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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

William M. Greenup

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William M. Greenup, a Confederate veteran, settled in what is now Colleyville before the Civil War. He later left Tarrant County and lived in northern Parker County at the end of his life. He was a first cousin of Colleyville pioneer Samuel C. H. Witten (1819-1891). William Greenup married Nancy Miller (1824-1920), who was coincidentally a first cousin of Mrs. S. C. H. Witten.

Family sources at Ancestry.com indicate William was born in 1818 in Wayne County, Kentucky, and was a son of John C. Greenup (1777-1849) and his wife, Jennie Malinda Cecil (1788-1870). He married Nancy Miller (1824-1920). Both his parents' families were prominent in the colonial history of the eastern seaboard states.

About a year after bringing his family to Texas, on September 24, 1859, Greenup patented the 160-acre Allen Christian survey in present-day Colleyville and Bedford. In modern-day terms the survey's northwest corner is at about the intersection of Cheek-Sparger Road and Brown Trail. The north line of the survey runs east from this point to about the intersection of Cheek-Sparger and [Colleyville's] Bedford Road, which is the survey's approximate northeast corner. The survey's west line runs south with Brown Trail to about Smith Terrace, which is its approximate southwest corner. Smith Terrace corresponds nearly to the survey's south line for a distance east from that point. No modern-day streets lie at or nearly parallel to the survey's east line. William Greenup and his family were living on this survey in 1860.

William M. Greenup was a Confederate soldier in Co. A, 9th Texas Cavalry. His military service records in the National Archives say he was forty-three years old in 1861. He enlisted at Camp Reeves on October 14, 1861 for 12 months. He traveled 150 miles to the regimental rendezvous. His horse was worth \$115 and his equipment was worth \$15. He is on a roll for November and December 1861, but was discharged for disability on March 26, 1862. He was paid after his discharge by J. W. Sims on May 13, 1862.

William M. Greenup died June 7, 1893 in Springtown, Parker County, Texas. In Mrs. Greenup's pension application, R. L. Deen of Grapevine said he'd heard that Greenup had died in Springtown in Parker County, Texas. There is no readable headstone for him now standing in Parker County.

In 1900, Nancy Greenup applied to the State of Texas for a pension, but it was ultimately disallowed. At the time, she was living at Ranger in Eastland County, Texas. She said she was a native of Mississippi, and was born about 1826. She married William Greenup on September 13, 1842 in Miller County, Missouri. Mrs. Greenup said she had moved to Ranger about 1895. She and her husband and children came to Texas in 1858, and lived there the rest of their lives except for a period in 1880-1886 when they lived at an unspecified (by her) location. S. D. King of Smithfield said he knew both William and Phil Greenup while they served together in the 9th Texas.

Several family genealogists have posted information on this family at [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com).