



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Amos Minor Quayle

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Amos Minor Quayle was a well-known figure here from the late 1850's onward. An excellent biographical sketch appeared in the Lewis Publishing Co., History of Texas, Together with a Biographical History of Tarrant and Parker Counties: "(Chicago, 1895)... AMOS M. QUAYLE, one of Tarrant county's leading men, was born in Ontario county, New York, July 15, 1830, fourth son of Charles and Jane (King) Quayle.

Charles Quayle and his wife were natives of the Isle of Man, where they lived until after two of their children were born, and whence, about 1829, the emigrated to America, and settled in Ontario county, New York. They lived on a farm in that county until the time of death. He was born in 1800 and died in 1848, and she was born in 1796 and died in 1837. They had seven children, four of whom are now living,--one in Missouri, two in New York, and one in Texas.

The subject of our sketch spent the first twenty-seven years of his life in his native State. His ambitious spirit then led him to see something of the wild West. He was engaged by the Louisiana and Hontonpeck Company to go to Mexico and transact some business, and was detained there about ten months. On his return he made a visit to an older brother in Texas, expecting to go back to New York in a short time, but, as he expresses it, he has not got his visit out yet. Thus he has been a resident of Texas since 1857.

Buying some land near Grapevine, Tarrant county, he made his home on it until the outbreak of the civil war. He enlisted in 1862 in John Morgan's army, Third Kentucky Cavalry, and served until the conflict was over. When Morgan made his famous raid though Indiana and Ohio, Mr. Quayle was detailed to take charge of the commissary department, and thus did not cross the Ohio with Morgan, but returned to his home in Texas. He was at the battle of Perryville, but his command was held in reserve, and did not participate, but covered the retreat.

After the war Mr. Quayle moved his family to a point two miles northeast of Grape Vine, where he has resided ever since, now being the owner of a fine farm of 435 acres of land; 120 acres under cultivation and the rest in pasture.

Mr. Quayle was married November 29, 1860, to Miss Martha C. Morehead, who was born January 7, 1841, and who came to Texas with her father in 1852. Her father, Judge James T. Morehead, was born in Virginia, March 27, 1809, and was married three times. He had no children by his first and last wives, but by his second wife he had three, namely: Mary, wife of P. D. Hudgens, of this county; Mrs. Quayle, and Jacob, a resident of Grape Vine.

Judge Morehead has been a very prominent man in Tarrant county, having settled here at a very early day in the history of the county. In 1854 he has nominated for the office of Judge, and in his canvass he found only five voters in Parker county. In 1856 the number of voters had increased to 1,600. It was Judge Morehead who organized Parker county that year. At this writing the Judge is in very feeble health. He has had the misfortune to lose his eyesight, and for the past three years has been unable to see anything. His intellect, however, is as sound as ever. At the close of the war he lost much of his property and turned the rest over to his children. Since then he and his wife have resided with his daughter, Mrs. Quayle."

The official records say he served as a 2nd Sergeant and Commissary in Co. A, 7th Kentucky Cavalry, also known as the 3rd Kentucky Cavalry and the 2nd (Gano's) Kentucky Cavalry. He was present on the last extant roll of the company, dated November and December 1862. Quayle made a statement to the R. E. Lee Camp of United Confederate Veterans in which he said he had served under General Kirby Smith in Kentucky. He had later been released from duty and returned to Texas where he served under General Slaughter on the coast in 1863 and 1864. At the end of the war he was serving under Col. Jim Bolin on the frontier gathering supplies for the army.

A note in the Grapevine Sun on August 18, 1906 said, "*Capt. A. M. Quayle, who moved to Fort Worth last week, was back in the Vine this week mingling with his friends.*"

When the 1910 census was taken, Mrs. Quayle said she had given birth to ten children, seven of whom were still living. Amos and Martha Quayle's children included L. Christina Quayle (born February 1, 1866), Susanna Minor Quayle (born October 8, 1863), Charles W. Quayle (born January 13, 1869), Tracy Quayle (born about 1872), John T. Quayle (born about 1875), Macon F. Quayle (born about 1877), and Clarence Quayle (born about 1880).

