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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Iraneous Neace

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Iraneous Neace was one of the true pioneers of Tarrant County, coming here in 1847 and settling in the Mount Gilead neighborhood near present-day Keller. Even though he was far older than most soldiers, he enlisted in the Confederate Army in 1861. He was the father of three more Confederate soldiers, one of whom died in battle in Louisiana.

Iraneous Neace's son, Thomas Allen Neace, was one of the few Confederate soldiers who took the time to write down reminiscences of his family and military life. Much of what we know about Iraneous and his family are the results of Thomas's interest. Many family descendants are now genealogists and have placed a great deal of information on the web at Ancestry.com.

Iraneous 'Ranos' Neace was born in Greene County, Tennessee on November 5, 1816. He was a son of John Adam Neace (1765-1841) and his wife, Mary Margaret Cook (d. about 1850), both of whom died in Missouri. Iraneous was the ninth of ten children, according to a Neace family Bible record.

He married Lucinda Louise Allen in Cole County, Missouri on January 14, 1836. She was born in Bedford County, Tennessee on Christmas Day in 1818, and was a daughter of Thomas Allen and his wife, Permelia Lindsay. Mr. Allen died shortly before the Neace's came to Texas. The widow, Permelia Allen, came to Texas with them. She was a very interesting lady, as remembered by her grandson, Thomas A. Neace. Refer to the biographical sketch in this series on Thomas Neace for more information about Permelia Allen.

Iraneous and Lucinda Neace were among the charter members of the Mount Gilead Baptist Church, the second religious body founded in Tarrant County. It is still in operation today, and the Neaces lie buried beside it.

Iraneous Neace served the Confederacy as a member of Capt. William W. McGinnis's Company of the 20th Brigade of Texas State Troops. He enlisted in July of 1861. A comrade of Neace's made the following statement about the company in 1931 in a Confederate pension application: *"...I was in the service in and around the City of Dallas, Dallas County, Texas from the time of my enlistment until the close of the war...served in Co. "A" being a troop of Cavalry, a part of Col. McGinnis Regiment. We wore the Confederate uniform and drew our rations from the Confederate government. Our duties consisted principally of rounding up deserters..."*

An affidavit made by Grapevine resident by B. R. Wall in 1931 said. *"...Col. McGinnis lived between here and Roanoke, Texas and died when I was a small boy. I have often heard the people speak of this organization as a cavalry troop which chased bushwhackers and deserters..."*

Late in his life Iraneous and his wife left their Mount Gilead home and moved a short distance to the Henrietta Creek neighborhood. Mr. Neace was a member of the William C. Young Masonic Lodge, #349, at Elizabethtown, Denton County, Texas. His Entered Apprentice degree was dated September 2, 1871, his Fellow Craft degree was dated December 17, 1872, and his Master Mason degree was dated March 16, 1872.

Iraneous Neace died April 14, 1879 near Keller and was buried in Mount Gilead Cemetery. His wife, Lucinda Neace, died January 14, 1884 and was buried beside him.

The following list of Mr. and Mrs. Neace's children has been compiled from a variety of internet and primary documentary sources. The birth dates are as shown in the Neace family Bible. They are in conflict with some other dates, as shown in vital statistics records, headstones, etc. They included: Margaret Permelia Neace (born October 5, 1836, married James Littleton Foster, and died October 15, 1873); James R. Neace (born October 3, 1837-May 8, 1864 in battle at Mansfield, Louisiana); Mahulda Ann Neace (born August 25, 1839, died October 10, 1922, married George W. Fishback who died in the Confederate Army, then John H. Hill); Amanda J. Neace (born October 11, 1841, married Eli Allen Hill); Thomas Allen Neace (born November 19, 1843-January 28, 1929, married Sarah J. Hill); Charles Cook Neace (born January 6, 1846-July 8, 1930); Abby Louisa Neace (born September 9, 1847-November 4, 1922, married Scott Jefferson McGinnis; Nancy Matilda Neace (May 10, 1851-November 4, 1922, married Henry Harris Rogers on April 27, 1870); Joel R. Neace (February 3, 1853-January 30, 1883 and buried at Mt. Gilead); Rosetta Neace (born November 22, 1855, died in 1882, married Z. D. Davis, both buried at Mount Gilead); and Josephine Neace (born January 15, 1859, married James A. McCarty and lived at San Benito, Texas in 1914).



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