



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Rev. Henry Allen Shoffit

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Rev. Henry Allen Shoffit was born in Jackson County, Alabama. His death certificate says he was born November 24, 1845; his headstone says simply "1846." Henry's father, Littleton Shoffit, was born about 1796 in Virginia. He and his wife, Sally, and their children made several moves back and forth between Tennessee and Alabama before coming to Texas from Alabama and settling in the Rusk District of Rusk County, Texas about 1848. Henry is listed with his father's family in Rusk County, Texas in the 1850 census.

An affidavit by B. C. Rhome, First Lieutenant of K, 18th Texas Infantry, said Shoffit enlisted at Camden, Arkansas, having come there from Texas to enlist. Shoffit's records in the National Archives in Washington show him a corporal sick in hospital at Keachi, Louisiana from March 14, 1865; no other record of him in the 18th Texas Infantry is to be found there.

His wife, Nancy Caroline, was born in September, 1844 in Alabama and died in Tarrant County on December 5, 1922.

The census taker in 1870 found them living in Madisonville, Madison County, Texas. Henry was working as a laborer. At that time they had two children, George W. Shoffit, born about 1868; and Lena J. Shoffit, born in February, 1870.

When the 1880 census was taken, the family lived at Athens, Henderson County, Texas. With him and his wife were four children: George M. Shoffit (born about 1867); Lena J. Shoffit (born in 1870); William Shoffit (born about 1874); and Marietta Shoffit (born about 1876).

In 1900, Henry and Nancy were living in Childress County, Texas. They had with them one child, Rosa Lee Shoffit, who was born in March, 1885. Henry was working as a farmer on rented land. According to a statement he made in 1916, Henry came to Tarrant County about 1906.

When the 1910 census was taken, Henry and his wife were living in Forest Hill in southeast Tarrant County. They indicated that they had been married about 1867. Mrs. Shoffit said she had given birth to six children, five of whom were still living.

Shoffit applied for a Confederate pension in 1916. His address at the time was Route 7, Box 246K, Fort Worth. He was working as a wagon driver at the time he made his application. He said he served in the Confederate Army in 1864 and 1865.

Henry Shoffit died at the city-county hospital in Fort Worth at 8:10 p.m. on December 10, 1933. He died of myocarditis and arteriosclerosis. An amputation had been done on December 2, 1933. His residence at the time was 601 Blevins Street in Fort Worth. He was a retired Baptist preacher. The informant for the death certificate was W. N. Shoffitt of 601 Blevins. Both Mr. and Mrs. Shoffit are buried at Birdville.

An obituary for Mr. Shoffitt appeared in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram on December 11, 1933: *"FUNERAL FOR RETIRED PREACHER CONDUCTED. Funeral services for Rev. Henry Allen Shoffitt, 88, retired Baptist preacher who died Sunday night in a hospital, were held Monday at 2 p.m. at the Lucas Riverside Chapel. Elder J. C. Cash of the Glenwood Church of Christ officiated and burial was in Birdville Cemetery. Rev. Mr. Shoffitt had resided here for 40 years. He came to Texas 85 years ago from Alabama. He had been in ill health for more than 20 years. Survivors are two sons, W. N. Shoffitt, Fort Worth, and G. W. Shoffitt, Clarendon, and a daughter, Mrs. Rosa Johnson, Hobbs, N.M."*

