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Resolutions on the death of comrade Jesse J. Melton

W.T. Shaw commander R E Lee Camp Forth Worth Texas:

"How sleep the brave who sing to rest
With all their country's honors blest".

Comrade Jesse J. Melton on the 10th of July 1916 in the city of
Forth Worth took his final leave of us for the realms of the skies
He was widely known as the hero of two wars .

He had reached the advanced age of 88 years. He was born in Green
county Alabama and in 1846 he enlisted at Greensboro and went
with a company made up in his native county to the successful venture
into Mexico. Texas had seceded from that government of the Span
ish blood and had been incorporated as one of the states
of the American Union which caused Mexico to levy war to hold
Texas bound to that power and it was really for the preservation
of our Union of states that we went to war .

In 1862 our comrade followed the fortunes of his native state in
our war of the states and enlisted at Mobile Alabama , and being
unfit for active field duty he joined a local company in defense
of that city , General Dick Taylor being in command of that department.

He served in that capacity till the end of the war and was among
the early settlers of Forth Worth at the end of the struggle.

February 9 1914
Here / he celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of his wedding with
his good wife who yet survives him with his dutiful daughter, Mattie
who watched over and cared for him with his faithful spouse
till the summons came .

He was well known in Masonic circles , and was one of the organi
sers of the Worth Commandery of the Knights Templars which
escorted
body with his Confederate comrades , XX his remains thier last
resting place.

For a long while he was active in the early organiza
tion and building up our camp and did much to place this camp
among the foremost in the entire order.

Therefore be it resolved that we mourn the loss of our comrade
though he had long past the time when life was due its final
close.

Resolved further that we extend to his bereaved widow and
daughter our sincerest sympathy and condole with them in their
dire affliction *July 23-1916*

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