



Lavaca County and The Spanish American War

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The next several issues of this newsletter will share the story of Lavaca County during the Spanish-American War and later the Philippine-American War. While both military actions were short term conflicts, Lavaca County men were involved in both and this newsletter will endeavor to share information about these men and their commitments to service. This newsletter series will also highlight some of the individuals whose stories are unique and those who lost their lives in service to their county.



Volunteers in the Spanish American War

The next issues of this newsletter will focus on the individuals who served from Lavaca County in the Spanish-American War. Many times, the stories will be brief, but there will be instances where the story can be quite unusual.

Henry G. Arnim
1st Texas Cavalry Co. G
Enlisted: April 28, 1898
Discharged: November 14, 1898



Henry G. Arnim was born in Texas on April 6, 1867 the son of Albert B. Arnim and Louisa C. Ludwig Arnim. He enlisted in the service in April 1898. as a corporal. Some time after his discharge in November 1898, Henry moved to Mexico where he worked for the Mexican Central Railroad. While living in Mexico City, Henry became ill and was sent to San Antonio, Texas for treatment. Henry died in San Antonio on June 21, 1923 at the age of 56. The cause of death was pulmonary tuberculosis he contracted when living in Galveston, Texas. His body was brought by train to Hallettsville. Interment was at the Hallettsville City Cemetery.

*“Great minds are related to
the brief span of time
during which they live
as great buildings are to a
little square in which they*

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Courad Pavel Barak
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Courad Pavel Barak was born on February 15, 1874 in Fayette County, Texas as the son of John and Anna Barak. He enlisted on April 28, served as a private, and was discharged in November 1898. After his discharge, he remained in Lavaca County becoming a resident of the Dickson School community. Paul married Johanna Kocian on November 13, 1900 in Fayette County, Texas. He died in the Shiner Hospital on August 30, 1941 at the age of 67. He was buried in the Moulton Catholic Cemetery under the auspices of the Dennis-O'Connor Camp, Spanish American War Veterans of Yoakum and Geier-Merrem American Legion Post of Moulton, Texas.

Hugh Eugene Barnes
1st Texas Cavalry Co. G
Enlisted April 28, 1898
Discharged: November 14, 1898



Hugh Eugene Barnes was born March 27, 1879 in Texas the son of William Jasper Barnes. He enlisted on April 28, 1898 and served until his discharge on November 14, 1898. In 1906, he married Hester A. Woods of Runge, Texas. Hugh was a long time resident of Brownsville and resided there until his death on August 18, 1956 at the age of 77. Interment was in the Runge City Cemetery. While living in Brownsville, among other occupations, Barnes served as a Deputy Sheriff in Cameron County and a U.S. Customs Officer in Brownsville.



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