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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Benjamin Franklin Martin

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Benjamin Franklin Martin was born February 23, 1837 in Union County, Illinois, a son of Urias Martin and Kezia (Williams) Martin of the Hood Cemetery area in present-day Southlake. According to information he gave when he registered to vote in 1867, he came to Texas about 1855, and to Precinct 2 of Tarrant County about 1856. His father died in 1855 and was buried in the Hood Cemetery.

Official records in Washington show Benjamin F. Martin as a 1st Sergeant, Sergeant, Major, and Lieutenant in Co. A, 34th Texas Cavalry. He enlisted February 3, 1862 at Grapevine under M. W. Deavenport, for a twelve months term. He traveled 110 miles to the rendezvous point for the mustering-in ceremony. He was captured at the Battle of Yellow Bayou, Louisiana, on May 18, 1864. He was received at New Orleans as a prisoner of war on May 21, and was there until he was exchanged at Red River Landing on July 22, 1864.

He made application for a promotion to First Lieutenant on August 17, 1864. He is shown absent sick in Texas on a return dated September 5, 1864. During the time he was in Union custody after his capture at Yellow Bayou, he spent the period from July 4 to July 13 in the USA General Hospital for treatment of severe diarrhea. His name is shown on a roll made at Hempstead, Texas in April 1865 at the time the regiment disbanded and the men went home.

In 1913 B. F. Martin made an affidavit for another soldier, Garlington C. Dial, who had served with him in Co. A, 34th Texas Cavalry. Martin was living in Grayson County at the time he made the affidavit.

Benjamin Franklin Martin died in Jones County, Texas on September 26, 1915. He and his wife, Amanda Martin, lie buried in Mount Hope Cemetery in Jones County. She was born March 22, 1834 and died April 27, 1930 in Dallas County, Texas.

Mr. Martin's death certificate says he was born at Anna, Illinois. He died September 26, 1915, aged 78-7-4. His mother was a Williams. He died at 12:30 a.m. of uremia following Bright's disease. The informant was T. J. Martin of (Sherman?) Texas.

Mrs. Amanda F. Martin applied for a Confederate widow's pension in 1922 while she was a resident of Anson, Jones County, Texas. Her original application had Sherman, Grayson County written on it, but that was marked through and the Jones County location overwritten. She said she married B. F. Martin in Dallas County, Texas on April 4, 1859.

She said she was eighty-six years old, a native of Alabama, and had been in Texas for sixty years and at Anson for thirty-five years. These statements are obviously contradictory to other records. The affidavits in her pension file state that she was a resident of Grayson County, Texas in 1916.

Mrs. Amanda Martin died on April 27, 1930 at 8 p.m. at her home at 725 Melba Street in Dallas. Her death certificate says she died of senility. She was the daughter of John (Harris?), and was born in Alabama on August 18, 1835. The informant for the death certificate was W. H. Martin of 48 West 10th (or 16th) Street in Dallas.

