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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Hiram Langley

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Hiram Langley was born in March, 1837 in Buchanan County, Missouri, the son of Thomas Langley and Elizabeth Maude Savage, his wife. At the time the 1880 census was taken, he was living in the Pleasant Run Community in present-day Colleyville. He was a Confederate veteran.

Hiram moved to Texas about 1845 with his parents and siblings and settled in Grayson County, Texas. They are found there in the 1850 census.

Hiram Langley married his first wife, Julia Ann Hill, in Collin County, Texas on July 14, 1857. She was born in Alabama about 1839. In 1860 the census taker found Langley and his family was living in Hill County, Texas. There were two children with them at the time, a son George (born about 1857) and a son Joseph (born about 1859). Family sources at ancestry.com say Julia Langley died in 1865. They also list four children: Phebe Langley; George Langley; William Langley (born about 1859) and Joseph Hill Langley (1865-1923). However, the 1860 census clearly lists one Joseph Hill Langley as the youngest child.

Hiram Langley served the Confederacy as a member of Co. E, 19th Texas Cavalry. His records in the National Archives show that he enlisted March 31, 1862 at Weatherford, Parker County, in Capt. Reuben E. Sanders's Company of Burford's Regiment of Texas Cavalry. This regiment subsequently became the 19th Texas Cavalry. His records say he was mustered into Confederate service at Dallas; the record says on the same day as his enlistment. His name appears on a regimental roll at Camp Stonewall Jackson, Dallas, of bounty pay and receipts for a 50 dollar enrollment bounty. He had traveled seventy miles to the rendezvous of the regiment. He was 5'10" tall, had black hair, and black eyes. He brought with him a horse worth \$125 and equipment worth \$15. His name appears on a list of payments, dated December 4, 1862, made to discharged soldiers. He is shown discharged on that date. There is also in his file an original signed parole, dated July 4, 1865 at a location which is unreadable; it looks like "Millis, Cr Terr."

After the death of his first wife, Hiram was remarried in March, 1865 in Hill County, Texas to his second wife, Martha Jane Cunningham. She was born in December 1843 in Texas to two Georgian parents.

In 1880 the family lived in Tarrant County in the Pleasant Run Community, listed next to Joseph White in the census.

Hiram Langley applied for a Confederate pension in 1899 while a resident of Weatherford, Parker County. He said he had lived in Parker County for two weeks as of July 5, 1899. He said he had been totally blind for twenty-nine years, caused by a kick from a horse. He said he had been a soldier in Co. E, 19th Texas Cavalry for three years. His property in 1899 included two mules, one wagon, one cow and calf and one yearling, with a total value of \$100.

The 1900 census taker found the family living in District 77 of Precinct 7, Erath County, Texas. Mrs. Langley stated that she was born in December 1843 in Texas to two Georgian parents. Mrs. Langley said she had given birth to ten children, eight of whom were still living.

Hiram Langley died in January 7, 1904 at Weatherford, Parker County, Texas. If he is buried in Parker County, his grave is probably unmarked. No record of a headstone for him appears in an exhaustive survey of Parker County cemeteries done by local historians there. No death certificate was filed for him.

His wife, Martha Jane Langley, applied for a widow's pension in 1904, while a resident of Lipan, Hood County, Texas. She claimed to be sixty-two years old, and had been living in Hood County for two months as of May 3, 1904. She said her husband had died on Jan. 18, 1904. They were married in March 1865. She died May 17, 1928 in Mineral Wells, Palo Pinto County, Texas.

A composite list of Hiram's and Martha Jane's children, compiled from various sources, is as follows: Thasby J. Langley (female, born about 1866), Joseph Langley (born about 1867), Arminta Langley (or Simenta, born about 1871), John W. Langley (born about 1874), Laura Y. Langley (born about 1876), Robert A. Langley (Aug. 10, 1879-1970), Daniel H. Langley (born in May 1884), O. P. Langley (born about 1885); Columbus Boley Langley (born in March 1887), Winnie Langley (born August 2, 1894,) and another child whose name is unknown (born about 1898).