

FAULKNER CO

George Washington Dalton

Corporal Co. G, 3rd AR Cavalry

Birth: 17 MAY 1848 in KY, Barren Co

Death: 14 APR 1940 in AR, Faulkner Co

Burial: AR, Faulkner Co, Enola, Heffington Cemetery

In 1862 G. W. Dalton, age 15 years, joined the Union Army - 3rd Ark. Cavalry, Co. G, and served until the end of the Civil War. He died in 1940, the last Union soldier from Faulkner County. On December 1, 1867, G. W. Dalton was married to Sophira Adaline Henry. Adaline was born at Batesville in 1847. Her father was William Henry and her mother Martha Fleming Henry. Her grandfather was Francis Patrick Henry who came from Maryland in 1831. [...] In 1880 G. W. Dalton was licensed to preach by the Crossroads Freewill Baptist Church. A few years later he affiliated with the Convention Baptists, now called South Baptist Convention. He was a preacher for 60 years. His only



schooling was at old Mt. Pisgah school about 3/4 miles southeast of Barney. As his children began to attend school he taught himself to read and write. Adaline had attended school at old Siloam east of Enola. About 1900 G. W. contacted tuberculosis. With his wife and son, Gobe moved to Texas near San Antonio, where they lived for three years. He slept out in the open air and was cured. The family moved back to their old home and lived here until 1909 when they moved to Enola and spent their remaining years. For the rest of his life, about 40 years, G. W. slept on a screened porch in the open air. Lois Dalton recalls her grandmother slept there too until her husband's death when she moved into the house. In his later years G. W. wrote numerous articles for the Log Cabin Democrat about early life in Arkansas. He was one of the first farmers to rotate crops, terrace his land, prune and spray his orchard, and build a concrete cellar to store fruits and vegetables. The late Dibrell Ingram, Sr. wrote in his history of Enola that his grandfather had the first apple peeler and corn sheller he had ever seen. He made his first soldering iron, and when sealing wax (beeswax) went out of style he soldered cans for the entire neighborhood. He had one of the first electric iceboxes and radios in Enola. He submitted several of his ideas to the U.S. Patent Office. Ingram quoted his grandfather as saying his greatest victories were overcoming his desire to "cuss" and to drink alcohol. "I don't think he did over once, and that was on a trial basis. He said the results were very

unsatisfactory. I saw him drink coffee once - when Uncle Gobe died." After he was 70 years old, G. W. learned to drive a car and kept a driver's license until he was 90. In 1938 he attended the Old Soldiers Reunion at Gettysburg. His son-in-law, Lige Ingram, went as his nurse. G. W. died in 1940, one month before his 92nd birthday. Adaline followed her husband in death September 14, 1941.