



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Edmond Gravely Robertson

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Edmond Gravely Robertson was a native Virginian who served in a local Confederate cavalry company. He married into a pioneer family in the Grapevine area, and remained here until some time in the early 1870's when he moved southwest, finally settling in Brown County, Texas. He died there in 1917.

A great deal of carefully-researched data on this family has been placed on the internet by Mary Robertson Trampe. Edmond G. Robertson was born April 6, 1843 in Patrick County, Virginia. He was a son of James and Ruth (Young) Robertson.

Like many other northeast Tarrant County men, Mr. Robertson served the Confederacy as a private in Co. A., 34th Texas Cavalry. His surviving records with the regiment are very sparse. He enlisted for a term of twelve months at Grapevine, Texas on January 15, 1862 under Lt. Hiram Crowley. His name appears on a muster roll for the period February 28 to June 30, 1863. At that time, he was still due pay for traveling one hundred ten miles to the place of rendezvous more than a year earlier. His pay was current through February 28, 1863. No other records have survived.

Family sources at ancestry.com say Mr. Robertson married Susan Ann McDaniel at Grapevine, Texas on January 16, 1870. She was a daughter of James McDaniel and Susan (Hunt) McDaniel Gray Driskill (1830-1920). Mrs. Driskill lies buried in Parker Memorial Cemetery in the southern part of Grapevine. Susan Ann McDaniel was born September 2, 1853 in Arkansas.

E. G. Robertson appears in the 1870 census in Precinct 2 in northeast Tarrant County. With him were his new wife, Susan, and two Robertson ladies who were probably his sisters, Abigail M. and Anna F. Robertson. He does not appear in the 1870 Tarrant County agricultural census. Family sources indicate the Robertsons moved from Tarrant County to Brown County in 1871 or 1872, and then to San Saba County for a time. By 1880 they had moved permanently to Brown County.

By the time of the 1880 census, the Robertsons had settled in Byrd's Store Precinct in Brown County, Texas. They had five children with them in that year, the first two girls, the rest boys. Their names are only recorded with initials: N.A., L. E., J. M., J. M., and J. F. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson appears in the 1880 agricultural census of Brown County, Texas. He was working a farm which consisted of twelve acres of cultivated ground, eighteen acres of permanent pasture, and one hundred thirty acres of other unimproved land. His farm was valued at three hundred fifty dollars, his farming implements at twenty dollars, and his livestock at two hundred dollars. He owned three horses, one mule, four milk cows, and six cattle of other classes. Four calves had been dropped on his place in the past year, and he had sold eleven head of cattle. Four cattle had died, strayed, or otherwise been lost. He had four hogs and six chickens. He had produced no crops in the past year. This probably indicates they had only recently settled in Brown County from San Saba County.

The family appears in the census of Precinct 2 in Brown County in 1900. Susan A. Robertson said she was born in Arkansas in September 1852. She said she had given birth to twelve children, eleven of whom were still alive. They had seven children living with them at the time: John J., Minnie L., Ed C., Ruth M., Luther D., Martha O., and Gracie E. Robertson.

Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Robertson applied to the State of Texas for Confederate veterans or widows benefits. They probably did not meet the indigency requirements.

When the 1910 census taker arrived at the Robertson home in Precinct 7 in Brown County, he found the aging couple with two children still at home, Mattie O. and Gracie E. Robertson. Mrs. Robertson confirmed that one of her twelve children was dead. They were still farming with the help of both their teenaged daughters.

Edmond G. Robertson died October 31, 1917 in Brown County, Texas. He was buried in Fairview Cemetery at Grosvenor in Brown County. His grave is marked with a large, readable upright headstone. He has no death certificate on file in Texas.

Mrs. Susan Ann (McDaniel) Robertson died of liver cancer at her home near Blake, Brown County, Texas on December 26, 1929. Her death certificate says she was buried the next day in Mountain View Cemetery, but she has a headstone in Fairview Cemetery in Brown County.

