

RODERICK'S TO TEXAS

Captain John Henry Roderick

John H. Roderick was raised in Tennessee, building bridges to fund his education and later was a school teacher. On February 9, 1861, he came to Texas. He enlisted in Company E, under Captain Donaldson, in Alexander's regiment of the Confederate army as an orderly sergeant. He was promoted to first lieutenant and then to captain, a position he held to the close of the war. He farmed 360 acres of land in Fannin Co., was a successful farmer and a firm adherent of the Farmers' Alliance.

Cephus Roderick

Cephus enlisted in the Civil War July 4, 1862 at Salisbury, North Carolina, in Capt. Daniel W. Rhine's Company, 57th North Carolina Infantry Regiment. He was captured twice, once at Rappahannock Station, VA., and once at Petersburg. After his last capture, he was not released until June 14, 1865, and returned home. His family immigrated to Rising Star, Texas about 1880.

Elam Emory Roderick

Elam must have moved his family to Texas between 1880 and 1890 since the first child was born in North Carolina and the last was born and died in Pecan Gap in 1891 (and the 1880 census in NC). He is in the Fannin Co., Texas 1880 census. No Roderick's are shown in the 1870 census. He is shown in the 1910 census as living in Fannin Co. in the household of Mr. J.N. and S.E. Johnson. He claims that he, his mother, and his father were all born in North Carolina.

Elam Wallace Roderick to Texas

"E.W. and Matilda Roderick came from Mountain Home, Ark. in 1897. Their mode of travel was two covered wagons. The family included two children at that time -- a boy named **Ambers** and a girl named **Bertie**. **Ambers** was very ill during the trip. The route they traveled was through the Bad Lands of Oklahoma. During the night when they camped, **E.W.** and his brother **Bradley Roderick** had to take turns watching the mule teams to keep the Indians from stealing them. After approximately three weeks of traveling they arrived in Grayson Co. It was around Thanksgiving. Their third child, a girl, was born Jan. 2, 1898. The family lived a short time in Grayson Co. before moving to Hunt Co. and Fannin Co. They decided to move to Delta Co. in Jan. 1915. **E.W.** and **Matilda's** family grew over the years to include thirteen children. Two infants died soon after birth. The oldest brother, **Ambers**, was killed fighting in World War I. Those still living at this time are **Millie Dee Bobo, Ruby Deatherage, Edna Sandlin, Lucille Jenkins, Martha Jane Whit, J.C. Roderick, and Roy Roderick**. Those who have passed away are **Bertie Stone, Charlie Roderick, Ambers Roderick, Sylvia Dockery, and Annie Roderick**. "(by **Millie Dee Bobo**) From the "Delta County History" found in the Clayton Library in Houston, TX.

Robert Hargrave father Charles Daniel Roderick to Texas

Charles Daniel Roderick enlisted in Burke County, North Carolina, on October 6, 1863 and was assigned to Co., K, 22nd. N.C. Regiment, Scale's Brigade, Wilcox's Division, A.P. Hill's Corps, Army of Northern Virginia. He was reported as present on muster roll dated December 5, 1863. He reported absent sick on July 20, 1864, but returned to duty about September 12, 1864. He was paroled at Appomattox Court House, Virginia, April 9, 1865. He lived in Ladonia, Texas his final 8 years after living in Baxter Co., Arkansas for a number of years. Some of his children are reported to have lived in the Indian Territory of Oklahoma.

From "Delta County History" by Phillis Fuller, found in the Clayton Library in Houston, Texas. "**Robert Hargrave Roderick** (1881-1981) was born at Mountain Home in northeastern Arkansas. He was the son of **Charles and Jane Hargrave Roderick**. The following is an excerpt about them from "History of Baxter County" by **Mary Ann Messick**: **Charles Roderick**, who married **Jane Hargrave**, was refused the vote in IZARD County because he had fought in the Confederacy and would not pledge allegiance to the government after the Civil War. The day of the election he and some others rode up to the school house where the election was being held and stole the ballot box. The next morning he and his wife rode off for Texas, where they settled

