



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Hiram Crowley

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Hiram Crowley was a well-known Confederate officer from the Bear Creek area who enlisted many men in the Grapevine area. He died in service, and was buried in Louisiana.

Hiram was the son of Peters Colonists Isham and Elizabeth Crowley, who lie buried in Bear Creek Cemetery along the western edge of the DFW Airport. Many Crowley descendants have placed queries and information at Ancestry.com. A considerable amount of information on Mr. and Mrs. Crowley and their families may be found in Pearl Foster O'Donnell's Trek to Texas. Linda Harwell submitted an excellent family sketch to the Grapevine Area History, printed in 1979.

Hiram's story is very well-told on the Crowley family webpage found at:
<http://crowley.home.texas.net/>

Hiram served along with many other northeast Tarrant County men in Co. A, 34th Texas Cavalry. Before his death he had risen to the rank of Captain. He enlisted January 15, 1862 at Grapevine for a term of one year. At the time of the regiment's reorganization on June 27, 1862, Crowley was elected 1st Lieutenant of the Company, at which time they were in camp at Fort McCulloch in the Indian Territory. Crowley's file contains an original signed pay voucher which he submitted for \$150, the pay due him as a 1st Lieutenant from July 15 to September 1, 1862. The file also contains a signed requisition dated at Fort Smith, on September 29, 1862 for "twenty buckshot cartridges: and "twenty-five rifle caps" needed for four men who returning to the company after having been away from it due to sickness.

Crowley's file contains an original signed receipt for four yards of gray cloth purchased his own personal use for \$24 at Shreveport, Louisiana on June 13, 1863. On a muster roll for the period February 28 to June 30, 1863, he was shown absent on detached duty beginning June 27, 1863; he had already been named Captain by that time. The file also contains an original handwritten requisition for one horse, bridle, and saddle made by Captain Crowley, and the receipt for them he

signed in Louisiana on June 28, 1863. Also included is Crowley's original pay voucher for \$280, due him as Captain of the Company for the months of May and June, 1863. His name appears on a regimental roster made at Camp Allston near Shreveport, Louisiana on May 23, 1863. He was granted a furlough on January 11, 1864.

This compiler and his grandfather, Carl Patterson, got Crowley a headstone from the veterans administration during the early 1970's and erected it at Bear Creek beside his parents' stone. Hiram's stone was stolen during the 1980's, somehow got into the possession of the Bedford Police Department, and Mike was called to come to see it and try to find its original location.



Selete was Hiram Crowley's wife first, then after he died in the War she married J. B. McMurry. She's buried beside her father, Archibald Leonard, in Birdville Cemetery. Crowley is at Bear Creek Cemetery, and McMurry is in Sand Hill Cemetery just south of Decatur.