

ELBERT SEVIER JEMISON

30 May 1835 - 7 February, 1896



Elbert Sevier Jemison, was born on 30 May, 1835 in Talladega County, Alabama, to Robert Jemison III and Margaret Mims. Elbert married Louise McElderry in 1858 and they relocated to a farm in Anderson County, Texas.

Lieutenant Jemison was mustered into service with Company G, at Palestine, Texas, on 23 June, 1861, and he fought in many battles, being wounded at Gaines Mill, Virginia on 27 June 1862, and again at Sharpsburg, Maryland on 17 September, 1862. He was elected Captain in Company G, on 9 August 1863, and in the spring of 1864 was assigned to recruiting duty in the Trans-Mississippi Department. His wife Louise recalled that when they returned to Texas for recruiting duty in 1864, she and her husband crossed the Mississippi River in a flatboat, under cannon fire from a fleet of Union gunboats, which was an experience that neither wanted to encounter again. Captain Jemison resigned from military service on 19 August, 1864.

After the war Elbert and William L. Moody founded a cotton brokerage business in Galveston, Texas in 1870, and eventually opened an office in New York, where Elbert had a seat on the New York Cotton Exchange in 1878. In 1892, Elbert became President and majority owner of the Houston East and West Railroad. Elbert was a pallbearer at the funeral of General Louis T. Wigfall in 1874, one of Texas' most beloved patriots. Elbert Sevier Jemison died on 7 February 1896, and is buried at the Oak Hill Cemetery in Talladega, Alabama. While he and his wife Louise had no children, they were proud aunts and uncles to many nieces and nephews.