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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Alfred Hamilton Smith

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Alfred Hamilton Smith was a Confederate veteran who died at Smithfield. He was a North Carolina infantryman; both he and his wife were pensioned from Dallas County, Texas. His body was returned to his old home in the Oak Cliff section of Dallas for burial.

Alfred's death certificate says he was born April 19, 1842 in North Carolina. His wife, Mary Elizabeth "Mollie" Owen, was born in present-day West Virginia on October 25, 1843, and was a daughter of Ranson Owen.

Alfred served the Confederacy in Co. B, 14th North Carolina Infantry. He enlisted for a term of twelve months on April 23, 1861 at Lexington, North Carolina (some records say Thomasville). He was a farmer at the time of his enlistment. He was mustered into the Confederate service on June 6, 1861 at Garysburg, North Carolina in Captain Willis L. Miller's Company of the Fourth Regiment Volunteer Infantry, also known as the Thomasville Rifles. This company subsequently became Co. B of the 14th North Carolina Infantry. It was raised in Davidson County, North Carolina, where he was living at the time he volunteered.

At some point in the months of July or August, 1861, he was sick and unable to perform his duties. From October 6 through November 19 he held the rank of fourth corporal, but was then reduced back to being a private. On May 18, 1862 he was admitted to the General Hospital at Camp Winder, Richmond, Virginia, for treatment of diarrhea. On June 6, 1862 he was furloughed from the hospital for thirty days.

His records state that he was present and took part in the Battle of Gettysburg during the first days of July, 1863. He was captured at Mechanicsville, Virginia on May 30, 1864, and was held at both White House, Virginia and at Point Lookout, Maryland for a time. On July 8 he was sent to Elmira, New York, where he arrived on July 11. There he remained until he was released on June 19, 1865.

Mr. Smith's release documents and the oath of allegiance he signed indicate he was a resident of Lexington, North Carolina. He was six feet tall, with a fair complexion, hazel eyes, and dark hair.

Alfred H. Smith and his family are found in the 1870 census of Fayette County, Texas, living west of the Caldwell Road. His wife, Mary E. Smith, said she was born about 1845. They had two children living with them: Walter (born about 1867) and Julia (born about 1869), both of whom were born in North Carolina.

In 1900 Mr. Smith and his family were living in Oak Cliff in Dallas County, Texas. He said he and his wife were married about 1865. Mrs. Smith said she was born in October 1843 in Virginia, as were both parents. He had given birth to eleven children, five of whom were still alive. Only one of them, George O. Smith, was still with the family. Their son, Walter A. Smith, who was born in March 1867, with his wife Sarah A. Smith and their children were living next door.

Mr. Smith applied for a Confederate veteran's pension in 1909. At the time his address was Station A, Dallas, Texas. He said when the War ended he was in prison in Elmira, New York. He was sixty-seven years old and a native of North Carolina. He said he had moved to Texas about 1869, and to Station A in Dallas about 1887. He was a carpenter. He said he had served in Co. B of the 14th North Carolina Infantry. His application file includes affidavits by two of his brothers, R. L. Smith and John Smith.

When the 1910 census was taken, Mr. and Mrs. Smith were living in Justice Precinct 5 of Coke County, Texas in the home of their daughter, Julia, and her husband, James K. Lofton. Julia was born about 1869 in North Carolina.

Mrs. Smith applied for a widow's pension in 1912. She said she and Mr. Smith were married August 8, 1865 in Davidson County, North Carolina. She was sixty-nine years old and a native of Virginia. She said they had been in Texas since 1869 and in Dallas County since 1880. Her file includes a letter written in 1912 by one of her daughters, Mrs. P. M. Bartley of 824 E. 10th Street, Station A, Dallas.

Mr. Smith's death certificate says he was a retired minister and farmer. He died at 5 p.m. on August 27, 1912 in Smithfield, Tarrant County, probably at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mary E. Meggs. His parents' names are not included on his death certificate, except to say that his mother's maiden name was Thomas. Dr. T. C. Colley wrote on his death certificate: "**He has suffered from two or three strokes of apoplexy three or four years ago and had another when I first knew him.**" The immediate cause of death was toxemia following paralysis of fifteen or twenty days duration. Mr. Smith was buried on August 28 in Oak Cliff Cemetery. The informant was Mrs. M. E. Meggs of Smithfield.

The following obituary appeared in the Dallas Morning News on August 29, 1912: "**FUNERAL OF REV. A. H. SMITH. Aged Minister Served in Army of Virginia Under Stonewall Jackson. Comrades Were Pallbearers. The body of Rev. Alfred H. Smith, aged 70 years, who died Tuesday at Smithfield, Denton County, was brought to Dallas yesterday and carried to his residence, 833 Betterton Circle. Elder Smith was born in North Carolina and as a young man enlisted in the**

Confederate Army, serving in the Army of Virginia under Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson. He came to Texas in 1869 and has since resided in this State. He has been a minister of the gospel for the last forty years and was a member of Camp Sterling Price, United Confederate Veterans. He is survived by a widow and five children, three sons and two daughters. The funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon by Rev. S. A. Hayden. Members of the Sterling Price Camp acted as pallbearers. The burial was in the Oak Cliff Cemetery."

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth "Mollie" Smith died at 9 p.m. on February 11, 1923 in Dallas at 802? South Marsalis Street. Her last permanent residence was 1333 North Beckley in Dallas. She died of chronic nephritis and senility. Her death certificate showed she was born in West Virginia on October 25, 1843, and was a daughter of Ranson Owen. The informant was Mrs. W. A. Smith of Dallas.

An obituary for Mrs. Smith appeared in the Dallas Morning News on February 13, 1923: ***"Smith. Mary Elizabeth Smith, 79 years old, widow of the late A. H. Smith, died Sunday night at 9 o'clock at a local sanitarium. She is survived by two sons, W. A. and G. O. Smith of Dallas; three daughters, Mrs. J. K. Lofton and Mrs. M. E. Everidge of Dallas and Mrs. J. S. Johnson of Fort Worth, twenty-three grandchildren and twenty-two great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the Lamar and Smith Chapel. The Rev. B. O. Harrell officiated and burial was in Oak Cliff Cemetery. Mrs. Smith's six grandsons were pallbearers."***

Walter A. Smith was born on March, 1867 in North Carolina.

Julia married James Kennell Lofton (1864-1931), who lies buried in the cemetery at Robert Lee, Texas. Her death certificate says she was born August 19, 1869 in Texas. She died in the Coke County Memorial Hospital at Robert Lee, Texas on May 31, 1942, and was buried at Robert Lee.

Mary Evelyn Smith was born March 31, 1873. She was married first to a Mr. Meggs and then to a Mr. Evridge. She died at her home at 1523 SeEVERS Street in Dallas on April 2, 1946, and was buried in Smithfield Cemetery in Tarrant County under a headstone which shows her name as Mary Ellen Meggs Evridge.

George Owen Smith was born January 23, 1881. He died at his home at Route 1, Box 619, Dallas, Texas on June 23, 1942. He was a carpenter. He was divorced at the time of his death. He lies buried in Oak Cliff Cemetery.