

C. C. Lacy

Personal information

Name: Charles Christian Lacy
C. C. ["Colonel" or "Charley"] Lacy

Birth: 31 March 1816
Mason County, Kentucky

Lacy was born and reared in Mason County, Kentucky, except for the few years during which the family lived in Marion County, Missouri.



In 1842, Lacy served as Assistant Marshall of the Districts. He moved to Tarrant County, Texas, in 1854, and for the next few years, he served on the frontier. In 1857, he patented 319 acres of land.

He was educated as an engineer and surveyor. When the city of Denton in Denton County was being formed, Lacy was called to do the survey. He plotted the original city and named the first streets (for various trees).

When Denton was about a year old, Lacy moved his family to Denton and built a hotel called The Lacy House. It was located on the northeast corner of what is now Courthouse Square in Denton (100 West Oak Street) where the Texas Building now stands. There is a historic marker on the current building. A two-story white building, the hotel was managed by Col. and Mrs. Lacy, and was in operation from 1858 until about 1884 when it was destroyed by fire. Besides lodging, the hotel included dining, a livery stable, a blacksmith shop, a buggy repair shop, and a manufacturing shop. After his death, his wife continued to manage the hotel. Her motto was "to furnish the best the market affords." The hotel played a dynamic role in the history of Denton and became a landmark of the early days.



The Lacy Family on the front porch of The Lacy House

(Source: (<http://www.texasescapes.com/CentralTexasTownsNorth/DentonTexas/DentonTexas.htm>)

Within a few years, Lacy had laid out the town, named many of the streets in Denton including Oak, Hickory, Elm and Locus, organized a church, planned the district Baptist association, and started a lodge. He participated in the rebellion against the location of Indians at Fort Belknap (which precipitated the Indian fight at Salt Creek). The father of 13 children, Lacy lived an extraordinary life and was truly an outstanding “early settler” of Denton.

Death: 11 November 1870
Denton, Denton County, Texas

Cemetery: Oakwood Cemetery, Denton, Denton County, Texas; Block: 9-3
(GPS: 33° 12' 41" N 97° 7' 19" W)

Family: Parents: Walter Jones Lacy and Sarah Elizabeth Clark Lacy
Spouse: Sarah Elizabeth [“Eliza”] M. Brown (married 27 March 1838, Mason County, Kentucky)
Children (13): Sophia Ann Lacy, Susan Margaret Lacy, Walter Jones Lacy, William David Lacy, Mary Ellen Lacy, Sarah Elizabeth Lacy, Nannie Warder Lacy, Caroline Belle Lacy, Charles Christian Lacy, Zafferine Lacy, Flora Jones Lacy, Judith Virginia Lacy, Lula Creek Lacy

Military Service

Military Branch: Army, Confederate

Dates: Enlisted 23 March 1861
Paroled 22 November 1862

Rank at Discharge: Enlisted as a Private

(Histories of the early days in Denton indicate that Lacy was customarily known as "Colonel" and sources consistently use "Col. Lacy" in references to him although no official records were found bestowing the title.)

Era/Service: Civil War

Assignments: Denton Rangers under the command of Capt. Felix McKittrick;
21st Brigade, Texas State Troops
07 August 1862 – captured, St. Louis, Missouri (identified as "citizen"
in lieu of rank)
07 August 1862 – detained at Gratiot State Prison, St. Louis, St.
Louis County, Missouri (identified as "citizen")
12 September 1862 – transferred to Alton Prison, Alton, Madison
County, Illinois (listed as "citizen")
22 November 1862 – paroled (identified as "citizen")

Pension:

Civilian Life

Education: Educated

Occupation: Civil Engineer, Land Surveyor (held the office of Surveyor of District
Land District 1862-1868), Hotelier, Sawyer, Ranger

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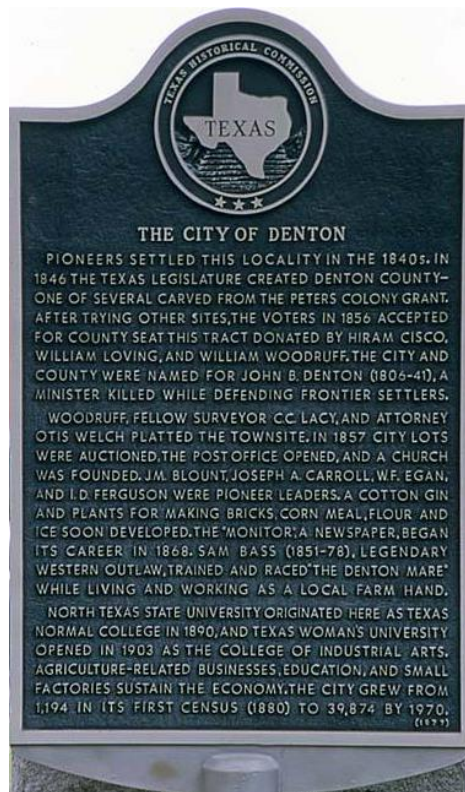
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Denton Texas Bird's Eye View, 1883 Map
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Historic Marker (Denton, Texas)

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