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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Walter Noel Leake

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Walter Noel Leake was a Confederate veteran who lived around the time of the War in northeastern Tarrant County in the Grapevine-Minter's Chapel Area. He later moved to Jack County, Texas, and finally spent the last years of his life in Arizona.

Mr. Leake was born January 15, 1844; family sources at ancestry.com say he was born at Versailles, Woodford County, Kentucky, and that his parents were Josiah Leake (1811-1883), who died at Waxahachie, Ellis County, Texas, and Josiah's wife, Mary Ann (Clark) Leake. Josiah was a well-known Baptist preacher in north-central Texas, as were Walter N. Leake and his brother, Enoch Clark Leake.

Walter Leake served the Confederacy as a soldier in Co. A, 9th Texas Cavalry, as did many other northeast Tarrant County men. He originally enlisted in 1861 as a member of Captain William Quayle's Mounted Rifle Company. He became part of the 9th Texas Cavalry on October 14, 1861 at Camp Reeves, where he enlisted for a term of twelve months. He presented himself for service riding a horse worth \$85 and carrying equipment worth \$16. He had traveled one hundred fifty miles to the regimental rendezvous.

On the last day of 1861 he was with the regiment at Fort Gibson [Oklahoma]. One notation in his file says "Stopages by Sentence of Regimental Court Martial ten dollars" at some point in July or August 1862. He was taken prisoner at Hatchie Bridge and paroled at Bolivar, Tennessee on October 12 or 13, 1862, having first been listed as missing on October 5. He was shown absent on parole in November and December 1862. He was detailed to special duty as scout by order of Gen. Ross in May or June 1864.

Walter was again captured near Canton, Georgia on August 8, 1864 and sent to the Military Prison at Louisville, Kentucky, where he arrived on August 15, 1864. The next day, he was sent to Camp Chase, Ohio, to the military prison there. There he remained until March 18, 1865, when he was sent to Point Lookout, Maryland. He arrived there at Boulware's Wharf on March 27, one of one thousand eighty-eight Confederates who arrived there that day to be exchanged. In spite of this record, another one exists in his file which says he enlisted in the U. S. Army at Camp Chase, Ohio on April 22, 1865.

In his later years, Mr. Leake was a member of the Robert E. Lee Camp of United Confederate Veterans at Fort Worth. He told his comrades there he enlisted in 1861 in Capt. William Quayle's Mounted Rifle Company at age 17. He was captured at Hatchie Bridge on October 18, 1862.

Walter Leake's wife was Elizabeth Jane Rogers, who was born in the Grapevine area on June 26, 1859. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Noah Rogers, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Madison Rogers, were already well-known settlers there before the outbreak of the Civil War. Since both the Rogers family and the Leake family were dedicated members of the Baptist Church, it seems likely that Walter and Elizabeth first met at Grapevine during this time, even though Elizabeth was only a small child at the time the War ended.

An article by Marie Lane in The History of Jack County, Texas, compiled by the Jack County Genealogical Society in 1985, contains a great deal of information about Mr. and Mrs. Leake: *"...After the Rogers family moved [from Grapevine] to the Keehi area in Jack County, Elizabeth met and married a young Baptist minister out form Baylor University, Waco, Texas. He was pastoring the Springdale Baptist Church that her father, J. N. Rogers had helped organize. He was Walter Noel Leake, son of Josiah Leake and Mary Ann Clarke and they were married at Springdale, June 16, 1876.*

"Reverend and Mrs. Leake resided first at Jacksboro, Texas, but moved several times, finally settling in Douglas, Arizona. He died there on September 9, 1920 and she on January 18, 1936. They are buried on the Leake Ranch near Douglas, Arizona. They had eleven children, as listed:

"Erie Layton Leake, b. January 25, 1877, near Jacksboro, Texas. She married Samuel Columbus Barrington October 3, 1893, and had 5 children. She died April 30, 1960 in Austin, Texas.

"Mable Clark Leake was born October 3, 1878 at Jacksboro, Texas. On March 26, 1905 she married Charles Albert Carver and they had 3 children. Mabel died December 20, 1953 in Vancouver, Washington and he died October 4, 1960 in Vancouver.

"Walter Absolem Leake, b. January 15, 1881 in Ellis County, Texas, married Francis Jane Fait on July 3, 1904 in Douglas, Arizona Territory. They had 3 children. He died June 21, 1909 in Phoenix, Arizona.

"Elizabeth Rogers Leake, b. June 29, 1882 in Bosque County, Texas; d. in 1972 at 90 and is buried on the Leake Ranch. She never married.

“Noel Paul Leake, b. June 13, 1884 in Pottsville County [sic], Texas, died there on August 6 1886.

“Clytie Jane Leake was born October 25, 1886 in Pottsville County [sic], Texas. On September 20, 1910 she married Bruce Stephenson and they had 7 children. She died February 25, 1863 in Glendale, California and is buried there.”

“Joanna Mary Leake, b. May 29, 1888 at Port Lavaca, Texas; died in 1969? At 81 and is buried on the Leake Ranch. She never married.

“Conrad Milton Leake, born April 16, 1890 in Longmont, Texas, died December 12, 1964 and is buried on the Leake Ranch. He married, was divorce soon after, and never married again.

“Josiah Leake, born October 15, 1892 near Jonah, Texas, d. July 22, 1964 and is buried on the Leake Ranch. He never married.

“Jeremiah J. Leake, born March 19, 1895 in Beakiss, Texas. On Aug. 15, 1916 he married Mary Sykes and they had 4 children. He died Jan. 16, 1976 in Phoenix, Arizona. [Other family members say this man was born in Taylor, Texas]

“Martha Susan Leake, b. October 15, 1899 in Gana, Texas; died February `7, 1901 in Rock Springs, Texas.”

The location of the Leake Family Cemetery in Cochise County, Arizona is as follows: “LEAKE CEMETERY. This cemetery is located on land homesteaded by the Leake family two years after their arrival in Douglas from Texas on 9 Oct 1902. To reach the cemetery drive north on Kings Highway until you are ½ mile past the big dip. Though not on the highway, the cemetery may be seen to the east. It may be approached by turning east onto Leake Road and then south to the home of current owners Karen and David Bond.”