

Remember Them Forever

Name: Joseph Martin Anderson Payne

Birth: July 1850
McCinn County, Tennessee (not far from the Appalachian Mountains)

Death: February 8, 1913

Cemetery: Flower Mound Presbyterian Cemetery
Cemetery Location: 1501 Flower Mound Road, Flower Mound, Denton, Texas, USA
Section: Center
Plot GPS: 33.0127, -97.0527

Family: Son of Martin, a farmer from Virginia and Minerva Honey Payne. He was a member of a large family, with five children. He attended school where he learned to read and write. He married Hannah Sims in Denton County, Texas on July 6, 1893. Hannah was his second wife and they had seven children: Joseph, Dollie, James, Arthur, Katie, Dooley and Rosie.

Military: Confederate States Army, CSA, Private

McMinn County experienced divided loyalties during the Civil War. Tennessee was a part of the Confederacy, but the county provided troops to both sides of the conflict. Young Joseph joined the CSA and was a part of the 5th Tennessee Regiment in Company B. This regiment was also referred to as McKenzie's Cavalry and was organized in December 1862, with one of the commanders, a Colonel George W. McKenzie; thus the name McKenzie's. McKenzie's participated in skirmishes in Kentucky, McMinnville, Shelbyville and Philadelphia. It later was involved in battles in Kentucky, Alabama and Georgia and took part in the campaign in the Carolinas. They surrendered with the Army of Tennessee on April 26, 1865. Joseph enlisted as a private and when his service was completed, he retired as a private. He was part of the Cavalry that utilized horses for conducting reconnaissance missions into enemy territory to uncover their strength, positions and movement. They typically used single shot breech-loading rifles called carbines that had a shorter range than the muskets used by infantry.

Civilian: Farmer

At some point, Joseph relocated to the great state of Texas, and he had a home in Dallas, in the 1900s.

Sources: Ancestry, Find-a-Grave, NPA, Civil War Soldier and Sailors Database, U.S. Census, Military Headstone Application, Pension Application

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