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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Levi Mortica Bumpass

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Levi Mortica Bumpass was born in Wilson County, Tennessee on March 1, 1831, a son of Robert H. Bumpass and Martha (Wade) Bumpass. Family sources report that he came to the Oak Cliff area of Dallas County, Texas in 1853 or 1854. He and Mary Morton Coombes were married in Dallas County, Texas on February 6, 1855. She was born in Kentucky on June 13, 1837, and was a daughter of William R. A. Coombes and his wife, Ivy (Green) Coombes. In 1860, Levi and his family were living in Precinct 2 of Dallas County; ten years later in 1870 there were in Precinct 1 of the same county.

Bumpass served in the Confederate army in Co. G, 31st (Hawpe's) Texas Cavalry. He enlisted on May 14, 1862 at Dallas under G. W. Barton for the duration of the war. He supplied his own horse worth \$125 and his own equipment worth \$20. At some time before January, 1863 he was elected 3rd Sergeant of the company. By the summer of that year he was again a private serving extra duty as a herdsman for the company commissary. He last appears in the regimental records for January and February, 1864.

In 1876, Bumpass purchased a part of the T. J. Poulson survey in present-day Colleyville from A. A. Rush. When the 1880 tax lists were prepared, he owned 72 acres of the Poulson survey and 82 acres of the adjoining T. J. Christian survey. These surveys are in the general area of Glade Road east of Highway 26 where Bedford Road joins it from the south. He and his family appear in the 1880 census of Tarrant County. In 1886 he sold the Poulson survey property to Dr. Lilburn H. Colley, for whom the city of Colleyville was later named.

When the 1900 census was taken, Bumpass and his wife were living in Precinct 7 of Parker County. Mrs. Bumpass told the census taker she had given birth to eight children, seven of whom were still alive. He died in Mineral Wells, Palo Pinto County, Texas on February 4, 1904, and was buried in Sturdivant Cemetery in Palo Pinto County. Mrs. Bumpass died in Tarrant County on April 29, 1928 and was buried beside her husband.

The Bumpasses' children named in various census records include: Rachael Elizabeth Bumpass; Richard G. Bumpass; Eugenia Bumpass Mrs. Andrew Jackson Thomas); Mary E. Bumpass; John H. Bumpass; Minerva Edna Bumpass (first the wife of Joseph O. Brasington, then of Robert C. Anderson); Ellie Bumpass; Mattie B. Bumpass; and Alford P. Bumpass. It may be that some in this list are duplications with different name variations, in view of Mrs. Bumpass's 1900 statement.

