

Alexander Blakie Fraser

Entrepreneur, Soldier, Community Founder, City Councilor



This Ship Hector Passenger Descendant would have an industrious, esteemed, and exciting life. He would make his mark in the Southern United States of Louisiana and Texas and is well remembered and honoured to this day.

Alexander Blakie Fraser was born in Green Hill, Pictou County in the year 1830. Where he would learn life skills and thrive on the Scottish hard work ethic. Nova Scotia was not challenging enough and at the age of 19, he set off for Boston and eventually to Louisiana, where he invested his time in developing a plantation where it was reported, "He built up a considerable fortune and became immensely wealthy"

However, Alexander's planter fortunes would come to a halt when the American Civil war was declared in 1861. He immediately joined the 1st Louisiana Cavalry, Company G or the "Creole Chargers" of the Confederate army and rose to the rank of Captain. This regiment would be involved in some of the harshest battles in the war including, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, and the Louisiana Defensive Operations. On May 22, 1864, Captain Fraser was captured and held as a Prisoner of War by the Union army. He was exchanged on May 15, 1865, at Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Not wanting to take the Oath of Allegiance to the American Union and with his plantation in ruins, Alexander set off for Honduras, South America. While there is enterprising spirit would gain him fame. The Spanish government at the time was wanting to take a large grounded

vessel on the Atlantic Ocean across to the Pacific. Alexander B. Fraser was hired to tackle this achievement. He did succeed by constructing a crude track through the wilderness and just when the rail path was almost completed, a government uprising occurred. Alexander was credited with attempting to take the First Boat over Panama.

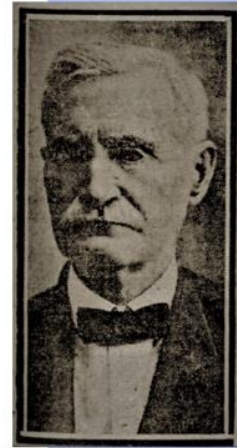


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Alexander, wife Caroline (Gardiner) and children would move to Texas, where he would start the community of Annetta. Named in honour of their daughter born in Honduras.

In 1886, the family moved to Fort Worth, where Alexander became one of the first city councillors in the new incorporated City.

Alexander Blakie Fraser, Ship Hector Passenger Descendant would pass away on 27 October, 1914 at the age of 84.



Alexander. B. Fraser



Historical Plaque Commemorating A. B. Fraser