

Richard M Flynt was born in 1842 in Lincoln County Tennessee to **Stephen Clayton Flynt** and his wife **Elizabeth**. He was one of the 23 grandchildren of **Richard Flynt 1779 -1844** and **Eleanor Clayton 1787 -1839**.

In late 1860 or early 1861, he came to Arkansas, most likely to what is now Lonoke County with his father, two sisters, and probably **Aunt Mary Penn** widow of his **uncle Fountain F Flynt** and her three daughters. Another aunt, **Mary P Flynt Dodson** was already in future Lonoke County by June 1860 with her husband **R.T. Dodson** and their 5 children.

At age 22, R. M. Flynt was conscripted into Confederate army July 15, 1863 at Searcy Arkansas. He served as a private in Company K of the 37th (Bell's) Arkansas Infantry until Feb 13 1865. The 37th had lost 51 percent of the 432 it engaged at Helena July 4, 1863, just days before Richard was conscripted. The unit defended Little Rock that September, was driven out, and spent the winter of 1863 southwest of Little Rock. The regiment was in Arkansas the remainder of the war, and surrendered with Kirby Smith's army May 26, 1865.

Stephen Clayton Flynt died Nov 1869 and from the record the probate of his estate, we can assume that his wife Elizabeth and daughter Caroline had died before him, as there is no mention of them in those files. But named in the files are Richard, his **sister Emily**, and **uncle Robert T Dodson**.

December 17, 1874, Richard married **Susan Thomason**, daughter of William F Thomason. A son was born nine months later, but lived only 6 months, Susan died a month after the child.

January 18, 1877, Richard married Susan's younger sister **Mildred Thomason**. Together they had six children, who produced 27 grandchildren. The only evidence that I've found as to what name is the middle initial "M", is their son "Dixie"- Richard Milton Flynt. So far nothing has turned up indicating Dixie as junior or second. I've added "II" in my records for my own reference.

Richard M died December 3, 1897 at age 55, before the birth of his first grandchild. He is buried in Beard Cemetery in Lonoke County, not far from where he lived most of his life. His headstone is without dates, only notes his service in Co K, 37th Arkansas Infantry, C.S.A. Although location of the grave of his parents isn't know, I suspect that at least his father, if not mother also, are in unmarked graves of the very small Beard Cemetery.

Millie Thomason Flynt lived another 35 years, until all 27 grandchildren had been born. We have a photograph of her with 6 grandchildren.