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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

William S. Scribner

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William S. Scribner was an Illinois native and a Confederate veteran of an Arkansas unit. He settled at Grapevine in the late 1860's, married the daughter of a pioneer there, and finally died just before the turn of the century in Oklahoma.

Family members at ancestry.com say William S. Scribner was born October 5, 1833 in Shelby County, Illinois. He was a son of Solomon Scribner (1812-1877), who died in Wise County, Texas, and his wife, Sarah Lucinda Eveline Smith (1816-1899), who died in Pontotoc County, Oklahoma.

Solomon Scribner and his family appear in the 1850 census of Flat Creek Township in Shelby County, Illinois. William and his younger sister, Lucy Scribner, born about 1835 and 1837 respectively, are shown as natives of Missouri. According to this record, Solomon returned to Illinois about 1838.

William's father, Solomon Scribner, appears in the 1860 census of Parker County, Texas. He had a number of children in his family, and his moves may be guessed at to some extent by their birthplaces. It appears they lived in Illinois until about 1845, when they moved to Missouri. By about 1847 they were back in Illinois, where they remained until about 1850, when they moved to Arkansas. By about 1854 they had settled in Texas. William was not with them in 1860, and may have chosen to stay in Arkansas for a time; he said in later years that he had served the Confederacy in an Arkansas unit. Solomon Scribner had a considerable amount of personal property in 1860, but he owned no slaves.

We have not positively located William S. Scribner in the 1860 census. He may be the William Scribner, aged twenty-four years and a native of Illinois, who was working that year as a laborer in Bourbon County, Kansas. William's kinsman, John W. Scribner, who was also born in Shelby County, Illinois and who also came to the Grapevine area after the War, was living in Linn County,

Kansas at the time the 1860 census was taken. Bourbon and Linn Counties, Kansas, are adjacent counties and both counties have as their eastern boundaries the Missouri state line.

When William Scribner attended a reunion of Confederate veterans in Dallas in 1884, he said he had served in an Arkansas unit. Only one man named William Scribner has Confederate records which have survived in Arkansas. He served in Co. D, 1st Battalion Arkansas Cavalry (also known as Stirman's Cavalry). William enlisted October 26, 1861 at Fayetteville, Arkansas for a term of one year. His name appears on a muster roll for the period January and February 1863, on which he is shown detailed in the pioneer corps. No other official records of his service have survived.

Another Scribner, A. J. Scribner, enlisted on the same day at the same place and in the same unit. He was present on the January and February roll, but nothing else of his service has survived. One Andrew J. Scribner, born about 1846 in Illinois, wound up in Collin County, Texas and died there after 1900 only a few miles from Grapevine, Texas.

William Scribner married Julia Ann Starr at Grapevine about 1868. She was born November 6, 1843 in Monroe County, Illinois. She was the daughter of Grapevine pioneers Daniel Starr and his wife, Angeline (Levicee) Starr. She came to the Grapevine area with her parents and siblings about 1855.

William and Julia Scribner lived at Grapevine in Tarrant County when the 1870 census was taken. They had two children with them: L. B. Scribner, a son two years old; and D. Scribner, a son born in April 1870.

Ten years later they were still in the same place, with six children: Louis B. (born about 1869), Daniel (born about 1871), Angeline (born about 1873), Loucinda (born about 1874), Solomon (born about 1876), and Andrew Scribner (born about 1878).

William S. Scribner also appears in the 1880 agricultural census. He was working one hundred twenty acres of tilled land, and he had one hundred fifty acres of woodland. His buildings were worth one thousand two hundred dollars, his farming implements were worth seventy-five dollars, and his livestock was worth eight hundred dollars. He estimated all his farm products in 1879 were worth six hundred dollars. He had ten horses and five mules. He had eight milk cows, and eight cattle of other classes. Eight calves had been born and six cattle had been sold in the past year. He estimated he had produced three hundred pounds of butter in the past year. He had twenty hogs, and estimated his chickens had produced two hundred dozen eggs in the past year. His forty acres of Indian corn had made five hundred bushels. His eight acres of oats made three hundred fifty bushels. He made seven bales of cotton on thirty acres.

The Scribners remained in Grapevine at least as late as 1884. William S. Scribner died in Pontotoc County, Oklahoma October 12, 1898. By the time the 1900 census was taken, Julia was back in Grapevine with four of her children: Andrew, John, Laura, and Frank. She told the census taker she had given birth to nine children, seven of whom were still alive. Mrs. Scribner did not file for Confederate widows' benefits in Texas or Oklahoma.

When the 1910 census was taken, Julia had again left Grapevine and was living with the family of her son, John W. Scribner, in Stonewall Township, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma. Her youngest son, Frank J. Scribner, was also with them. We have not been able to locate her in the 1920 census.

Scribner descendants say Julia Ann (Starr) Scribner died September 6, 1923 in Pontotoc County, Oklahoma. She was buried in Moss Cemetery there.

In Mrs. Scribner's statement to the census taker in 1900 was correct, the following list of William S. Scribner's children is complete. There are no readable headstones in Grapevine Cemetery for any of Mr. Scribner's children. Most of the following information was taken from data posted at Ancestry.com.

Lewis B. Scribner was born January 19, 1869. He died August 16, 1891.

Daniel Scribner was born April 29, 1870. He and his wife, Carrie, and their family appear in the 1900 census of Township 8, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory. He was still alive at McAlester, Oklahoma in 1920.

Mary Angeline Scribner was born February 15, 1872. She married her first cousin, Solomon Lewis Moss (1870-1930). She died at Stonewall, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma on October 1, 1939.

Lucinda Scribner was born about 1874. She was still alive in 1880. Julia's 1900 statement would indicate that either Lucinda or Solomon was dead by that year.

Solomon Scribner was born about 1876. He was still alive in 1880. Julia's 1900 statement would indicate that either Solomon or Lucinda was dead by that year.

Andrew Jackson Scribner was born March 14, 1878. He was married twice: first to Ora

Agnes Dority, then to Willie T. Griggs. He died in 1957 at Elk City, Oklahoma.

John W. Scribner was born in November 1882. His wife's name was Catie. He died in 1939 at Stonewall, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma.

Laura A. Scribner was born in July 1884. She was still alive in 1900.

Frank J. Scribner was born June 3, 1888. He died in Pontotoc County, Oklahoma on January 16, 1918.