

hand of their father or carried by him in his arms to the sanctuary, to act as pallbearers and bear his body out of the church to the carriage that was to carry him to his last resting place, with which request they cheerfully complied, leaving a deeply solemn and impressive influence upon the whole audience. Woods died almost penniless and yet who will say his life was not a grand success. P. Carnahan [*Benton County Democrat* 10/24/1901]

**WOODS, Samuel Newton** – See under John Milton Woods.

**WOODS, Thomas Allen** – Allen Woods, one of Benton County's first settlers, passed away at the family home three miles west of Bentonville last Saturday at the age of 85 years. The funeral services were held Sunday and were conducted by his old time friend, Rev. Peter Carnahan and Rev. W.C. Wheat, pastor of the Presbyterian Church. There was a large attendance of sorrowing friends who came to pay their last respects to one they had known for so long and so well. Interment was made at the cemetery in Centerton where the Daughters of the Confederacy placed a wreath of flowers on the last resting place of Uncle Allen Woods. Thomas Allen Woods was born in 1836 in Eastern Tennessee from which section so many of our pioneers came. He came to this county with his parents in 1840 after a long and difficult journey. His father, Samuel Woods, found a desirable place to live west of the little log store that was the only building where Bentonville now is. Here he selected about 600 acres of very desirable land and built him a home. James Jackson, who came here in 1831, was his nearest neighbor who entered upon 800 acres of land. John E. Davidson was another neighbor who located on what is now known as the Trout farm. Other settlers were few and far between. The woods were then full of deer and turkey and an occasional bear was killed. The early settlers raised nearly everything they needed and the women folk spun and wove cloth for their clothing. Little was bought for everything was very high. Their nearest trading post was Van Buren, where everything was brought up the Arkansas River by boat. At the death of his father, Allen Woods succeeded to the estate. In 1859 he married Miss Mary Troutt. When the war broke out he joined the side he thought was right and entered the Confederate regiment that was organized at McKissick spring. The old home was burned during the war and the present one built. Mr. Woods lived continually on the old homestead for 81 years. He was the last surviving member of a large family. Besides his widow, he is survived by four nephews; Dwight Dickson of this city, John Woods of Pea Ridge, James Woods of Centerton and William

Woods, who lives in Texas, and one niece, Miss Margaret Woods. [*Benton County Record* 8/26/1921]

With the passing of Allen Woods last week, only two survivors of the old Confederate regiment that was formed by the settlers around McKissick spring and Bentonville remain. These two are Andrew Callis, who lives on Route 3, and John Fields of Centerton. McKissick spring may not be a familiar name to everyone in Benton County so we will state that the big spring at Centerton was so called before the town was laid out and the railroad came. It was a famous spring in early days and many came from a distance to visit it. It was thought at one time to have some medicinal qualities. [*Benton County Record* 8/26/1921]

Mrs. Mary Woods of Bentonville, widow of T.H. Woods, who died August 20, 1921, filed Widow Application #25781 with the Confederate Pension Board of Benton County for a Confederate widow pension which was allowed for \$100.00 per annum on July 10, 1922, citing her husband's service with Company C, Arkansas Cavalry from 1862 thru 1865. [*State of Arkansas Confederate Pension Archives-Benton County Records*]

**WOODYARD, John Presley** – John Presley Woodyard was born in Parkersburg, West Virginia in 1840. He died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W.P. Mayfield, on Pea Ridge October 13, 1926 in the 87<sup>th</sup> year of his life. He was married to Hattie E. Lewis in Lafayette County, Missouri in 1869. She departed this life in 1887. He moved to Kansas in 1870; to Arkansas in 1885. He joined the M.E. Church, South in 1925. He is survived by three children; Thomas Woodyard of Shreveport, Louisiana; Mrs. Clarence Board of Galena, Kansas and Mrs. W.P. Mayfield of Garfield, Arkansas, also by three granddaughters, one granddaughter and an only grandson preceded him. He was a Confederate veteran and belonged to the Army of the Shenandoah. He was a man of very excellent character whose mind was stored with useful knowledge. All the neighbors, including children, loved "Uncle John" Woodyard. Funeral services were held at Buttram Chapel by his pastor, W.E. Bishop. A short eulogy of his character was offered by J.H. Buttram. He has answered the last Roll Call and rests in the shade of the trees with his great commanders, Lee and Jackson. A Friend [*Rogers Democrat* 10/28/1926]

J.P. Woodyard of Garfield filed Veteran Application #14967 with the Confederate Pension Board of Benton County for a Confederate pension which was allowed for \$75.00 per annum on July 14, 1908, citing service with Company G, 20th Virginia Cavalry. [*State of Arkansas Confederate Pension Archives-Benton County Records*]

**WOOTEN, Napoleon B.** – N.B. Wooten of Gravette filed Veteran Application #20408 with the Confederate Pension Board of Benton County for a Confederate pension which was allowed for \$100.00 per annum on July 11, 1917, citing service with Company G, 12th Georgia Cavalry from 1863 thru 1865. Mr. Wooten died May 6, 1926. His widow, Mrs. Maggie Wooten of Decatur filed Widow Application #20408 with the Confederate Pension Board of Benton County for a Confederate widow pension which was allowed on July 14, 1926. Mrs. Wooten died January 28, 1936. [*State of Arkansas Confederate Pension Archives-Benton County Records*]

**WOOTEN, Samuel J.** – Samuel J. Wooten of Gentry filed Veteran Application #20470 with the Confederate Pension Board of Benton County for a Confederate pension which was allowed for \$100.00 per annum on July 8, 1918, citing service with Company H, 24th Virginia Cavalry from 1862 thru 1865. Mr. Wooten died September 15, 1920. His widow, Mrs. Sarah J. Wooten filed Widow Application #20470 and was allowed a Confederate widow pension