



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

George B. Chancellor

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George B. Chancellor was a native of South Carolina who served in a Texas infantry regiment. He lived for a time during the 1860's and 1870's in northeast Tarrant County before moving permanently to Comanche County, Texas. He was living temporarily in Archer County when he died there in 1910, and lies buried at Newburg in Comanche County.

Family sources at Ancestry.com say George was the son of Abram Chancellor and his wife, Elizabeth Blackwell Chancellor, who died in 1860 and 1854, respectively, in Smith County, Texas. George was born in Alabama on July 18, 1827. The census taker in 1840 found Abram Chancellor living in Rockford Precinct in Coosa County, Alabama. They were not slave holders.

The Chancellors were in Smith County, Texas by 1850, when George appears as a single man in his father's family there. Again, the Chancellors did not own any slaves. About 1851 George married Nancy C. Guthrie. She was born March 16, 1831 in Alabama.

George B. Chancellor and his family appear in the federal census in Smith County in 1860, in the area served by the post office at Troup. In that year he owned real estate worth eight hundred dollars and personal property worth five hundred dollars. He and Mrs. Chancellor had three children with them in that year: Robert, James, and Joana.

The family is included in the 1860 agricultural census of Smith County. He had twenty-two acres of improved land and eighty acres of unimproved land, all of which had a value of eight hundred dollars. He owned farm implements and machinery worth one hundred dollars. He owned two horses, two milk cows, eight other cattle, three sheep, and twenty hogs; all his livestock was valued at three hundred dollars. He estimated that in the past year he had produced two hundred fifty bushels of Indian corn, two bales of cotton, and eight pounds of wool.

Mr. Chancellor served the Confederacy as a private in Co. C, 11th Texas Infantry. He enlisted at Tyler, Smith County, Texas on August 4, 1862 for a term of three years. This company was also known at some times as Captain William G. Engeldow's Company. On November 3, 1863 Chancellor was captured at Grand Coteau, Louisiana by federals under Brig. General Burbridge and was confined in the customs house at New Orleans on November 11, 1863. He was sent from there to New Iberia on December 21, 1863 for exchange. No further records of his individual service have survived in the National Archives in Washington D.C.

George B. Chancellor lived in Precinct 2 of Tarrant County, probably in the Southlake area, when the 1870 census was taken. At that time he owned five hundred dollars worth of real estate and three hundred fifty dollars in personal property. The Chancellors had four children with them then, all boys except the youngest: R. M., J. F., D. W., and E. O. Chancellor. We have been unable to find Mr. Chancellor in any of the tax lists during the time he lived in northeast Tarrant County.

Mr. Chancellor patented the one hundred sixty-acre G. B. Chancellor survey in northeast Tarrant County on August 30, 1876. It appears likely, though, that he had already moved to Comanche County by that time since one of his children had been buried there in 1875.

The family was recorded in the 1880 census of Comanche County, Texas in Precinct 2. Only one of their children, Robert, was living with them at that time. The family also included an adopted daughter, Mattie, born about 1865 in Texas.

In the 1880 agricultural census of Comanche County, Mr. Chancellor was recorded as owning forty acres of cultivated land and six hundred acres of unimproved land worth one dollar per acre. His livestock was worth four hundred dollars and his farming implements were worth thirty. He estimated the value of all his farm productions in the past year at four hundred dollars. He owned three horses, sixteen milk cows, and seven cattle of other classes. Eight calves had been dropped on his place, he had purchased two cattle, and had sold eight. One had been slaughtered, and two had died, strayed, or otherwise been lost. He estimated they had churned thirty pounds of butter in the past year. He had seventeen hogs and seventy-five chickens. He estimated he had gathered sixty dozen eggs in the past year.

In the past year he had thirteen acres in Indian corn which had made two hundred bushels, two acres of rye which had yielded forty bushels, fifteen acres of wheat from which he had harvested two hundred forty bushels, and five acres of cotton which made four bales. He had cut twelve cords of wood off his place, which was worth one and one-half dollars per cord.

By the time the 1900 census was taken in Precinct 8 of Comanche County, Mr. and Mrs. Chancellor were living alone on a farm which they owned. They said they had been married forty-nine years. Mrs. Chancellor said she had given birth to seven children, only two of whom were still living. Mr. Chancellor apparently did not apply for Confederate veteran's pension.

