



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

William Lindsey Prince

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William Lindsey Prince was a Confederate veteran of a Mississippi infantry regiment. He lived for many years in the White's Chapel/Pleasant Run neighborhood before moving to Fort Worth in his final years.

William L. Prince was born in Georgia on May 21, 1835 and died January 26, 1912. His wife, Anna Mariah Coleman Prince, was born in Georgia December 14, 1842 and died December 30, 1917.

William L. Prince enlisted as private in Capt. E. R. Neilson's Company (Rayburn Rifles) Mississippi Volunteers in Tallahatchie County, Mississippi on July 26, 1861. This company subsequently became Co. D, 27th Mississippi Infantry. Mr. Prince enlisted for a term of three years or the war. He was mustered into the Confederate service at Brook Haven, Mississippi on August 28, 1861. He was to be paid a bounty of twenty-five dollars for enlisting. By July or August, 1863 he had been promoted to corporal.

At some point in late 1862 he was captured, and was officially declared exchanged on January 11, 1863. He was missing after the engagement on Lookout Mountain on November 24, 1863. Union records show him to have been captured that day at Chattanooga, Tennessee. He was forwarded to Louisville, Kentucky on November 29 for exchange. He arrived at Louisville the next day. From there he was sent to the Rock Island prison in Illinois on December 1, 1863. He arrived at Rock Island on December 3. There he remained until he was released on May 21, 1865. Union records show him to have been a resident of Yalobusha County, Mississippi. His file in the National Archives contains two original signed copies of his parole from Rock Island prison.

The census taker in 1870 found the Prince family living in Township 25 in Yalobusha County, Mississippi, in the area served by the post office at Coffeyville, Mississippi. They had with them four children: Callie H. (age four), Tobey (age 3), William (age 2), and an unnamed infant son born in

December, 1869. William Prince and his family remained in Mississippi until about 1879, when they moved to northeast Tarrant County, Texas.

By the time the 1880 census was taken, they had purchased land and settled in the White's Chapel/Pleasant Run area of Tarrant County, Texas. In that year, Mr. Prince said he was a native of Georgia, and that both his parents were native South Carolinians. Mrs. Prince said she and both her parents were born in Georgia. They had nine children with them, only the youngest of whom was born in Texas: Caroline C. (age 14), James A. (age 13), Elisha H. (age 12), William C. (age 10), Gussie A. (age 8), Sarah L. (age 6), Henry M. (age 4), George R. (age 2), and Thomas (born in April 1880).

In 1880 the family was listed in enumeration district no. 94, which included that part of Precinct 2 which lay north of Big Bear Creek. The tax lists for that year show that Mr. Prince owned 226-3/4 acres of the O. W. Knight survey, worth six hundred dollars, one carriage or wagon worth thirty five dollars, farming implements worth five dollars, three horses or mules worth seventy-five dollars, three cows worth ten dollars, and five hogs worth five dollars.

William Prince's home appears on Sam Street's 1895 map of Tarrant County. In modern-day terms, it sat in present-day Southlake along the north side of Continental Drive, east of Carroll Road, about where Byron Nelson Parkway intersects with WyndSOR Creek and Hanover Streets.

By the time of the 1900 census Mr. and Mrs. Prince and the youngest of their children had moved to Fort Worth and were renting a home at 813 East Front Street. William was working at a feed store, while his daughter, Gussie, was working as a milliner, and his son, George, was working as a druggist. Mrs. Prince said she had given birth to twelve children, eight of whom were still living.

Neither William L. Prince nor his wife applied for a Confederate pension to the State of Texas. *This William Prince is not to be confused with one William C. Prince who, with his wife, Matilda, lived in Tarrant County for many years. Mrs. Matilda Prince was pensioned.* William L. Prince's name appears as a member of the Robert E. Lee Camp of United Confederate Veterans, on a 1900 roster made in Fort Worth.

By the taking of the census in 1910, Mr. and Mrs. Prince had moved into a home on Kennedy Street, in close-in east Fort Worth. The actual house number is not legible in the census microfilm. Mr. Prince had retired since 1900. The Princes had a married couple, the Carsons, renting living quarters from them. Oddly, in this census Mrs. Prince said she had given birth to ten children, six of whom were still alive.

