

Samuel Gillespie Rosamond

Was born on 14th of October 1828 in Greenville, Spartanburg, South Carolina to John Hodges Rosamond and Jane "Jennie" Westfield.

Solider

Rosamond enlisted in the Confederate States of America's Company D, 6 Texas Cavalry, Stone's Regiment 2 Texas Cavalry at Dallas, Texas on the 10th day of September 1861 as 2nd Sergeant. He was under the command of Captain Thomas H. Bowen he had a Rifle, a 5 Shooter, a \$150 Horse and \$20 worth of gear. The Regiment was to join with General Ben McCulloch in Fort Smith in November 1861. The cavalry engaged in its first action on December 26, 1861 in Chustenahlah, Indian Territory on Battle Creek. Rosamond took a furlough, rejoined company on 22 Feb 1862 before the cavalry fought in the battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas between March 6 thru 8, 1862. This battle cost the Regiment leadership without a commanding officer and the men sent General Beauregard in Tennessee at Shiloh. The Regiment was ordered to dismount and sent their horses back to Texas. By the time the dismounted cavalry arrived to help General Beauregard the Battle of Shiloh was lost by the confederates. Apr 27 assigned duty as regimental ordnance sergeant until May 25, 1862. July and August 1862 he was listed on the Company Muster Roll as absent in Texas on special duty. He was most likely part of a detail sent to Texas to return the regiments horses to its men and may have missed the Battle of Corinth in October 1862. He was promoted to the rank of 1st Lieutenant on 11 Nov 1862 and remounted and was joined in the Texas Cavalry Brigade. Rosamond lead company as its commander in a raid on Holly Springs. Holly Springs was captured by 6 Texas Cavalry along with needed supplies staged by Union on the advance of Vicksburg. Rosamond remained on the rolls as commanding the company in 1863 from January thru October of 1863. He was promoted to the rank of Captain sometime after October 1863 while under Brigadier General Lawrence Sullivan "Sul" Ross. The sixth Texas Cavalry fought in the Atlanta campaign for 112 days under fire from May to September 1864. By May 4, 1865 the brigade surrendered and by mid-May the 6 Texas Cavalry was returning home onboard the USS E. H. Fairchild. Rosamond and what remained of his Company disembarked at Natchitoches, Louisiana and made their way back to Collin County.

Brickyard Owner

Rosamond partnered with two brothers that served with him in Company D, Collin McKinney Milam and Robert A. Milam. In 1869 they travelled to area known as Cedar Bayou and established a brickyard along the banks of the Cedar Bayou and confluent of Sawpit Gully. By 1870 they employed two brickmakers, an engineer and a coppersmith and nine laborers. By 1880 they employed a crew of fifty and the most profitable Brickyard in Cedar Bayou. Rosamond and the Milam Brothers maintained an office in Galveston from 1870s thru 1891. They also owned a schooner known as P. J. Willis, a tug boat known as S. G. Rosamond, and three flat boats. In the Galveston Daily Newspaper on Friday, March 27, 1891 an advisement for an Auction was placed noting that all the ships are to be sold for cash.

Public office

On June 12, 1875 he was appointed as secretary at a convention to held by the citizens of Cedar Bayou to elect delegates to the district convention. Rosamond was one of six men selected to represent the precinct in the district convention to be held in Houston on the 23rd day of June 1875.

Freemasonry

S. G. Rosamond was a charter member of Cedar Bayou Lodge No. 321 in Cedar Bayou, Chambers County, Texas. On 15th of May 1870 he was elected as Junior Deacon. Then on December 27, 1871 he was elected as Worshipful Master. Following his term as Worshipful Master he was elected to the position of Treasurer seven times hold over once to serve the Lodge continuously as Treasurer from 1873 until 1880.

The bricks for the foundation of the newly constructed Cedar Bayou Lodge building were furnished by Rosamond, Milam & Bro., and when the bill, in the final settlement, was handed to the building committee, it was marked "paid."

Last Days

Samuel G. Rosamond on the 30th day of August 1884 wrote his last will and testament appointing his Brother Mr. John W. Rosamond as his executor. In his will he noted the realization of the uncertainty of life but certainty of death and him being feeble health. He first requested that all his debts be paid to his partners in the brickyard business. He desired all his worldly possessions be devise among the children of his Brother Mr. John W. Rosamond and his wife Alelaid Rosamond. His last will testament was witnessed by five men all of whom where masons.

Samuel travelled to his home town of Brushy Creek, Anderson, South Carolina to be with his family. On the 3rd of May 1885 he laid down his working tools as he was call by the Great Architect of the Universe to the celestial.

It was reported at a stated meeting of the untimely death of such a great and good of a man as our Brother Samuel G. Rosamond on the 23rd day of May 1885. Brothers H. F. Gillette, J. W. Ellender and S. S. Brown was appointed to draft resolutions of respect for the deceased. A motion was offered to drape the lodge in mourning and the members to wear the usual badge of mourning on the 24th day of June 1885 in memory of our deceased Brother.