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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Charles C. Mayes

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Charles C. Mayes was a Confederate veteran who lived at Bedford in 1884. He was a member of the Robert E. Lee Camp of United Confederate Veterans in Fort Worth.

He was born in Shelby County, Missouri about 1841. By 1850 Charles C. Mayes was in Dallas County, Texas with his mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. John Cooper Cook. Family sources at ancestry.com say he was a son of Thomas B. Mayes and his wife, Elvira Leake Mayes. Charles's maternal grandparents died in Dallas County shortly before the War.

Early in the War, Mayes enlisted in a local northeast Tarrant County Confederate group and is shown as a 1st Corporal in Cummins Company, on a roll dated June 18, 1861. Later, he became a member of Co. C, 6th Texas Cavalry, Ross's Brigade. Official records say Mayes enlisted February 15, 1861, and surrendered May 4, 1865 at Citronelle, Alabama, and was paroled May 15, 1865 at Jackson Mississippi. His residence was shown as Dallas, Texas at the time of his parole. Other records in his file say he enlisted February 13, 1861 at Camp Washington, Arkansas for a seven-month term. His records in the National Archives say he was confined under sentence of a court martial on July 28, 1862. At some time during the month of March or April he was "absent with the train." Other than those two instances, he is shown present on all the surviving muster rolls of the 6th Texas Cavalry.

In 1870, Charles C. Mayes and his family were living in Benton Twp., Newton County, Missouri. His first child, Emma, is shown as having been born in Texas. The second and third, Mary E. and Anna L., show their birthplaces as "Indian Nation." Charles's wife, Martha E. Mayes, was born about 1841 in Kentucky.

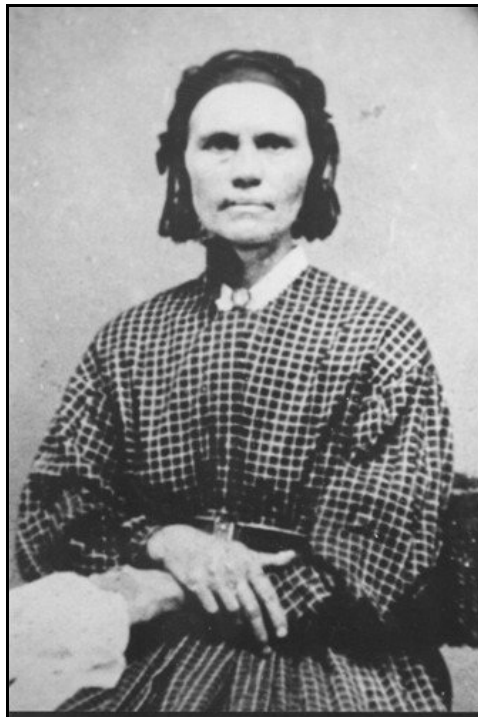
By 1880, Mayes and his family were back in Texas and were living in Precinct 3 of Tarrant County, south of Big Bear Creek. This census shows that his wife, Martha E. Mayes, was born about 1842

in Missouri to a Georgian father and a Kentuckian mother. In that year, they had the following children living with them: Emma Mayes (born about 1863); Mary E. Mayes (born about 1868); Anna L. Mayes (born about 1869); Judiah (a son, born about 1871); Martha E. Mayes (born about 1877). In this census, the birthplaces of all the children are shown as Texas.

There is a headstone in the Calloway Cemetery in present-day Euless which is probably Charles's first or second wife. It reads: "M. E. Mayes, 1840-1893, wife of C. C. Mayes."

At the time the 1910 census was taken, Charles C. Mayes and his family were living in Pontotoc County, Oklahoma. The census says he had been married three times, and his wife, Jeff R. Mayes, had been married twice. They were married about 1900. She was born about 1864 in South Carolina to a South Carolinian father and a Mississippian mother. She said she had given birth to eight children, only three of whom were still living. They had no children living with them at that time.

C. C. Mayes received a Confederate pension in Oklahoma; after having filed his application on October 20, 1915 while he was living at Mayesville, McClain County, Oklahoma. He said he was 74 years old, and had been born in Shelby County, Missouri. He had moved to Oklahoma about 1912. He said he served from February 10, 1862 until he was paroled in June 1864, and he was a soldier in Co. C, 6th Texas Cavalry. He said he joined the regiment in Arkansas, and was paroled near Cariton?, Mississippi. C C. Hustead of Tarrant County made an affidavit for him in which Hustead said Mayes "made a first class soldier."



Mrs. John Cooper Cook,
mother of Charles C. Mayes