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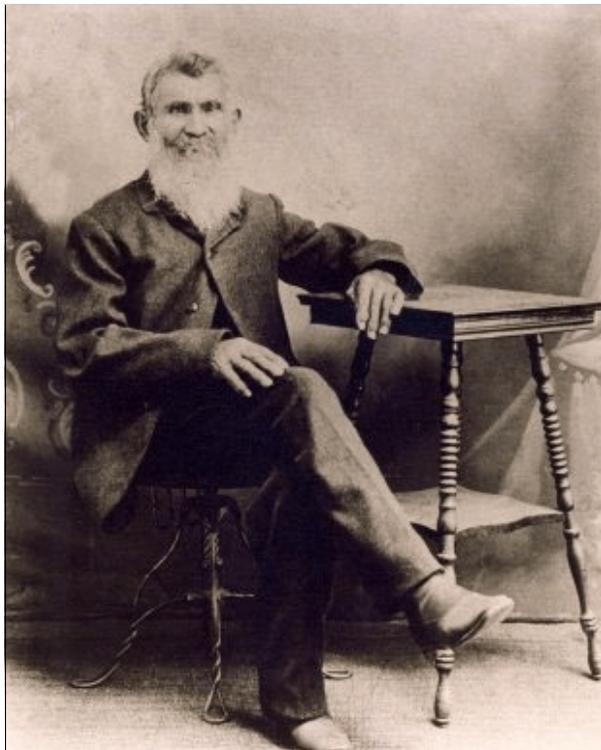
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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### William Theodore Whipple

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William Theodore Whipple was a Union veteran who lived for several years in the Smithfield-Keller area. He was born April 10, 1835 at Dearborn, Indiana. Much of the data in this biographical sketch was obtained from records posted by his descendants at Ancestry.com. He was a son of Jabez Whipple (1803-1878) and his wife, Susan (Benton) Whipple (1808-1883). Both William's parents spent the last years of their lives at Westport, Decatur County, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. William T. Whipple lost a child in 1884 and buried her in Smithfield Cemetery.

He served in the Union army in Company H, 123<sup>rd</sup> Indiana Infantry. He told a census taker in 1890 that he had served in the army from March 7, 1864 until August 25, 1865. A brief history of this regiment may be found on the internet at: <http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/regiments.cfm>

William was married to Emily Theresa O'Donnell in Decatur County, Indiana on February 16, 1862. She was born in Walnut Hill, Hamilton County, Ohio to Barney O'Donnell (1804-1878) and his wife, Mary (Myers) O'Donnell (1815-1897). Emily died in Westport, Decatur County, Indiana on December 2, 1875. William and Emily had several children, including William T. Whipple (1863-1897, who died at Roanoke in Denton County, Texas); Alva Leonidas Whipple (1866-1951); Augusta Whipple (1868-1884, who

lies buried in Smithfield Cemetery... the 1880 census says this child was a boy named Augustus); Ollie Whipple (1872-1942); Charles T. Whipple (1874-1944); Mary Elizabeth Whipple (1875-1965); and John Milton Whipple (1875-1876).

William married his second wife, Amelia Pavy, about 1878. She was born October 12, 1840 and died December 2, 1919. She lies buried in Red Rock Cemetery, at El Reno, Canadian County, Oklahoma. She and Mr. Whipple had at least one child, Emma Susan Whipple (1879-1906).

In 1879, Mr. Whipple began receiving a pension based upon his service in the Union Army. His application, filed in Texas, was numbered 289.029. His pension certificate was assigned number 218.080.

The 1880 census taker found Mr. Whipple and his family living in District 62, Sand Creek Township, Decatur County, Indiana. By the time the 1890 census was taken, the Whipples had moved to Texas and settled in northeast Tarrant County. While nearly all the regular census of that year was destroyed, a special Union veterans' census was taken, and Mr. Whipple's name was included. He gave his address as Keller in that year.

William T. Whipple's home is shown on the 1895 Sam Street map of Tarrant County, Texas. In modern-day terms, it sat about where Keller-Hicks Road makes a 90-degree turn to the south a short distance east of where it passes under I-35W, southeast of the center of the old town of Haslet.

In 1900 Mr. and Mrs. Whipple were living in Valley Township, Canadian County, Oklahoma. They said they had been married twenty-two years, thus they were married about 1878. In that census his wife, Amelia, said she was born in February, 1843 in Ohio. She also said she had given birth to no children.

William T. Whipple died August 1, 1908 at Calumet, Canadian County, Oklahoma. He lies buried in Red Rock Cemetery at El Reno, Oklahoma.

His widow, Amelia A. Whipple, was also pensioned in Oklahoma for his service. Her application, numbered 903.517, was filed in Oklahoma. When her pension was approved, it was numbered 688.363.

There is an excellent photograph of William T. Whipple posted on the internet at Ancestry.com at <http://trees.ancestry.com/pt/ViewPhoto.aspx?tid=926800&pid=-1381866923&oid=1f68c121-82f5-4ef2-8833-9872cddeac8a&idx=3&pg=0>

