

Civil War & Stephens Co., OK (7)

John Haywood Proctor (1843-1908)

John Haywood Proctor was born in Tennessee on Mon., Jan. 9, 1843. He was the third of six children to William & Mary Ann G. (“Manerva”) Proctor. By the time he was 17 years of age, the Proctor family shows up in the 1860 Census as residing in Falling Springs (Ozark County), Missouri. Two years after the Civil War came to an end, John **married** ”Rebecca Reed” on Dec. 27, 1867 in Ozark County, Missouri. John and Rebecca had at least one child, a daughter (Stella Price Proctor – b. Aug. 12, 1876; d. Feb. 3, 1898).



Apparently Rebecca died for John **married** “Mary Jane Lucinda (‘Lulu’) Allen” on July 20, 1882 in Sunset, (Montague County), TX. John and ‘Lulu’ had six **children**: (1) John Washington Proctor (b. June 14, 1883 in Montague County, TX; d. March 13, 1917); (2) William Newton Proctor (b. Jan. 28, 1887 in Montague County, TX; d. July 10, 1962 in Irving ([Dallas County], TX); (3) Lillie Proctor (b. Nov. 1, 1888 in Wilson [Carter County], OK; d. Oct. 30, 1982); (4) Lora Proctor (b. July 16, 1891 in Healdton [Carter County], Oklahoma; d. Mar. 22, 1942 in Telephone; [Fannin County], TX); (5) Cora Proctor (b. July 16, 1891 in Healdton [Carter County], OK; d. April 2, 1939 in Brownfield [Terry County], TX); and (6) Jesse James Proctor (b. Mar. 13, 1892 in Healdton [Carter County], OK; d. Dec. 27, 1967 in Ardmore [Carter County], OK). John shows up on the 1900 Census as living in the Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory, Township Four.



During the Civil War, John served with his older brother, Silas, in the **CSA, 4th Missouri Infantry Regiment**. Oddly enough, both John and Silas were Sergeants in Co. C. John and Silas enlisted together on Feb. 6, 1862 at St. Ledger, Missouri and both were appointed as Sergeants in Co. C of the 4th Missouri Infantry on Feb. 22, 1862. The **record of service cards** for both men show that they served previously as Privates in Co. B of the “2nd Battalion, 7th Division.” These record of service cards also reveal that John and Silas were present together at the battles of **Wilson’s Creek**, South Fork, **Farmington**, **Iuka**, **Corinth** (**Corinth** was a particularly bloody affair for the 4th Missouri), **Port Gibson**, **Grand Gulf**, Baker’s Creek [aka: **Champion Hill**], and **Vicksburg**. According to Proctor family records, John was captured on the 4th of July, 1863 at Vicksburg, Mississippi. John’s brother, Silas, was **killed** at Vicksburg six weeks earlier on May 23, 1863 and is buried there. The flag of the 4th Missouri Infantry Regiment can be seen **here**.

John died on Mon., Feb. 10, 1908 at the age of 65. He is buried in the **Dixie Cemetery** in Stephens County, Oklahoma. His flush-to-the-ground grave marker is nearly totally obscured by a cedar tree