



# TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### Benjamin Martin Turbeville

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Benjamin Martin Turbeville was a Tennessee Confederate veteran who lived for several years in the Hurst-Bedford area. Like several of our other veterans, he moved into Fort Worth late in life and lies buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Mr. Turbeville was born January 15, 1846 in Henry County, Tennessee. In 1850 he was living in District 17 in Henry County, Tennessee with his parents, Benjamin and Mary Jane Turbeville. In that year they owned a single black slave woman, aged twenty-six years. Ten years later in 1860 he was living with Benjamin and Sarah Turbeville; she was probably a stepmother who may have brought some children named Wright to the marriage.

Family researchers at Ancestry.com say he was the son of Benjamin Turbeville (1816-1872) and his wife, Mary Jane Hurt (1816-1851), both of whom are buried in Henry County, Tennessee. Photographs of their headstones may be seen online at:

<http://trees.ancestry.com/pt/person.aspx?tid=968506&pid=-1103663877>

Our Mr. Turbeville married Mary Judith Hart (or Hurt). Her headstone in Mount Olivet Cemetery says she was born December 29, 1855 and died May 7, 1948. In her pension application, she said she married Mr. Turbeville in Henry County, Tennessee on April 24, 1873. She was born at Paris, Henry County, Tennessee.

Benjamin and Judith Turbeville appear in the 1880 census of Henry County's District 17. With them were three children: Harry (age six), Floyd (age 2), and Robert (born in September, 1879). Later census records indicate they remained in Tennessee until at least 1884. One of their later sons' draft registration for World War I says they were at Golden Hill, Arkansas County, Arkansas in 1886.

In 1900 in Tarrant County, Texas, Benjamin and his wife appear with nine children. Mrs. Turbeville stated that she had given birth to thirteen children, eleven of whom were still living. The children

with them in that year were: Robert P. (born November 1879); Alonzo B. (born August 1881); Grover C. (born January 1884); Benjamin C. (born November 1886 in Arkansas); U. P. (Pearl, a daughter born in January 1889); C. R. (a daughter born in March 1891); Dora B. (born in October 1893); William B. (born in December 1896); and May (born in May, 1899).

At the taking of the 1910 census, the family was living in Precinct 3 along the Fort Worth and Dallas Road west of Bedford. This census adds the information that their son born in December, 1896 was named William Bryan.

Mr. Turbeville applied to the State of Texas for a Confederate pension in 1913, at which time he gave his address as Fort Worth, Texas. He said he left the service at Selma, Alabama when his regiment disbanded in May, 1865. He said he came to Texas in 1887, and had moved to Route 3, Arlington (probably in the Bedford-Hurst area) in 1890. He said he enlisted in 1864 in Captain Alexander's Company of cavalry at Paris, Tennessee, was attached to General Lyon's command of Kentucky troops and served as his bodyguard until the end of the War. Two Dallas Countians, H. D. Boyd and J. B. Wynn, swore to his service as stated and said they had known Mr. Turbeville for sixty-seven years.

Mr. Turbeville died at 12:30 p.m. on April 9, 1924 of apoplexy at 624 Samuels Avenue in Fort Worth. He was buried at Mount Olivet the next day. The informant for his death certificate was R. P. Turbeville of 2701 Jennings in Fort Worth.

After his death, Mrs. Mary Judith Turbeville applied for a Confederate widow's pension. When she applied, her address was 315 Front Street in Fort Worth. She spent most of her final days living at one place or another with her children. She lived for a time with her daughter, Pearl Hukill, at Smithfield.

Her file contains several letters written to the pension bureau by her children. One mentions that one of her daughters and one of her sons moved to California, and that Mrs. Turbeville said not long before her death that she had made seventeen trips between Tarrant County and California. She moved for the last time on or about May 20, 1943.

Mrs. Turbeville died on May 7, 1948 at Van Nuys, Los Angeles County, California. Her body was brought back to Mount Olivet Cemetery for burial.

Their children included Harry Edward Turbeville, Robert Pryor Turbeville, Floyd Hurt Turbeville, Grover Cleveland Turbeville, Dora Turbeville, Benjamin Carl Turbeville, Urfa Pearl Turbeville, William Bryan Turbeville, C. R. Turbeville (a daughter), Alonzo B. Turbeville, May Turbeville, and two others whose names we have not discovered.

One of the children was Harry Edward Turbeville, who was born in Tennessee on February 1, 1874. He died Dec. 11, 1931 in Fort Worth of a ruptured appendix and peritonitis. He lies buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Fort Worth. His wife, Letha Ann Turbeville, was born March 5, 1880 and died June 4, 1970.

Floyd Hurt Turbeville was born December 15, 1877. He died November 25, 1862 in Gainesville, Cooke County, Texas, and was buried in Fairview Cemetery in Gainesville. F. H. Turbeville owned a piano company in Gainesville, Texas in 1953.

The death certificate of Robert Pryor Turbeville, who died Jan. 11, 1974, says his mother was Mary Judith Hart and his father's middle name was Marsdin. Robert was born November 24, 1879. He married Jennie Tharp in Tarrant County on January 5, 1902. He lies buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Grover Cleveland Turbeville was born January 25, 1884. He was living in Denton County, Texas when he registered for the draft for World War I. He married May Bailey and was living at Garza in Denton County as late as 1923.

Dora Turbeville lived in 1920 with her brother, R. P. Turbeville, on Lipscomb Street in Fort Worth.

Benjamin Carl Turbeville, in his draft registration for World War I, said he was born in Golden Hill, Arkansas on November 25, 1886. He lived in Fort Worth when he registered. He died in Gainesville, Cooke County, Texas on January 8, 1967, and was buried there in Fairview Cemetery.

Urfa Pearl Turbeville was born in January 4, 1889 and died at Lake Dallas, Denton County, Texas, in December 26, 1981. She married J. C. (Calvin) Hukill (1886-1973) and both lie buried in Smithfield Cemetery.

William Bryan Turbeville said he was born December 8, 1896 when he registered for the draft in World War I in Fort Worth. He died on December 16, 1958 in Alameda, California.



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