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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Aurelius Delphus Bourland

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Aurelius Delphus Bourland was a native North Carolinian who was a veteran of the Confederate Army. He spent the last years of his life at Keller, and lies buried there in Bourland Cemetery. The Texas State historical marker in Bourland Cemetery refers to his service. He was also mentioned taking part in the 1884 Dallas reunion of Confederate veterans.

Mr. Bourland's headstone gives his date of birth as March 20, 1840. He told census takers more than once that he was born in North Carolina.

The fact of Rev. Bourland's Confederate service is mentioned on the Texas Historical Marker for Bourland Cemetery in Keller. Rev. A. D. Bourland's name appears as a member of the R. E. Lee Camp of United Confederate veterans in a Dallas Morning News story on April 9, 1900, entitled: "VETERANS IN SESSION. Proceedings of the Meeting of Robert E. Lee Camp Yesterday." We have not located any record of his service in the Compiled Military Service Records of Confederate Soldiers in the National Archives. Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Bourland applied for a Confederate pension.

Rev. Bourland was married twice. Children in his first marriage included Thomas B. Bourland, Aurelius D. Bourland, Harriett F. Bourland, William R. Bourland, and George W. Bourland.

Rev. Bourland's second wife was Martha Elizabeth White, who was born in Fannin County, Texas on December 17, 1848. She was a daughter of Andrew White and his wife, Elizabeth (Sebastian), who had settled in Texas not long before Martha was born. She appears with her parents in the censuses of Fannin County in both 1850 and 1860. Both her parents died in Fannin County.

The census taker in Precinct 4 in 1880 in Tarrant County found Mr. Bourland and his family. Five of the children from his first marriage were with him: Thomas B., Aurelius D., Harriett F., William R., and George W. Bourland. Three of the children from his second marriage were also with them:

Andrew M., James E., and Louis P. Bourland. Also with the family was Thomas M. White, Martha (White) Bourland's brother.

Rev. Bourland's home appears on the 1895 Sam Street Map of Tarrant County, Texas. In modern-day terms, it sat in the City of Keller near the southwest corner of the Richard F. Allen survey. It sat along present-day Bourland Road, less than one-quarter mile north of Johnson Road, and quite near the Bourland Cemetery.

There was a newspaper published for a time around the turn of the last century at Keller. Entitled the *Keller Courier*, the issue of February 17, 1899 contains the following notice: ***"PRIMITIVE BAPTIST. Rev. A. D. Bourland, Pastor. Services every first Sunday and Saturday before."***

Rev. Bourland and his family appear in the 1900 census at Keller. He said he was born in March 1840 in North Carolina, as were both his parents. He and his [second] wife were married about 1873. Mrs. Bourland said she was born in March 1848 in Texas, to a Tennessean father and a Missourian mother. She said she had given birth to nine children, five of whom were still alive. Those children included Andrew, James, Louis, John, Elijah, Elisha, and three other children who died young whose names we have not discovered. Louis was one of those six who had died before 1900.

Rev. A. D. Bourland has a Texas death certificate. It says he was born in Alabama, and that he died near Keller on August 1, 1904 at 8 a.m. The immediate cause of death was paralysis of one year's duration; dropsy was a contributing cause.

A short notice appeared in the Dallas Morning News on August 11, 1904: ***"BOURLAND. Denton, Tex., Aug. 8.—Rev. A. D. Bourland, aged 65 years, a minister of the Primitive Baptist Church, and well known all though this part of the State, died at Keller last week of a stroke of paralysis suffered a year or more ago, from which he never recovered."***

Mrs. Martha Elizabeth Bourland lived until 2:20 a.m. on November 7, 1936. She died in Fort Worth at 1716 Belmont Street. The cause of death shown on her death certificate was senility. Her parents' are shown as Andy White and a Miss Sebastian. She was buried the next day beside her husband in Bourland Cemetery.

Rev. Bourland and his first wife had at least five children. We have not located the family in the census records of 1860 or 1870, and so have not learned his first wife's name.

Thomas B. Bourland's date of birth as shown on his death certificate was November 29, 1860. He died at Vernon, Texas on January 12, 1947. He was buried in the cemetery at Vernon.

Aurelius D. Bourland was born March 11, 1862 in Alabama. He was first married to Alice Keller, and later to Scena Caldoney Fowler (1855-1965). He died April 13, 1931 at Vernon in Wilbarger County, and was buried in the Vernon Cemetery.

Harriett Francis Bourland was born November 28, 1864. She married Charles M. White (1858-1937). She died at Keller, Texas on September 9, 1936. Her headstone in Bourland Cemetery shows her name as Francis H. White.

William R. or S. Bourland was born on November 17, 1866. His wife's name was Frances A. He died August 10, 1935 at Wichita Falls, Texas. His last permanent residence was in Vernon, Texas. He was buried at Vernon.

George W. Bourland was born about 1869. He married a lady whose maiden name was Ladd. They were living in Wilbarger County in 1912.

Rev. Bourland and his wife, Martha (White) Bourland, had nine children, only five of whom were still alive in 1900.

Andrew Martin Bourland was born December 19, 1874. He died in the Taylor Nursing Home in Vernon, Wilbarger County, Texas on December 24, 1964. He was buried in East View Cemetery in Vernon. He left a widow, Mrs. Alice Bourland.

James Edward Bourland was born October 20, 1876. He died January 15, 1947 at 1019 Roberts Cut-off in Fort Worth. He lies buried in Bourland Cemetery beside his wife, Lula C. Bourland (1876-1950).

Louis P. Bourland was born about 1879. He was no longer with his father's family when the 1900 census was taken, and must have been dead at that time, based upon the statement his mother made to the census taker.

John Hiram Bourland was born May 9, 1885. He died April 29, 1954 in Fort Worth. He served for a time as the Tarrant County Tax Assessor-Collector. His last permanent address was 3229 Wingate St. in Fort Worth. He lies buried in Bourland Cemetery beside his wife, Lula Pearl (Hopson) Bourland (1887-1976).

Elijah Bourland was born April 7, 1887. He died in the Christ King Hospital in Vernon, Texas on December 2, 1954 and was buried in Eastview Cemetery in Vernon.

Elisha Green Bourland was born January 12, 1889. He died at his home along Route 5 at Vernon, Wilbarger County, Texas on January 20, 1954. He was buried in Eastview Cemetery in Vernon, Texas.



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