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Picture of Guilford Ramsay Family

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Right-side – David Whitson “Mike” Ramsay

Top – Josephine Williams Ramsay, Guilford Ramsay

Bottom – Guilford Ramsay Family about 1922

United Confederate Veterans Memorial for Guilford Ramsay April 26, 1863

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In Memorium [sic]

To the Commander and comrades of J. C. G. Key Camp, No 156, U. C. V.

Your Committee heretofore appointed to draft a memorial sketch with accompanying resolutions in relation to the demise of comrade G. Ramsay, beg leave to report as follows.

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to remove from our ranks comrade Guilford Ramsay, who departed this life at his residence in Gonzales, Texas, on March 11th, 1923, and on the following day his mortal remains were interred by the side of his parents in the cemetery, at Wrightsboro, Gonzales County, Texas.

Let us briefly refer to the career of this gallant Soldier of the South for it is surely worthy of being held in tender remembrance. Guilford Ramsay was born in Macon County Alabama on the 9th day of June 1843. His parents were Daniel Ramsay and Welthy Collingsworth Ramsay, and they belonged to the sturdy and intelligent agricultural class, which constituted the backbone of southern citizenship. He acquired his education in the schools of his section, and we can safely state that he was correct in morals and deportment. Macon County adjoins and lies east of Montgomery County, and in the latter county was located the Capital of Alabama. The city of Montgomery was a famous city of culture and refinement, and the same became for a short time the Provisional Capital of the Confederate States. It is fair to presume that an intelligent youth like our deceased comrade became very much interested in the intense political agitation which at that time held his section in its tenacious grip. Great orators like William L. Yancey were presenting in splendid and eloquent language the cause of The South and demanding immediate action on the part of its citizenship. Gil Ramsay honestly believed in the patriotic contention of his native state. He was proud of Alabama. Her fine historic record was without a

blemish, for she had always stood in the front rank of brave and chivalrous states. When he attained the age of eighteen years, he hastened, with the consent of his parents, to enter the arena of conflict and did on the 12th of May, 1862, enlist in the Confederate States Army becoming a member of Company H, 33rd Regiment of Alabama infantry.

We regret that our scant data precludes us from following the military career of our deceased comrade step by step, for it was in many respects unique and heroic and presents many instances of rare devotion to the cause of The South. His regiment belonged to The Army of Tennessee, at that time commanded by General Braxton Bragg. The first important battle in which Gil Ramsay was engaged was at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, on December 31st, 1862, and January 1st and 2nd, 1863. It was a hard fought field and much valor was shown by both Confederate and Federal forces. It was during this famous battle that our deceased comrade received a most terrible wound, his arm being shattered and mutilated by a federal shell. He was at once sent to the field hospital, where it soon became apparent that he would have to undergo an operation. What was left of the arm was severed from his body close to the shoulder.

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When the end of the war came, he returned to the home of his parents in Alabama, where he remained until the removal of the family to Texas, which occurred in the winter of 1865. The family remained in Fayette County, Texas about two years and then removed to Gonzales County, Texas where they established a permanent home in the vicinity of Wrightsboro and where they continued to successfully pursue the vocation of farmers for many years. On the 2nd of December, 1874, he was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Williams, a most estimable lady and the daughter of a well known and highly esteemed Irishman, Mr. Dave Williams, who was also an Ex-Confederate Veteran.

The upright character of our deceased comrade, together with his splendid Confederate record, appealed strongly to the patriotic citizens of Gonzales, County, and he was induced to become a candidate for the responsible office of County Tax Collector. His election proved to be a great success and he held the office as long as he desired to fill the same, which he did for many years with honor to himself and with the satisfaction of a grateful constituency. He leaves surviving him his wife and nine children.

Gil Ramsay was a sincere and devoted follower of the Christian religion, and in early manhood became a member of the Baptist Church and was at the time of his death a consistent member of the same.

Therefore be it

Resolved First that we sincerely deplore the death of Comrade Guilford Ramsay

Resolved Second, that we extend to his bereaved family and relatives our

heartfelt sympathy.

Resolved third, that this memorial tribute of our esteem and friendship for our deceased comrade G. Ramsay be spread on the record book of our camp and an engrossed copy thereof be furnished his sorrowing wife, and that the Gonzales Inquirer be requested to publish the same, all of which is most respectfully submitted.

Signed: John S. Conway

T. E. Stephenson

F. A. Schlick

Gonzales, Texas, April 26, 1923.