

Name: William Jesse Rankin

Date of Birth: May 22, 1844

Place of Birth: Rheatown, Greene, Tennessee

Date of Death: November 2, 1932

Place of Death: Campbell, Hunt, Texas

Cemetery Name: Humboldt Cemetery

Cemetery Location: 3744 FM 2736
Campbell, Texas 75422

GPS Coordinates: 33° 10' 44" N
95° 59' 03" W

Military Service: Company A; 61st, TN. His Captain was Nathan Dodd. During the Vicksburg campaign his entire regiment was captured and imprisoned in Vicksburg. William was wounded in the shoulder during the battle. In July 1863, the captives were exchanged, the regiment was then attached to General Waul's Texas Legion. Later they returned to Company A. During his service he was also assigned to A.W. Reynold's Brigade in Mississippi and East Louisiana, and the mounted infantry under Pitt, (81st Infantry) Big Black, Mississippi.

Military Branch: Confederate Army, Calvary/Infantry

Dates of Military Service: 1862 - 1865

Rank at discharge: Private

Era of Service: Civil War

List of Military Awards:

Summarize Education:

Civilian Job description and major accomplishments:

Farming/Agriculture

Civilian Awards: He was known to all as "Dad Rankin", he was a beloved citizen in the Hunt County area, the day of his burial, Neyland school closed for the day, so all could attend his services.

Sources: *Along Trails and Rails* by Norma Jean Ford. Family records. Fold3.

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