Mrs. Martha Chattan Quayle applied for a Confederate pension in 1912. She said Mr. Quayle died in Tarrant County, Texas on December 15, 1910. They were married in Tarrant County on November 29, 1860. She said she was 72 years old, was born in Rhea County, Tennessee, and had been in Tarrant County, Texas sixty years. She said her present address was RR4, Box 16, Fort Worth, Texas. She said he enlisted early in 1862, and served until the end of the war in Co. A, 3rd Kentucky Cavalry. He was a private, and later served in the commissary. J. L. Morehead and J. B. Litsey made affidavits for her, saying they were also in Co. A, 3rd Kentucky Cavalry, too.

Mr. Quayle's death certificate says he died of old age at his home on King's Highway in the Polytechnic Heights section of east Fort Worth.

An obituary for Mr. Quayle appeared in the Grapevine Sun on December 17, 1910. It was printed on the extreme left margin of the page, and a small portion of the edge of the page has been lost. The remaining portion reads: *"DIED. Just on the eve of going to press..the sad news of the death of our ...d and highly esteemed friend, Capt. A. M. Quayle, reaches us. ...died at his home on King's Highway, Polytechnic Heights, Ft. Worth, at 2:30 a.m. Thursday. His body was sent here for burial by the North Fort Worth Undertaking Company Friday. Funeral services were held at the Methodist church, conducted by the pastor, after which the body was taken in charge by the Masonic lodge ...ouried under the auspices of ... Order, of which he was a member. Capt. Quayle was one of the country's pioneers, being 80 yearsand having come to Grapevine over 50 years ago. He has lived in Fort Worth for the last 4 years. He is survived by a wife, four sons--C. W. Quayle, T. P?. Quayle, J. T. Quayle of Fort Worth, M. P. Quayle of Smithfield, three daughters---Miss Sud...Tyler, Mrs. A. D. Kar..... ...orth and Mrs. Fran..... ...Houston; all of wh..... attend the funeral."*

Mrs. Quayle's obituary appeared in the Grapevine Sun on April 12, 1931: *"WOMAN WHO HELPED MAKE SOUTH FLAG DIES. Mrs. Martha C. Quayle, 93, of 2804 Vickery Boulevard, Ft. Worth, who helped make the flag carried by Tarrant County Confederate soldiers, died at her home about 3:00 p.m. Friday. Mrs. Quayle, who was born in Saltville, Va., January 7, 1841, came to Texas when she was 11 years old and settled with her parents on what is known as the J. T. Morehead Survey near Grapevine. She was married to Amos M. Quayle in 1860. Texas histories tell that her brother-in-law, Col. William Quayle, led Tarrant County troops, member of the Ninth Texas Cavalry, when they were organized. Mrs. Quayle presented them with their flag, which she and several other women had made by hand. A copy of her presentation speech is still one of the family's prize possessions. She is survived by six children: Miss Sue Quayle and Mrs. A. D. Kane of Fort Worth; Mrs. J. G. Words of Bastrop, Texas; C. W. and T. B. Quayle, both of Fort Worth and M. F. Quayle of Smithfield, eight grandchildren, Daphne Hudgins, Emmett Kane, Ione Scott, C. W. Quayle, Vadis Burke, Harold Quayle, Louis Brown, and Mattie Bell Lewis, and nine great-grandchildren. Although past 93, Mrs. Quayle took a great interest in life and still knitted intricate patterns of lace. She had been a semi-invalid for six years. Her only brother, Jacob L. Morehead, died a year ago at the age of 90. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday at Lucas South Side Funeral Home in Fort Worth. Interment was made in the Grapevine Cemetery.--Fort Worth Star-Telegram."*

