

2314 Morse St.,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Sir: I am in receipt of yours of the 24th inst. making inquiries as to LEROY V. CRISWELL, and in answer will say that I am a son of the said LEROY V. CRISWELL, and I was 77 years of age on last Oct. 18th, 1886, and I was born near old Flatonia in Fayette county, Texas.

With reference to my father's discharge from the army at BEYAR or CAMP BEYAR, will say that the enclosed is a copy of the original discharge which I copied more than forty (40) years ago, the original was then in the possession of my deceased Bro., Henry K. Criswell of Yoakum Texas.

The original discharge may be in the possession of Billy (OR W.H.) Criswell now of Yoakum, Tex.

In so far as I know my father, Leroy V. Criswell, first settled at BLACKJACK Springs near what is now Muldoon, and thereafter moved and settled near old Flatonia in Fayette Co.

Leroy V. Criswell died in the year 1865 at which time I was about 6½ years of age.

My father is buried in what was known as the DUFF grave yard or cemetery which is about ¼ to 1 mile S.E. from the village known as PRAHA which is S.E. from Flatonia.

My recollection is that my father's grave has no marker by which it could be identified from other graves.

My antecedents came to Texas, in the year 1829, and the family consisted of my grand father Criswell who went on a business trip to Ky., soon after coming to Texas, and there died in Ky. while he was there, and in so far as I can remember his family consisted of the following sons and daughters to wit:

LEROY V. CRISWELL: WILLIAM V. CRISWELL: JOHN Y. CRISWELL:
JOE (J.E.) CRISWELL: JAMES CRISWELL AND JACK CRISWELL, SONS,
AND TWO DAUGHTERS, VIZ. GANDAGE CRISWELL AND MARY CRISWELL.

My father's discharge (if I did not make a mistake in dates) shows to have been issued Nov. 24th, 1835, while in your letter to me you state that he, Leroy V. Criswell, was at the taking of BEYAR (San Antonio) on Dec. 5th to 10th, 1835.

But however, my father may have remained at CAMP BEYAR for some time after his discharge was issued to him.

William V. Criswell is buried in the same grave yard or cemetery in which my father is buried as stated above, and William V. Criswell's grave can be easily located, as it had considerable rock and cement work placed over it.

Thanking you for your kindness and hoping that I have herein given you such information relative to Leroy V. Criswell as you wish to have in your historical research, and with kind regards and best wishes, I remain,

Yours truly,

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W. H. Criswell