William L. Prince died of pneumonia at his home in Fort Worth at 1404 Kennedy Street on January 26, 1912. He was buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery the next day, where he has a readable double headstone with his wife.

An obituary appeared in the Fort Worth Record on January 27, 1912 for Mr. Prince: "*W. L. Prince, aged 77 years, died Friday at the residence, 1404 Kennedy street. The funeral will be held today from the residence at 2:30 o'clock. Interment will be in Mount Olivet cemetery. The deceased is*

survived by a wife, two sons, W. C. Prince and H. T. Prince, and four daughters, Mrs. R. A. Hall, Mrs. S. T. Woods, Mrs. T. C. Byers, and Miss Nettie Bedeer, all of Fort Worth."

Mrs. Anna M. Prince died at Smithfield, Texas at 3:30 a.m. on December 30, 1917. The cause of death shown on her death certificate was "endocardium." She was buried the next day beside her husband at Mt. Olivet. The informant was Gussie Hall. The death certificate shows her parents as Al Coleman and Carolyne Englin, both of Georgia. Mrs. Prince's headstone says she died on December 31, 1918.

An obituary appeared in the Fort Worth Record for Mrs. Prince on December 30, 1917: "*Mrs. Anna M. Prince, 75, died Sunday morning at the home of her son, William Prince, at Smithfield. She was a pioneer resident of Tarrant county and had lived with her son for a number of years. She is survived by two sons and four daughters: Will Prince of Smithfield, H. P. Prince of Fort Worth, and Mrs. W. Hill, Mrs. Tom Byas, Mrs. Sarah Woods, and Mrs. Bettie Bedell, all of Fort Worth. The funeral will be held Monday afternoon from the residence, 1404 Kennedy street. The Rev. Mr. Hightower will officiate. Interment will be at Mount Olivet.*"

As is often the case, the lists of the Prince children in the various census records raise some questions about names, nicknames, and dates. The obituaries of the parents also point to multiple marriages for some of the children. The following material comes from census records, Texas death certificates, and cemetery records.

William Calhoun Prince was born at Jackson, Mississippi on January 16, 1871 (his headstone says January 6). He died in Fort Worth at the Pennsylvania Avenue Hospital on November 4, 1949. His last permanent address was in Fort Worth at 3701 Mount Vernon Street. He was buried in Smithfield Cemetery beside his wife, Minnie Jane Byas (1874-1941), a daughter of another of our veterans, Thomas Byas.

James A. Prince was born May 17, 1867 and died February 28, 1893. He is buried in White's Chapel Cemetery.

Gussie A. Prince was born in December 1873. She married R. A. Hall.

Sarah Love Prince died in Fort Worth at her home at 801 Baltimore Street on November 16, 1948. She was born in Mississippi on January 12, 1874. At the time of her parents' deaths, she was married to a Mr. Woods. She was later married to a Mr. Morton, and under that name was buried at Mt. Olivet. Her daughter, Mrs. E. J. Driscoll of the same address, was the informant for her death certificate.

George R. Prince's headstone at White's Chapel says 1878-1900. One of the census records adds the fact that he was born in July.

Henry Pleasant Prince was born August 18, 1878. He died at his home in Fort Worth on April 13, 1918 from the effects of a gunshot wound. His last address was 1004 Cantey Street. He was a

barber. He lies buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery. He was married about 1900 to his wife, Mary Edna (1881-1953), who is buried beside him.

Mattie May Prince was born May 4, 1882. She died in the Brookhaven Nursing Home in Fort Worth on April 30, 1974. Her last permanent address was 105 Hayes Lane in Hurst, Texas. She lies buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery. She was married to William J. Hurley (1882-1947), who lies buried beside her.

Nettie Frances Prince was born March 12, 1886. She died in Fort Worth at the Brookhaven Rest Home on November 5, 1971. She married a Mr. Crafton. Her last permanent address was 3710 East 4th Street in Fort Worth. She was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in the Handley section of East Fort Worth.

There is an infant stone for one of their children at White's Chapel which simply says age 16 months. Obviously this child died in or after 1878.



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