

Remember Them Forever

Name: William H Pinckley

Birth: 07 June 1840
Tennessee

Death: 18 Feb 1913
Denton, Denton County, Texas

Cemetery: Chinn's Chapel Cemetery

Cemetery Location: Copper Canyon, Denton County, Texas, USA

Plot GPS: 33° 05' 10" N, -97° 05' 13" W
Section V, C3

Family: Son of Silas Pinckley and Elizabeth Comer. He married Agnes A. in 1873. William was blessed with many children. The Pinckley family was one of the pioneer settler families as described in this history on the website for Copper Canyon. One of the four primary women mentioned in this history is William's mother, Elizabeth. "Four Women of the area became friends as they met regularly at Lockhart Spring to wash clothes: Mrs. Elisha Chinn (Mary Stowe Chinn, 1808-1871), Mrs. Silas Pinckley (Elizabeth Comer Pinckley, 1799-1867), Mrs. Samuel B. Wakefield (Jane Pinckley Wakefield, 1826-1871) and Mrs. Abraham Loving (Susannah Pipkin Loving, 1815-1884). The four friends wanted a church in which to worship God. They had a Bible. Mrs. Chinn had brought her family Bible with her in the covered wagon. (It is now in the rare manuscript library at Southern Methodist University, Bridwell Library.) A congregation of worshipers had gathered under the trees for outdoor worship since 1846 whenever a traveling preacher passed through, though this did not occur very often. Runners were then sent out to the cabins of the settlement, which were miles apart, and people gathered to spend a day and a night camping at the worship site. Mary, Elizabeth, Jane, and Susannah also wanted a building near Lockhart Spring in which they could take shelter when in danger. There was also a need for a temporary home for new families while they were building their own cabins. The women also care about education and felt the need for a school for the children. Together they convinced their husbands and the other settlers in the community to hew one post oak log and bring it every time they came to the spring. The Chinn family donated ten acres atop a hill 300 yards north of Lockhart Spring, overlooking the beautiful spring-fed valley below through which the main thoroughfare passes. When enough logs were gathered, a day was appointed in 1858 and the community came together to build a log cabin, which could be used in all the ways, the women had envisioned."

Military: Civil War CSA, Company G, 18 Regiment , Texas Volunteers
William enlisted on 7 Nov 1862 in Denton County. His company was disbanded on 15 Jan 1863.

Civilian: William is a farmer. At the time of his death, William's land and personal property were valued at \$5000.00

Sources: The History of Chinn's Chapel by Shirley B. Faile, Ph. D. , Find-a-Grave, 1880 & 1900 US Federal Census, Texas US Wills and Probate Records, Texas US Muster Roll Index Cards, Copper Canyon Website

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