



# TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### William Franklin Perryman

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William Franklin Perryman was a native of Tennessee who served the South in an Arkansas infantry regiment. He married the sister of another of our veterans, William T. Sowell, and lived in the Lonesome Dove Community for a time the late 1800's before returning to Arkansas.

Several descendants of Perryman have posted information and photos on the Perryman family at ancestry.com. Some of them say William was born in Johnson County, Georgia, but every census record shows him to be a native of Tennessee. He was born on July 11, 1833. He was a son of Stephen James Perryman (1813-1865) and his wife, Elizabeth M. Yoes (1816-1888), both of whom died in Arkansas. They were married October 20, 1832 in Rutherford County, Tennessee. Stephen Perryman and his family appear in the 1840 census in Rutherford County, Tennessee, so it seems likely, to this researcher, at least, that William was born in Rutherford County.

When the 1850 census was taken William was eighteen years old and was living with his parents and siblings in Fosterville District in Rutherford County, Tennessee. This census shows that William, both his parents, and all his siblings were born in Tennessee. His maternal grandmother was living with the family.

Mr. Perryman married Susan Caledonia Sowell in Rutherford County, Tennessee on August 6, 1854. Family sources say she was born in Rutherford County, Tennessee on July 9, 1836, and was a daughter of William Sowell and his wife, Abigail (McCoy) Sowell.

By the time the 1860 census was taken, "Wm. Periman" and his wife, Susan, were living in Gasconde Township in Laclede County, Missouri, in the area served by the post office at Nebo, Missouri. They had three children with them: Stephen, Sarah, and Carline Perryman, all born in Tennessee, as were both their parents. William had personal property worth one hundred fifty dollars and was working as a carpenter.

Mr. Perryman's Confederate records in the National Archives show that he was a member of enlisted at Lunenburg, Arkansas on July 26, 1862 and became a private in Captain Gibson's Company of Shaler's Regiment of Arkansas Infantry. This company subsequently became [new] Co. C, 27<sup>th</sup> Arkansas Infantry. Mr. Perryman gave his age as thirty years old. He enlisted for the duration of the war. He was appointed first corporal of his company on December 23, 1862. He was still with the regiment on December 6, 1863. No further records of his individual service had survived in the National Archives.

When the 1870 census was taken the family lived in Union township, Izard County, Arkansas, in the part of the county served by the post office at Pineville. All the members of the family were born in Tennessee. The children with them in that year included Stephen T., Elizabeth, Catharine, Frances, William, George, and Amanda Perryman. William was farming on land he owned worth four hundred dollars, and he owned personal property worth three hundred dollars. If the information contained in this census is correct, their stay in Missouri must have been very short.

When the 1880 census was taken, Mr. Perryman and his family lived in Union Township in Izard County, Arkansas. He and Mrs. Perryman had nine children with them: Elizabeth, Asgil (a female), Frances, William, George, Amanda, Aselade, Henry, and Margaret Perryman.

In 1900 Mr. and Mrs. Perryman lived in Cleveland Township in Fulton County, Arkansas. They had only two children with them, Elizabeth A. and Albey L., shown as a daughter born in January 1884. Mrs. Perryman said she had given birth to nine children, eight of whom were still alive.

In 1901 Mr. Perryman applied for a Confederate veteran's pension while he lived at Byron, Fulton County, Arkansas. He was granted a pension of fifty dollars per year. His pension application was approved on August 19, 1901. He said he served in Co. C, 8<sup>th</sup> (Shaler's) Arkansas Infantry, and that he was honorably paroled about June 5, 1865. He said he was sixty-eight years old and suffered from rheumatism. Dr. M. M. Hudgens of Fulton County judged his disability at fifty percent. Two of Perryman's comrades, Daniel Moser and James F. King, made affidavits in which they said Mr. Perryman had enlisted in July 1862 and served until June 1864.

On July 11, 1904 Mr. Perryman filed a request with the pension board asking that his address be changed to Baxter County. Later as a resident of Amos, Baxter County, Arkansas, Mr. Perryman asked for and was granted an increase to one hundred dollars per annum. On June 5, 1907 Dr. M. L. Mooney of Baxter County wrote of Mr. Perryman, "...Rheumatism caused by exposure during Civil War heart trouble due to rheumatism age 75 years almost totally incapacitated for manual labor by reason of rheumatism, age & etc."

In June, 1907 two residents of the Dove Community in Tarrant County, J. R. Torian and F. L. Torian, made an affidavit for W. T. Sowell in his bid to obtain a Texas Confederate pension. Within the affidavit, they mentioned J. F. Perryman and his residence in northeast Tarrant County: "...That they knew W. F. Perryman that they knew him in Ark. And that he came to Tarrant Co Texas and lived near Dove and that W. T. Sowell lived near him when he lived at Dove Texas. That W.F. Perryman has returned to Arkansas many years ago."

Mr. Perryman himself also made an affidavit in confirmation of Mr. Sowell's service: "...My name is W. F. Perryman my age 66 years Residence Byram Fulton County Arkansas Occupation farmer...I am personally acquainted with W. T. Sowell and have been for the last 55 years in fact I raised him he came From Tennessee with me and lived in same neighborhood in Arkansas and we went to the State of Texas together. .. He and I served in the same brigade and I know from personal knowledge of his service..."

