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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Meredith White

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Meredith White was a native of Kentucky, one of three brothers who came to Tarrant County in the 1850's two of whom served in the Confederate Army. When the War began he lived in present-day Euless on the Levi Franklin survey.

Meredith White was born about 1829 in Garrard County, Kentucky. When the 1850 census was taken, the family was living in District 35 of Grundy County, Missouri. Meredith was living in a mixed family headed by his older brother, Benjamin F. White. Also in the family was their widowed mother, Mary White, who was born in Maryland about 1798. Meredith was a twenty-one year-old single farmer.

By 1860, Meredith and his two brothers, Joseph and Benjamin, had settled in northeast Tarrant County. It is known that Joseph arrived in 1858, and it may be that the three brothers came together. In that year, Meredith is shown in the tax list as the owner of the one hundred-sixty-acre Mary Ann Barnes survey, which is located in present-day Bedford. Since Milton Moore, another of our veterans is known to have owned that property in 1860, it seems more likely the correct description of White's land is found in the next year's tax list.

In 1861 Mr. White appears in the tax list as the owner of the one hundred sixty-acre Levi Franklin survey, worth one dollar per acre. He also had one horse worth forty dollars, sixteen cows worth three hundred twenty-four dollars, and miscellaneous personal property worth twenty-five dollars. The Levi Franklin survey is a rectangle containing one hundred sixty acres, one mile east-west by one-half mile north-south. In modern-day terms, it is located in present-day Euless, Texas. State Highway 121/FM 157 follows its western boundary, while Euless North Main Street follows its eastern boundary. No modern-day streets follow its northern or southern boundaries for any distance, but Westover Drive runs about where its northern boundary lies as Westover runs west from Euless North Main.

In 1862 Mr. White appears in the tax list as the owner of one hundred sixty acres of land on Bear Creek, but the survey name is not recorded. He also owned one horse worth seventy-five dollars. One wonders if the same horse was worth seventy-five dollars when it was being appraised for taxation and one hundred twenty-five dollars when White was being paid for the risk of it.

Meredith White enlisted in the Confederate service at Fort Worth on March 8, 1862. He became a private in Captain Michael E. Kennedy's Company of the 15th Regiment of Texas Cavalry. He was thirty-three years old. He was mustered into the service at McKinney, Texas on March 10. He enlisted for a term of twelve months, and presented himself for service riding a horse worth one hundred twenty-five dollars and with equipment worth thirty dollars. Kennedy's company subsequently became Co. E, 15th Texas Cavalry.

White was detailed to work as a hospital steward on April 10, 1862, and he was still serving in that capacity at the end of April, 1863, when he was stationed at Camp Lee. A notation was made that Mr. White was due \$9.60 for the use of his horse for the twenty-four days he served until he was dismounted. On a company muster roll for January and February 1864 he was still shown as a hospital steward, but had been absent sick at some point during that period.

He was among those captured at Fort Hindman, Arkansas Post, Arkansas on January 11, 1863. By February 8, 1863, he had arrived in the military prison at Camp Douglas, Illinois. He was paroled at Camp Douglas on April 3, 1863, and was delivered to City Point, Virginia for exchange on April 10. He had worked as a nurse in the prison hospital while he was there. Other than these records and his signature on several receipts for clothing, no other records of his military service have survived.

Several family members who have posted information at Ancestry.com on this family say Mr. White died in 1867 in Texas. This researcher has been unable to contact any of them to see if they have documentation or further details. We have searched for but have not located any Texas death certificates which show Meredith White as the father of any decedents.