The following short accounts of the lives of the Robertsons' twelve children came from family internet sources, Texas death records, headstone records, and cemetery records. Again, most of the credit should go to the records compiled by Mary Robertson Trampe.

Nora Ann Robertson was born January 25, 1871. She married Middleton Drinkard (1851-1926) on July 15, 1888 in Brown County. She died at May, Brown County, Texas at 8 p.m. on February 21, 1947. She was buried in Blake Cemetery at Cross Cut, Brown County, Texas.

Laura Emma Robertson was born November 16, 1872. She married Andrew Jackson Kinney (1864-1946) on August 13, 1891 in Brown County. She died at her home six miles northwest of

Brady, McCulloch County, Texas at 6:30 a.m. on October 27, 1963. She was buried in Live Oak Cemetery in Brady, Texas.

James Marion Robertson was born June 25, 1874. His death certificate says he was born in San Saba County, Texas. He married Stella A. Johnson (1880-1971) in Brown County on December 15, 1897. His last permanent home was in Colorado City, Nolan County, Texas. He died in the Young Hospital at Roscoe in Nolan County at 12:15 a.m. on December 17, 1946. He was buried in Handley Cemetery in Mitchell County, Texas.

Joseph Minter Robertson was born May 15, 1877. He married Lou Ella Nichols (1881-1954) on January 5, 1902 in Brown County. His death certificate says he was born at San Saba, Texas. He worked for many years as a building contractor. He died at his home at 2501 Sixth Street in Brownwood, Brown County, Texas at 11:35 p.m. on June 4, 1929. He was buried in Greenleaf Cemetery in Brownwood, Texas.

John Franklin Robertson was born April 18, 1879. He married Louisa Eva Smith (1878-1964) on May 11, 1902 at Holder in Brown County. His last permanent home was at Bangs in Brown County. He died in Brownwood at Brownwood Memorial Hospital at 7 p.m. on June 29, 1963. He was buried in May Cemetery at May in Brown County.

Susan Viola Robertson was born June 30, 1881 and died at May, Texas on October 3, 1897. She has a broken but readable upright headstone in Pleasant Valley Cemetery near Owens in Brown County.

Minnie Lorena Robertson was born in February 22 1884. She married Will Kahler in Brown County on November 27, 1901. After 1913 she married Herbert Marlin. She died at Abilene, Texas on November 12, 1978, and is buried there in Elmwood Cemetery.

Edmund Claude Robertson was born January 21, 1886. He married Mary Mellvina Lewis (1888-1968) in Brown County on September 24, 1905. His last permanent address was 1411 Beaver Street in Brownwood, Texas. He died in Wilks Nursing Home in Brownwood, Brown County, Texas at 12:15 a. m. on May 3, 1970. He was buried in Fairview Cemetery at Grosvenor, Texas.

Rutha May Abbigale Robertson was born June 12, 1889. She married Charles Luther Wiggins (1886-1952) in Brown County on July 29, 1905. Her last permanent home was at 1818 North Seventh Street in Lamesa, Dawson County, Texas. She died in Lamesa's Medical Arts Hospital at 6:30 p.m. on September 15, 1973. She was buried in Lamesa Memorial Park.

Luther Douglas Robertson was born July 12, 1891. He married Bonnie May Wiggins (1891-1968) in Brown or Comanche County on February 13, 1910. He died at his home at 645 Oak Street in Colorado City, Mitchell County, Texas at 8:35 a. m. on April 26, 1961. He was buried in Teeville Cemetery (also known as Handley Cemetery) in Mitchell County, Texas.

Martha Ola Robertson was born February 2, 1894. She married Samuel Amos Davis (1889-1969) on July 23, 1920. She died November 7, 1986 and lies buried in Lamesa Memorial Park in Lamesa, Dawson County, Texas.

Gracie Evie Robertson was born September 18, 1896. She married Fred August Munselle (1896-1979) on December 29, 1915. She died July 5, 1986 at Dublin, Erath County, Texas. She was buried in Pecan Cemetery in Erath County.