and raised their family near Pecan Gap, Texas. When my grandfather, **Bob Roderick**, was in his late 90's, he made an audio tape telling about his trip to Texas. It is paraphrased below by his granddaughter, **Phyllis Fuller**. My grandfather, **Bob Roderick**, came to Texas from Mountain Home, Arkansas, in 1900 when he was 19 years old. His father already had two brothers in Texas. One was **John Roderick** who lived near Bonham. He had been a Cavalry Captain in the Confederate Army during the War Between the States. Another brother, **Elam**, was in Texas. **Bob's** parents, his two sisters, **Ethel and Tillie**, and he made the trip. They traveled in a Springfield covered wagon pulled by mules. They took only what they could, such as clothes, bedding, and cooking supplies. His mother also brought her sewing machine. They left Mountain Home on October 25, 1900. On the way they traveled with other families off and on, but there was no organized wagon train. Their closest neighbors started traveling with them. Along the way the wife got sick, and the Rodericks went on to the next town and sent a doctor back to them. They never saw these neighbors again. They crossed many rivers. Some of them they could ford; some charged a toll for crossing the bridge; some were swinging bridges; and some ferried across. They had to pay a man to "pilot" them across the South Canadian River because of the shifting, quick sand bottom. The driver of one wagon, which was pulled by horses, insisted on going first. A stranger approached the driver and insisted that he did not need to pay someone to pilot him across. He could simply follow a wagon that had gone before them. The horse-drawn wagon was soon sinking in the quick sand. The obliging stranger volunteered to go for help, and returned with a man on a large Percheron horse which was obviously well trained for this emergency. His fee of \$5 suggested that he was out to make money in the first place. The other travelers cooperated with the pilot and double-teamed across. On the trip, his mother and sisters saw a train for the first time. His mother did the cooking in a cast iron oven with legs on it and in a long-handled frying pan. They traveled through the Indian Territory which was not officially a part of Oklahoma at that time. When they got to Texas, their first visit was with **Captain John Roderick**, near Bonham. They arrived in Delta County on November 16, 1900, and their next stop was with my grand-dad's brother, **Elam**. Nine years later, on December 9, 1909, my grandfather married **Nettie Lee Smith** (1891-1984) who was born and reared in Delta County. They lived on the Crawford-Norris Farm at Lost Prairie and had two children. Their daughter, **Fama**, married **Robert Edwards**; and their son, **R.D.**, married **Ernestine Hastings**."

A Good Man Gone (pasted inside the Elam Emory Roderick family Bible)

C. D. Roderick was born near Morganton, Burke Co., N.C., July 21, 1845, and died of paralysis of the brain and heart, near Pecan Gap, Tex., June 15, 1903. His age was 57 years, 10 months, and 24 days.

He volunteered at the age of 17, and went into the Confederate army and served about 2 years. He was honorably discharged at the close of the war and returned home and lived with his widowed mother until 1868, when he came to Baxter, Co., Ark., where he married to Miss Jane Hargrove, Jan. 1, 1871. Nine children were born as a result of this marriage. Three are dead and three are married. The two oldest sons, who are married, live in Texas where their father died. The oldest daughter is married and lives in Baxter Co., Ark.

He professed religion and joined the Missionary Baptist church in the year of 1883, of which he has lived a consistent member until his death.

He moved to Texas in the Fall of 1899 and lived one year near Dodd City, Fannin County, Tex., and then moved to Hunt County, in the north-eastern part, where he died. His parents had eleven children, all of whom are still living, he being the first to die. The youngest member of the family is **S. E. Roderick**, who lived in Mohegan, Hunt Co., Texas. He is about 53 years old. He is a brother of **Capt. J. H. Roderick** who has lived for 43 years near Dodd City, Fannin County, Tex. He has one brother and seven sisters living in Burke Co., N. C.

He was devoted to his family, always providing for them the best that he possibly could. He made friends with all that he met. His sincere Christian life, his jovial, happy nature, spread joy, sunshine and gladness wherever he went. To know him intimately was to love him. His wife and children should cherish a tender and loving memory of him and follow in his steps, thereby finally reaching a home in Heaven, where all the good such as he go.

Weep not dear kindred and friends, for he has only gone on before and waits to welcome you there.

R. E. J.