



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

John William "Jack" Raines

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John William "Jack" Raines was a native of South Carolina who served in a Tennessee infantry regiment. He died at Smithfield, and was buried in Kennedale in southeast Tarrant County.

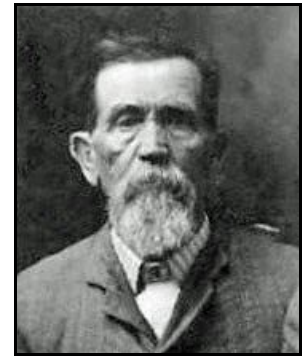
Mr. Raines was born on January 1, 1840 (according to his death certificate) near Winnsboro in Fairfield County, South Carolina. His headstone says he was born in 1830.

Census records suggest that Mr. Raines was first married to Minnie Lacewell and that they had a son names John W. Raines, Jr., who was born in the mid-1850's and who died in Fort Worth in 1928. She was dead by 1878.

Family sources at Ancestry.com say Mr. Raines married Ardelia Elizabeth Shelton in Robertson County, Tennessee. The marriage took place on August 10, 1878, according to Mrs. Raines' widow's pension application. She was born in Robertson County, Tennessee on September 9, 1858 according to her widow's pension application. Her headstone shows her birth date as 1855.

The 1880 census taker found Mr. Raines and his family living at Adairville in Logan County, Kentucky. With him were his wife, Ardelia, a daughter Lovenia born in Tennessee, a son Sam E. born in Tennessee, and a one-month-old daughter yet unnamed who had been born in May, 1880 in Kentucky; a 12 year old son John W. Raines (apparently from an earlier marriage), and a boarder, Malissa E. Shelton, who was born in Tennessee about 1861. Mr. Raines was working as a teamster in 1880, as was his fourteen-year-old son.

Mr. Raines and his family are found in the 1900 census in Tarrant County, Texas in Precinct 2. Mr. Raines' birth date in this record is shown as January 1847. Mrs. Raines said she had given birth to



nine children, eight of whom were still alive. The children with them in that year included Walter, Edna, Effie, Dewie, and Susie Raines.

The census taker in 1910 found Mr. Raines and his family living in Tarrant County's Precinct 8 along the Kennedale and Sublett Road. With Mr. and Mrs. Raines were their children Evie, Dewey, and Hazel Raines. Again, Mrs. Raines said she had given birth to nine children, and eight of them were still living.

Mr. Raines applied for a Confederate pension in 1913 while he was living at Rowlett in Dallas County, Texas. He said he was born near Winnsboro, South Carolina and was seventy-two years old, which would yield a birth date of about 1841. He said he left the service at Culpepper, Virginia on August 19, 1862 at the end of his term of enlistment. He said he had been in Texas for 33 years and at Rowlett for about one year. He said he served from July 12, 1861 until August 19, 1862, and had served in Co. I, 14th Tennessee Infantry.

We have been unable to find any records dealing with Mr. Raines in the 14th Tennessee Infantry in the National Archives files.

An original handwritten discharge is in his pension file in Austin. It says he was born in Fairfield County, South Carolina, was seventeen years old, was five feet nine inches tall, with a dark complexion, gray eyes, and dark hair, and by occupation a farmer. This record suggests a birth date of about 1845.

Mr. Raines died in Smithfield, Texas on January 4, 1929 of influenza and pneumonia. The mortuary certificate in his pension file says he died four miles north of Smithfield in his own home. Smithfield physician Henry Clay Gilbert signed his death certificate. Mr. Raines was buried two days later in Hudson Cemetery in Kennedale. The informant for the death certificate was D. S. Raines of Arlington.

About one month after his death, Mrs. Raines applied for a Confederate widow's pension. She said she had lived in Texas for forty-nine years...forty-six of them in Tarrant County. At the time she applied she lived at Smithfield in northeast Tarrant County.

Mrs. Raines died at 4 p.m. on June 6, 1958 in Tarrant County at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charlie Reitz, at Rt. 7, Box 277 in Precinct 8. Her death certificate shows her birth date as September 9, 1856. Her daughter, Hazel, was the informant, and Hazel did not know the names of Mrs. Raines' parents. Ardelia Raines was buried beside her husband in Hudson Cemetery in Kennedale.