When the 1910 census was taken, Mr. and Mrs. Perryman were living with their married son, Stephen Perryman, and his family in Mill Township, Baxter County, Arkansas. She again told the census taker she was the mother of ten, but only nine of her children were still living. Based upon his age, Stephen must have been the William Perryman with them in the 1880 census. William's single daughter, Sarah, born about 1857, was also with them. She may have been the Elizabeth with her parents in 1900.

Mrs. Susan Caledonia (Sowell) Perryman died at Amos in Baxter County, Arkansas on December 27, 1916. She was buried there in Amos Cemetery.

By 1920 Mr. Perryman was living with his married son, Fayette [Stephen Lafayette] Perryman, in Whiteville Township in Baxter County, Arkansas. Also with them was a feme sole Lizzie Perryman, William F. Perryman's daughter.

William Franklin Perryman died in Baxter County, Arkansas on May2, 1920. He lies buried under a double headstone with his wife in Amos Cemetery at Lakeview, Baxter County, Arkansas.

In 1900, Mrs. Perryman said she had given birth to nine children, eight of whom were still alive. A check of all the census records, 1860-1900, shows eleven different children. Since we have no access to Arkansas death records online, the accounts of the children are not as complete as we would wish. The following information was taken from census records, headstone records, and family information posted online by Perryman descendants.

Stephen Lafayette Perryman was born March 4, 1855. He married Mary Findley. In some records he appears as "Fayette" Perryman. In 1920 he and his family lived in Whiteville Township in Baxter County, Arkansas. He died in 1922.

Sarah (also recorded as Elizabeth A. and Lizzie) Perryman was born October 21, 1856. In 1920 she lived in Baxter County, Arkansas with her brother's family. At the time of her sister's death in 1947, she was living in Duke, Jackson County, Oklahoma. She died October 21, 1949.

Caroline Abigail "Abbie" Perryman was born April 25, 1859. Abbie told the census takers in both 1910 and 1920 that she had been born in Missouri. About 1881 she married Robert S. Lancaster. In 1900 they lived and farmed in Cleveland Township in Fulton County, Arkansas. In 1910 and 1920 they lived and farmed in Fulton Township in Fulton County, Arkansas. She died in 1929.

Susan Frances Perryman was born July 11, 1861. She died January 22, 1884, and is buried in Trimble Campground Cemetery in IZARD County, Arkansas.

William David Perryman was born August 19, 1864. He married Mary Alice King in Baxter County, Arkansas on July 31, 1895. In 1910 he and his family were living and farming in Grover Township in Baxter County, Arkansas. When the 1920 and 1930 census was taken they were living and farming along Highway 126 in Whitesville Township in Baxter County, Arkansas. He died December 12, 1949.

George Porter Perryman was born January 16, 1867. He died October 22, 1956 in Springdale, Washington County, Arkansas. He married Paulina Ann King (1869-1953). In 1900 they lived in Fulton County, Arkansas. In 1910-1920 they were in Baxter County. In 1930 they were in Prairie Township in Washington County, Arkansas. They lie buried in Zion Cemetery in Springdale, Washington County, Arkansas.

Harriett Amanda Perryman was born April 3, 1869. On December 12, 1894 in Baxter County, Arkansas she married Ezekiel K. Sorrells (1872-1917). She died December 21, 1937 at Cushing, Payne County, Oklahoma.

Viola Amanda Perryman was born December 8, 1871. She married George W. Mullins (b. 1872-1950) in Arkansas on December 9, 1896. In 1900 they lived in Cleveland Township in Fulton County, Arkansas. In 1910 they were in Grover Township in Baxter County, Arkansas. In 1920 they lived in Cushing Ward 1 in Payne County, Oklahoma. By 1930 they had settled in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma. Known as Addie Mullins at the time of her death on June 9, 1948, she lies buried beside her husband in Resthaven Gardens Cemetery in Oklahoma City, Cleveland County, Oklahoma.

James Henry Perryman was born June 3, 1874. He married Louvina Clementine Talbert (1876-1959) on October 22, 1895 in Baxter County, Arkansas. They lived and farmed at Cleveland, Fulton County, Arkansas in 1900; when he enlisted for the draft in World War I he lived in Lincoln, Oklahoma. They were in Indian Township, Payne County, Oklahoma in 1920; at Tiger Creek, Oklahoma in 1930. Mr. Perryman died in Stanislaw, California on November 16, 1954. Mr. and Mrs. Perryman are buried in Turlock Memorial Park in Turlock, Stanislaw County, California. The Find-A-Grave site gives his death date as November 19, 1954.

Margaret Barthena L. Perryman was born May 8, 1877. She was married to James Bird Chadwick (1878-1971) in Fulton County, Arkansas on November 16, 1899. In 1900 they lived in Cleveland Township, Fulton County, Arkansas. In 1910 they were in Maysville Township in Garvin County, Oklahoma. In 1920 they lived at Lindsay in Garvin County, Oklahoma. In 1930 they were in Olustee Township in Jackson County, Oklahoma. She died April 20, 1959 in Jackson County, Oklahoma, where she and her husband lie buried in Prairie Hill Cemetery.

Albey L. Perryman, is shown as a daughter in the 1900 census. She was born in January 1884. She is not mentioned as a survivor in the 1948 obituary of one of William F. Perryman's daughters.



William Franklin Perryman Family

Back Row - Harriet Amanda Perryman Sorrels, William D. Perryman, spouse Alice Perryman, George Porter Perryman, Viola Adelaide (Addie) Perryman.

Front Row - Sarah Elizabeth (Lizzie) Perryman, Mother Susan Caledonia Sowell Perryman and Father William Franklin Perryman

