

Remember Them Forever

Name: Samuel Rhea Anderson

Birth: 6 June 1834
Blountville, Sullivan Co., Tennessee

Death: 17 April 1915
Gainesville, Cooke Co., Texas

Cemetery: Fairview Cemetery
Gainesville, Cooke Co., Texas
GPS of grave: 33.6318013, -97.1241467

Family:
Spouse: Melissa "Malissie" Smith Blevins, Married ca 1858
Children: Charles S. Anderson, Samuel M. Anderson, Sallie E. Anderson, William Robert Anderson

Military: Enlisted May 1861. Served as a PVT in Co K 3rd Tennessee and Co E 63rd Tennessee. Cpt, CSA Civil War TN 36th INF. Discharged at Appomattox, 1865.
Served in battles of Manassas, Chickamauga, Knoxville, Beam's Station, Drury's Bluff, and Petersburg. Discharged at Appomattox in 1865.
He said, "I was with Gen. Lee at the surrender, but did not surrender as all my command had been captured the night before. When I was told of a flag of truce demanding our surrender it appeared to me the most crushing blow I had ever experienced, but after a moment I said the Great and Holy One doeth all things for the best, and in His own way will let us know why we could not have a name among the Nations of Earth. I spent four years and put all I had in her cause, and I am now old and feeble with very little of this world's goods."

Civilian: In 1860 lived in Dist 17 Sullivan County, Tennessee, in 1870 Dist 2 Sullivan County, Tennessee, in 1880 Pct 4 Ellis County, Texas, in 1900 and 1910 Gainesville, Cooke County, Texas. He came to Gainesville ca 1882. Occupations: farmer, an electric engineer, and the manager of the Gainesville city well.

Sources: FamilySearch ID GML1-86T, Find A Grave, Texas Death Certificates, Federal Census Records, Texas Confederate Pension Records, Texas Death Index, Civil War Soldiers Records, Early Tennessee Tax Lists, Texas County Tax Rolls, The Gainesville Daily Register. The Virginia and Tennessee News, The Gainesville Daily Hesperian, The Daily Hesperian, The Weekly Hesperian

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