The following nine paragraphs contain short sketches of the lives of the Raines children. The first is of Mr. Raines' son from his first marriage, and the next eight are the eight from his second marriage who survived to adulthood. The ninth child was dead by 1900.

John William Raines Jr. was a son of Mr. Raines, apparently from a first marriage. Family researchers at Ancestry.com say he died February 24, 1958 in Tarrant County and was buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth. His death certificate says his mother was Minnie Lacewell.

Eula Viola "Louvenia" Raines was born December 18, 1877. She married Joseph S. Parsley (1871-1957). She died in Tarrant County in the Baptist Hospital in Fort Worth on October 30 (headstone says 28), 1928. Her last permanent address was 3407 Crump Street. She and her husband lie buried in Hudson Cemetery at Kennedale.

Samuel Shelley "Shell" Raines was born October 31, 1878. He married Suzanna Elizabeth "Sadie" Elrod (1883-1968) in Tarrant County on December 12, 1899. They lived in Tarrant County as late as 1920. He died March 15, 1967 at Binger, Caddo County, Oklahoma. Some family records at Ancestry.com say he died March 11, 1967 in Oklahoma City. He was buried in Gracemont Cemetery in Gracemont, Caddo County, Oklahoma.

Mittie Ann Raines (shown in the 1880 census as born in May of that year) was born (according to her death certificate) on June 2, 1880. She married Smith Edwin Turpin (1874-1931). She died at 7:30 p.m. on December 4, 1971 at the Colonial Manor Convalescent Center in Fort Worth. Her last permanent address was 847 House Street in Fort Worth. She was buried in Hudson Cemetery in Kennedale.

Walter Raines was born November 10, 1884. He married Grace Truman Garrett at Ballinger in Runnels County, Texas on December 22, 1908. He died August 20, 1944 in Los Angeles, California. A check of the California death index online confirms that this man's mother's maiden name was Shelton and that he was born in Texas.

Edna D. Raines was born November 22, 1890, according to her headstone. She married Jasper Wilson Sikes (1879-1951). She died February 16, 1931 at Smithfield, Texas, and was buried in Hudson Cemetery in Kennedale. The informant for the death certificate was Miss Hazel Raines of Smithfield.

Effie Mae Raines was born January 15, 1893, according to family sources at ancestry.com. They say she married Lester Sanders (1899-1960). They say she died July 23, 1992 in Forest, Scott County, Mississippi. They are buried in the Reformation Cemetery in Hopoca, Leake County, Mississippi. We have been unable to find any online records to verify that this daughter moved to Mississippi.

Dewey Sampson "Bally" Raines was born November 22, 1896. He worked many years as a construction worker. He married Lorene Griffin (1895-1983). He died at 11:45 p.m. on November 23, 1947 at his home at 210 North East Street in Arlington. He was buried in Parkdale Cemetery in Arlington.

Susie Hazel Raines was born August 27, 1899. Her social security records say she was born August 27, 1897. She married Charles Robert Reitz (1895-1966), a World War I veteran, before 1958. She died in Tarrant County on October 10 (her headstone says October 18), 1999. They are buried in Hudson Cemetery in Kennedale.

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Discharge

To all whom it may concern
This is to certify that John M. Reims a private of Capt
Wm. H. H. Company, 3rd of the 14th Regiment of
Georgia who was enlisted the 12th day of July 1861 to
serve one year is hereby honorably discharged from the army
of the Confederate States he having served out the period
of his enlistment

John M. Reims was born in Fairfield County in
the State of South Carolina is 17 years of age five feet
nine inches high dark complexion grey eyes dark hair and
by occupation when enlisted a farmer

Given at Camp near Rapidan Station Va August 17th 1862

W. H. H. [Signature]

Major H. White, 1st Lieut
Commanding camp



RAINES

ARDELIA LIZABETH
1855 — 1958

JOHN WILLIAM
1830 — 1929