

Remember Them Forever

Name: James O. A. Whaley

Birth: 21 September 1845
Rhea County, Tennessee

Death: 11 August 1909
Gainesville, Cooke County, Texas

Cemetery: Fairview Cemetery
Gainesville, Cooke County, Texas
GPS of grave 33.6326531, -97.1269243

Family:

Father: John William Whaley
Mother: Mary Airheart
Spouse: Mary Isabelle Keith, married 09 November 1865 Rhea County, Tennessee
Children: Summerfield Whaley, Nicholas M. Whaley, Amy Gertude Whaley,
James Neely Whaley, Emily T Whaley, Robert Marvin Whaley, Frances Whaley

Military Private, Co. C, 16th Battalion, Tennessee Cavalry (Neal's), C.S.A.

Civilian: "James O.A. Whaley, a native of Tennessee and Confederate army veteran, settled in the Fish Creek area in northwest Cooke County in 1866. After three years of skirmishing with Indians, he bought John E. Wheeler's mill on the east side of Gainesville Whaley operated a steam-powered mill on Lindsay Street until an explosion ended that facility. His next mill operation was a mammoth one that stands vacant today adjacent to the Santa Fe Railroad tracks on Denison Street. In 1948, the Whaley Mill and Elevator Company was purchased by Fort Worth multimillionaire and art collector Kay Kimball James, active in the Methodist Church all his life, became the namesake for Whaley United Methodist Church." [*Heroes, Scoundrels and Angels: Fairview Cemetery of Gainesville, Texas*, pp. 21-22]

Sources: FamilySearch ID K2NT-N3B, Texas marriage and death records, U. S. Census Records, BillionGraves, Find a Grave, U. S. Civil War Soldiers, Cooke County Probate Records

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Whaley Mill and Elevator Company. Gainesville, Texas

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