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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Jasper Lacy

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Jasper Lacy was a veteran of a Mississippi cavalry regiment. He lived for several years at various places in Tarrant County, part of the time on the Tarrant County side of the Denton-Tarrant County line between Keller and Roanoke. He moved to Fort Worth before his death and lies buried there.

Jasper Lacy was born December 7, 1846 in Rankin County, Mississippi. Several genealogists have placed information about Jasper and his family at ancestry.com. They say he was a son of Freeman Lacy (1806-1883) and his wife, Rebecca Ross (1812-1863), both of whom died in Rankin County, Mississippi. Freeman Lacy appears in the 1845 state census in Rankin County. Jasper appears as a five-year-old boy in his father's family in the 1850 federal census. Freeman Lacy is shown as the owner of eleven slaves in that year. When the 1860 census was taken, Freeman Lacy owned sixteen slaves.

Jasper Lacy served the Confederacy as a member of Co. G, 28th Mississippi Cavalry. He enlisted March 14, 1864 at Clinton, Mississippi for a term of three years. Another record shows his enlistment at Canton, Mississippi. Yet another one shows Fannin, Mississippi. He was sick at some point in March or April 1865. With his regiment, he was surrendered at Citronelle, Alabama on May 4, 1865 and was paroled at Gainesville, Alabama on May 12. The surrender roll shows he was a resident of Rankin County, Mississippi. His brother, A. F. Lacy, served in the same company and also later settled in Tarrant County, Texas.

When the 1870 census was taken, Jasper Lacy was living with his widowed father in Township Three of Rankin County, Mississippi. He was listed as a single man, and was a farmer.

Family sources say Jasper Lacy and Melissa Pelt were married January 7, 1875 in Mississippi, and that she was a daughter of James Madison Pelt and his wife, Lucretia Ann Bough Merchant. Melissa Ann Lacy was born December 11, 1856 in Mississippi. Her death certificate says she was a daughter

of a Mr. Pelt and a Miss Merchant, both of whom were natives of Mississippi as well. She died at the home of her daughter at 1220 Lake Street in Fort Worth at 4:16 a.m. on February 4, 1940. Her death came as a result of myocarditis and arteriosclerosis. She had lived at that address for twenty-four years. She was buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth. Mrs. W. M. Grounds of the same Lake Street address was the informant for the death certificate.

Jasper Lacy's family appears in the census in Comanche County, Texas in 1880. They had only one child living with them, B. Annie Lacy, who was born in Texas. Also with them was Mrs. Lacy's brother, J. William Pelt, who was working as a miller.

In 1900 the family is found in the census of Precinct 1 of Tarrant County, Texas. This explains why one of their children who died early in the year 1900 lies buried in the old Handley Cemetery in east Fort Worth. Two of the Lacy children were with them in that year: Freeman and Forest Lacy. Mrs. Lacy said she had given birth to six children, four of whom were still alive.

Jasper Lacy and his family appear in the 1910 census of Precinct 4 of Tarrant County, on the same page with the Neace family who lived in the Keller area. Again, Mrs. Lacy told the census taker she had given birth to six children, four of whom were still living. Thus we know we have a complete list of their children. Only their son Forest was still living with them in that year.

They were still there in 1914 when Jasper Lacy of "Roanoke, Tarrant County" applied for a Confederate veteran's pension. His brother, A. F. Lacy, also of Tarrant County, Texas, who served in the same company and regiment, vouched for his service. R. P. Womack of Crowell, Texas said he had known Jasper Lacy from infancy. Adolphus Lacy lies buried at Mansfield in Tarrant County.

The census taker in Tarrant County in 1920 found them living at 1626 Stella Street in Fort Worth. Their son, Forest, was still single and living with them; he worked as a truck driver for a lumber company. Jasper had retired and was not working.

Jasper Lacy died at his home at 1220 South Lake Street in Fort Worth at 10:30 p.m. on November 13, 1928. He died of angina pectoris and myocarditis. He was buried the next day in Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth. The informant for the death certificate was F. H. Lacy of 2929 College Street in Fort Worth.

A short death notice appeared on November 14, 1928 in the Fort Worth Record-Telegram: ***"JASPER LACY. Jasper Lacy, 82, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. M. Grounds, 1220 South Lake Street, at 10:35 last night. He is survived by two sons, F. H. Lacy and J. F. Lacy, and two daughters, Mrs. W. M. Grounds and Mrs. Annie Miller, all of Fort Worth. Funeral will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock at Harveson & Cole funeral home. Burial will be at West Oakwood Cemetery."***

The following short accounts of the lives of the six Lacy children were taken from a variety of sources, including family information posted at Ancestry.com.

Annie Belle Lacy was born (at Mansfield, Texas, according to her death certificate) on January 29, 1876. She married Sidney G. Miller (1869-1943). She died at her home at 3921 McCart in Fort Worth on May 18, 1962. She was buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Fort Worth.

Mamie Ann Lacy was born August 4, 1878 and died July 1, 1879.

John Freeman Lacy was born in Texas on May 21, 1881. The 1900 census gives his birth date as November 1880. He married Olivia Burnett Yancey on February 23, 1906. He worked for many years as a lumberman. His last permanent address was 2621 Travis Avenue in Fort Worth. He died in All Saints Hospital in Fort Worth on May 25, 1963, and was buried in Brigan Cemetery in Campbell, Texas.

Lula Mae Lacy was born January 14, 1883 (at Mansfield, Texas according to her death certificate). She died July 5, 1951 in All Saints Hospital. Her last permanent address was 1220 South Lake in Fort Worth. She married William McLowery Grounds (1888-1964), a veteran of World War I, on February 11, 1921.

William Henry Lacy was born July 29, 1887. He died in Tarrant County on February 17, 1900 in Fort Worth. He was buried in the old Handley Cemetery along East Rosedale Street, about one-quarter mile east of East Loop 820 in Fort Worth. His headstone gives his date of birth as July 29, 1886.

Forest Hilton Lacy was born December 15, 1892. He married Mamie Sherdin on July 3, 1920. He died December 29, 1983 in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas.

