



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

William Nelson Moody Fuller

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William Nelson Moody Fuller was a Confederate veteran who lived in present-day Euless. His service is confirmed by a statement he made to the census taker in 1910, and by his obituary printed in the Arlington Journal that same year.

Mr. Fuller told the census taker in 1910 that he was born in Tennessee in January, 1835 to a Virginian father and a Tennessean mother. Family sources at ancestry.com say he was a son of Anderson Fuller (1800-1865) and his wife, Elizabeth Fuller, both of whom died in Coffee County, Tennessee. Descendants in Euless say the elder Fullers were born in North Carolina and Virginia, respectively.

William Fuller appears as a seventeen-year-old boy in the 1850 census of District 4 of Coffee County, Tennessee in the family of Anderson Fuller. In this census, William's father is shown as a native of North Carolina and his mother as a native of Virginia. The Fullers were not slave owners in 1850.

William Fuller married his first wife, Mary Amanda Keeling, were married in Coffee County, Tennessee on December 17, 1857. She was a daughter of Larkin E. Keeling and his wife, Mary. She was born December 4, 1833 and died in Tarrant County on January 9, 1883. She lies buried beside Mr. Fuller in Calloway Cemetery.

In 1870 William and his family were living in District 25 of Bedford County, Tennessee. With him and his wife, Mary, were five children: James B. Fuller (born about 1859); William Fuller (born about 1861); Thomas J. Fuller (born about 1864); Mary J. Fuller (born about 1866); and Albert A. Fuller (born about 1869).

By 1880 William Fuller and his family had settled in Tarrant County. With him in that year were his wife, Mary A. Fuller, and eight children: James R. Fuller (born about 1859), William Fuller

(born about 1862), Thomas Fuller (born about 1865), Mary J. Fuller (born about 1866), Albert A. Fuller (born about 1869), Samuel E. Fuller (born about 1871), Sarah E. Fuller (born about 1874 in Tennessee) and Ada? Fuller (born about 1877 in Arkansas). Thus it appears the Fuller family came to Tarrant County in the late 1870's.

Mr. Fuller's second marriage took place in Tarrant County on July 19, 1885 to Sarah N., Boals, who was born in Missouri in November 1853. She, too, had been previously married, but according to a statement she later made to a census taker she apparently had no children in her first marriage. They were married by Rev. R. T. McBride, who also came to Euless from Coffee County, Tennessee. William and Sarah Fuller had four children: Jessie Willie Fuller (born November 22, 1887, married Frank L. Terrell); an infant Fuller (born and died June 10, 1890 and buried in Calloway Cemetery); Henry Ross Fuller (born in 1891, alive in Hereford, Texas in 1931); and Robert E. Fuller (November 15, 1894-January 15, 1895, buried in Calloway Cemetery).

Mr. Fuller's home appears on the 1895 Sam Street map of Tarrant County. In modern-day terms, it sat in Euless, south of highway 10 and 183 and east of Euless South Main, a few yards west of where Dickey Drive's north end meets the access road for 183 and East Euless Boulevard.

When the 1900 census was taken, Mr. Fuller said he was born in January 1835 in Tennessee to a Virginian father and a Tennessean mother. Mrs. Sarah Fuller said she was born in November, 1853. She and Mr. Fuller were in their second marriages, having been married about 1885. Mrs. Fuller said she had given birth to four children, only two of whom were still alive. Two children from Mr. Fuller's first marriage were living with them: Thomas J. Fuller (born in Tennessee in October 1863) and Samuel E. Fuller (born in Tennessee in July 1872). Two of the children from his second marriage were also in the family: Jessie Fuller (a daughter born in August 1886) and H. Ross Fuller (born in December 1890). Mr. and Mrs. Fuller had apparently lost two children in early childhood. One of them was an infant who has a headstone in Calloway Cemetery, born and died on June 10, 1890. The other was R. E. Fuller, a son, who was born November 15, 1894 and died January 15, 1895.

The census taker in 1910 found the Fuller family living on the Euless and Bedford Road near Euless. Their two children, Ross and Jessie Fuller, were still single and living with them.

Mr. Fuller died on May 27, 1910 and lies buried in Calloway Cemetery. His headstone carries only the years of his birth and death, 1834-1910. It also contains a Masonic emblem. No death certificate was filed for Mr. Fuller.

An obituary for Mr. Fuller appeared in the Arlington Journal of June 3, 1910: "DEATH OF 'UNCLE' MOOD FULLER. While not unexpected, the death of 'Uncle' Mood fuller at Euless last Friday, May 27, at 1:20 p.m. Deceased had been in this section of Texas for thirty-two years. William Nelson Moody Fuller was born in Coffee County, Tennessee, Jan. 2, 1834, served through the Confederate Army, and came to Tarrant County in 1878 and settled at Euless, where he has since resided except two years he lived in Arlington. For more than thirty years he was a steward in the Methodist Church as was a consistent member of that church for more than fifty years. He suffered with a cancer for more than a year, which caused his death. He was a good man, an exemplary

citizen, a kind father, loving husband and a friend to his neighbors. He is survived by his wife and ten children, four daughters and six sons, all of whom live in this section. The funeral services were held beneath the tabernacle at Callaway Cemetery in Euless, Rev. Daniel L. Collie officiating, assisted by the Masons of Arlington. About fifty people from Arlington attended, and the funeral cortege was the largest ever seen at Euless.”

The Sarah A. Fuller who died in Tarrant County on January 27, 1922, with death certificate no. 2899 was not Mrs. W. N. M. Fuller. The headstone in Callaway Cemetery for one of Mr. and Mrs. Fuller’s children says her initials were S. N. Mrs. W. N. M. Fuller was still alive in Tarrant County at the time the 1920 census was taken.

Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Fuller applied to the State of Texas for a Confederate pension.

A family genealogy prepared by descendants of William N. M. Fuller’s father, Anderson Fuller, lists the following children for W. N. M. Fuller. In several instances, the data in it disagree with data from census records. They children listed are James Riley Larkin Fuller (December 1, 1858-September 11, 1936); William Jefferson Fuller (June 25, 1861-December 5, 1931); Thomas George Fuller (1863-January 29, 1945; married first to Lucy Ann English and second to Effie Gill English); Mary Jane Fuller (June 25, 1866-October 6, 1963); Albert Andrew Fuller (October 22, 1868-November 20, 1942); Samuel Edward Fuller (July 29, 1870-October, 1957); Sarah Elizabeth “Betty” Fuller (born December 25, 1873); and Ida Mae Fuller (born August 1876).





Fuller family at Eules, Texas.
Mr. Fuller (dead center) has his head bandaged. His second wife is at his left in white blouse.



Close-up of Mr. and Mrs. Fuller