



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Milton Moore

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Milton Moore, along with many members of his family, lies buried in Bedford Cemetery. His wife, Margaret A. (Henley) Moore, was born March. 24, 1834 and died June 16, 1911. The notation about his service in the 1910 federal census very clearly says, “CN,” which might mean he served in the Confederate navy.

He patented the Milton Moore survey in Bedford of 160 acres on November 7, 1863. In terms of modern-day landmarks, the survey is bounded on the north by Harwood Road and on the west by Forest Ridge Drive. Its northeast corner is at Central’s intersection with Meadow Park Drive. Moore’s home sat on the east side of Barr Drive at about its intersection with Lincolnshire. The survey’s southern boundary is today’s Bedford Road.



Mr. and Mrs. Milton Moore

Milton Moore served the Confederacy as a private in Co. H, 30th Texas Cavalry. He enlisted at Camp McCulloch on October 5, 1862. This regiment was also known as the 1st Regiment of Texas Partisan Rangers and as Gurley’s Regiment of Texas Partisan Rangers. Mr. Moore’s name appears “present” on a roll of the regiment made for July and August, 1863. No other official records of his service have survived. He attended the 1884 Confederate veterans reunion in Dallas, and registered as a veteran of Co. H, Gurley’s Regiment.

Milton Moore was a charter member of the New Hope Church of Christ (now Bedford Church of Christ), founded in Bedford in 1874. He was one of the original directors of the Bedford College, which was chartered on June 24, 1882. Moore served as postmaster of Bedford from April 7, 1891 until April 25, 1893. In 1895, Moore was living in the east central portion of the survey. Moore and

a close neighbor, Weldon W. Bobo (1813-1884), are considered by many to be the guiding spirits in the founding of the Bedford community.

Moore and his wife had a number of children; an possibly-incomplete list includes: John M. Moore, Matilda Jane (Mrs. John) Barr, Mary or Nancy (Mrs. William H.) McKinley, Milton Harvey Moore, Jesse S. Moore, William H. Moore, and Ernest L. Moore.

An obituary for Milton Moore appeared in the Gospel Advocate (Nashville, Tennessee) of April 9, 1914: *"Milton Moore was born in Rockingham County, N. C., on February 18, 1828, and died at Bedford, Texas on February 21, 1914, aged eighty-six years and three days. He was reared in Cole County, Mo., whither his father had moved in 1838. After returning from California, where he went to dig for gold in 1850, he married Margaret Ann Henley, with whom he lived for fifty-nine years, and who preceded him to the better land in 1911. He moved to Texas in 1861, and spent three years in the Confederate Army, where he heard the simple gospel of Christ preached by Carroll Kendrick, and where he responded to the second invitation he had ever had. Coming home from the war, he and others established the old Spring Garden Church, two miles north of the town of Bedford. In 1874 the congregation built the present meetinghouse at Bedford and have met there continuously since. His wife, who had joined the Baptist Church during his absence in the army, soon learned the way of the Lord more perfectly and was baptized. To this union were born six children: John M. Moore of Arlington; William H. Moore, who died in 1876; Mrs. John Barr, of Bedford; Mrs. M. H. McKinley, of Fort Worth; J. S. Moore, of Bedford, and the writer. These all obeyed the gospel in youth and are still trying to be faithful. He was buried in the old burying ground near the meetinghouse where he worshiped so long. He had been a great reader, and the Gospel Advocate, which he had taken every year but one since the Civil War, was his favorite paper. Though we are sad at the parting, we are encouraged at the remembrance of the good life that he lived and the hope of the reunion on the other side. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." Fort Worth, Texas. M. H. MOORE"*



Milton Moore and his family in Bedford



