine man did live in Scott County, Arkansas prior to coming to Grapevine, it seems possible he may have gone back to Arkansas to live with a married child before he died.



The family of William Elbert Rooke Lindsey

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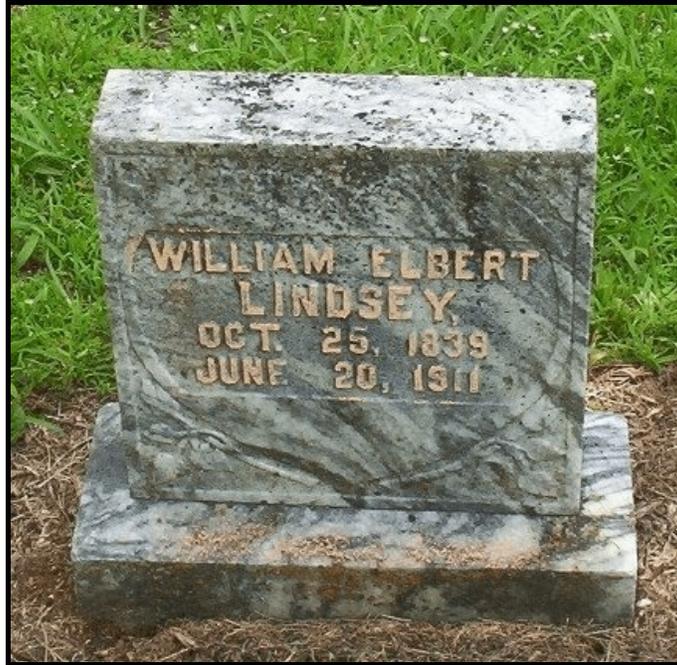


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