## GEORGE CALVIN WAGGONER

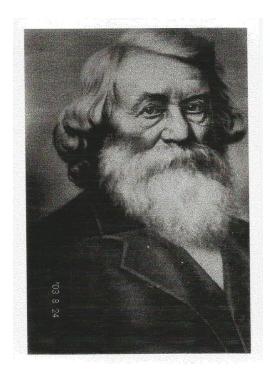
(1841 - 1897)

And

## HENRIETTA ELIZABETH WINDHAM

(1848 - 1933)

## George Calvin Waggoner



Calvin was the first child of the union of Washington Waggoner (1814) and Nancy Alice Smalling (1823). He was born in Blount County, Alabama on 12 December 1841. The 1850 census of Blount County shows 2 more children, John Thomas (born 1848) and Mary (born 1846), both born in Alabama.

Some time after that, the family migrated to Mississippi and had 2 more children, William Newton (1851) and Zachariah (1853). We believe Washington died in Mississippi about 1855.

By the 1860 US census, Nancy was living in Caldwell Parish with husband, William W. Gregory, a widower, his 6 children by his first marriage, her 4 Waggoner sons, and their daughter, Emily (1858). Caldwell Parish records show Nancy married W.W. Gregory on 16 Nov 1858 and eventually had two

daughters, **Emily** (1858) and **Nancy** C. (1864). The four Waggoner brothers living with Nancy in Caldwell Parish in 1860 were: Calvin, age 17; John Thomas, age 13; William Newton, age 7; and Zachariah, age 6.

On 29 September 1861, at the age of 19 years, Calvin enlisted in the Confederate Army at Camp Moore, Tangipahoa Parish, LA. This 12-month enlistment made him a private in Captain William A. Simmons' 1<sup>st</sup> Co. D, 17<sup>th</sup> Reg., LA. Inf. He was present on all rolls until April 1862 when he was reported absent due to "sick" in May and June. Then, on 23 May 1862, he was re-enlisted at Edwards Depot, MS, by the Conscription Act (draft), and was paid a \$50 bounty for re-enlisting. Calvin was listed on the roll of Prisoners of War, having been captured at Vicksburg, MS, and paroled 8 July 1863. He remained with the LA 17<sup>th</sup> when it consolidated into the 22<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, LA Inf., headquartered in Meridian, MS. Later records show Calvin being on the roll of Prisoners of War surrendered at New Orleans, LA by General E.K. Smith, CSA, on May 26 1865. He was paroled at Monroe, LA on 12 June 1865 and listed as a resident of Caldwell Parish, LA.

On 12 November 1873, Calvin married 23-year old **Henrietta Elizabeth Windham**, in Caldwell Parish, LA. Henrietta's father, **Aaron Windham** (1817) also served in the Confederate Army with the  $4^{th}$  Alabama Reserves. He moved to Catahoula Parish later where they had become a large, influential family.

George Calvin and Henrietta were the parents of seven children, all born in Jackson Parish. He died 30 September 1897 and is buried at Mt. Olive Baptist Church cemetery near Henrietta, who died on 10 November 1933. Their children all lived and died near the corners of Caldwell, Jackson, and Ouachita Parishes and were active members of Mt. Olive Baptist Church at some time. Except for John Aaron who is at Walnut Grove Cemetery, all the children are buried at Mt. Olive Church Cemetery in West Monroe, Louisiana.

Henrietta Elizabeth Windham Waggoner



George Calvin Waggoner's children were:

- 1) William Washington (1875)
- 2) John Aaron (1877)
- 3) Nancy Bell "Babe" (1879)
- 4) James Franklin "Jim" (1881)
- 5) Martha C. (1884)
- 6) Charles Johnson (1889)
- 7) George Edward (1890)

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