Mrs. Nancy C. Chancellor died May 14, 1901. She was buried near her son, D. W. Chancellor, in Newburg Cemetery in Comanche County.

In early May of 1910 when the census was taken George lived in Archer County, Texas in Precinct 1 with his widowed son, Robert Chancellor, and Robert's son, Robert. They were farming.

George died of liver problems and diabetes on May 29, 1910 in Archer County. His headstone records the date as May 28. The clerk who prepared the death certificate was not careful with it; he recorded George's name simply as Mr. Chancellor, recorded the same date...May 28, 1910...as both his birth and death dates, and recorded his father's birthplace as Comanche County, Texas. He was a retired farmer and stock owner. The certificate says the burial took place at Comanche on May 31. We have discovered the names of five of his seven children.

Robert Newton Chancellor was born October 2, 1852. He married Alice A. Alsop (1862-1893) in Comanche County on April 4, 1889. He worked many years as a rancher and stockman. He died from a heart attack at 7 p.m. on April 15, 1930 at his home on a rural route out of Dublin in Comanche County. He was buried the next day in Newburg Cemetery in Comanche County.

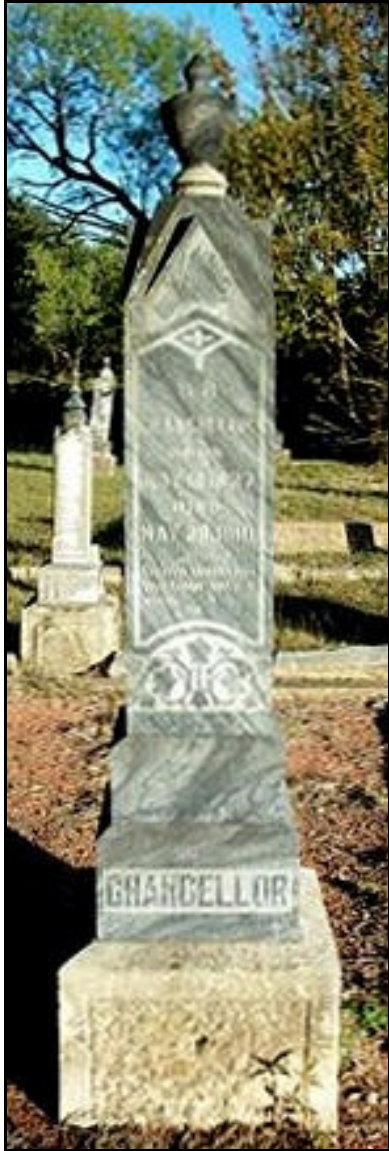
James Fowler Chancellor was born (according to his death certificate) at Tyler in Smith County on November 26, 1855. He and his first wife, Amanda M. Cook, a daughter of John Henry Cook, were married in Tarrant County on October 10, 1878. She died of dropsy on January 24, 1880 at the age of twenty-one and was buried in Lonesome Dove Cemetery in Southlake. He was next married, also in Tarrant County, on December 23, 1880 to Mary Ellen West (1860-1937), also of the Lonesome Dove community. In the 1880's they lived in northeast Tarrant County and buried at least three children in Lonesome Dove Cemetery. James died at his home at Newburg in Comanche County at 2 p.m. on August 28, 1923. He was buried the next day in Newburg Cemetery. He was a retired farmer.

Joana Chancellor was born about 1859. She was with the family in 1860, but was not with them in 1870.

D. W. Chancellor was born June 30, 1861. He died October 31, 1875 and was buried in Newburg Cemetery. Both the 1870 census and his headstone bear only his initials.

E. O. Chancellor was born about 1868. She was alive with the family in 1870, but was not with them when the 1880 census was taken.

There were two other Chancellor children, both of whom were born and died within individual census cycles and both of whom were dead before the taking of the 1900 census.



G. B.
CHANCELLOR
BORN
JULY 18. 1827.
DIED
MAY 29. 1910



NANCY C.
Wife of
G. B.
CHANCELLOR
MAR. 26. 1831.
MAY 14. 1901.