

Ludwell Rector Davis, Private, Co. B, 25th TX Cavalry Dismounted, CSA

- 1828 Aug 10: Ludwell Rector Davis was born to parents Elias and Margaret Davis.
- 1850 Sep 6: The US Federal Census enumerated in San Augustine County, TX listed L R Davis at twenty one years old employed as a farmer. He was living in the household of his father with seven siblings. On the same census page two households before the Davis' is the Polk family. Their eight year old daughter Mary would become Lduwell's wife in the future. The 1850 Slave schedule listed Elias Davis, Ludwell's father, as the owner of four slaves ranging in age from thirty six to ten.
- 1852-1859: According to a biography written much later in life, this is the time when Ludwell Davis went west to California to mine for gold.
- 1860 Jul 3: The US Federal Census enumerated in San Augustine County, TX listed L.R. Davis as the head of the household. He was a farmer and lived with his brother Iredell and his sister Mariah. The 1860 Slave schedule listed L.R. Davis as the owner of three slaves. One was a forty six year old female and the other two were males aged nineteen and six.
- 1861 Jun 13: Ludwell's brother Warren Davis enlisted in the Confederate army and was mustered into the 3rd TX Cavalry.
- 1862 Jun 23: Ludwell Davis enlisted in the Confederate army at San Augustine, TX and was mustered into Co. B, 25th TX Cavalry as a private.
- Jul - June 1863: Ludwell was listed as absent. Remarks: Teamster. It seems that Ludwell spent most of his military service as a teamster.
- Oct: Ludwell's brother Marcellus Davis, who had enlisted in the 1st TX Legion (27th TX Cavalry), died from illness at a hospital in Okolona, MS.
- 1863 Jan 11: Captured at Fort Hindman, AR.
- Jul & Aug: Remarks: Teamster
- Sep & Oct: Remarks: Teamster
- Nov & Dec: Remarks: Teamster
- 1864 Nov 30: The 25th TX Cavalry had been dismounted and were serving as infantrymen in Gen. Hiram Granbury's brigade in Gen. Cleburne's division. They attacked the Federal earthworks and suffered severe casualties including their brigade commander, Gen.

Granbury. Pvt. Ludwell Davis was wounded multiple times and treated in Franklin after the battle.

Dec 17: Pvt. Ludwell R. Davis was captured in Franklin as the Confederate Army of Tennessee retreated back through town on their way south to relative safety. Davis was transported north to Nashville as a prisoner of war.

Dec 28: Ludwell admitted to General Hospital No. 1 in Nashville for treatment of injuries sustained in the Battle of Franklin.

Ludwell Davis
Rank, *P*; Co. *B*, *25* Reg't *Texas*
Admitted *Dec 28*, 18*64*,
To No. *1*, U. S. A., Gen'l Hosp.
Nashville, Tenn.
From *Franklin, Tenn.*
Diagnosis, *Simple fl. wd. of*
lt arm (ab)
Missile, Con. ball
W'd at *Franklin, Nov. 30, 1864.*
Treatm't, _____

1865 Feb 14: Transported to Louisville, KY as a prisoner of war.

Feb 15: Received at Louisville, KY

Feb 17: Transported to Camp Chase, OH

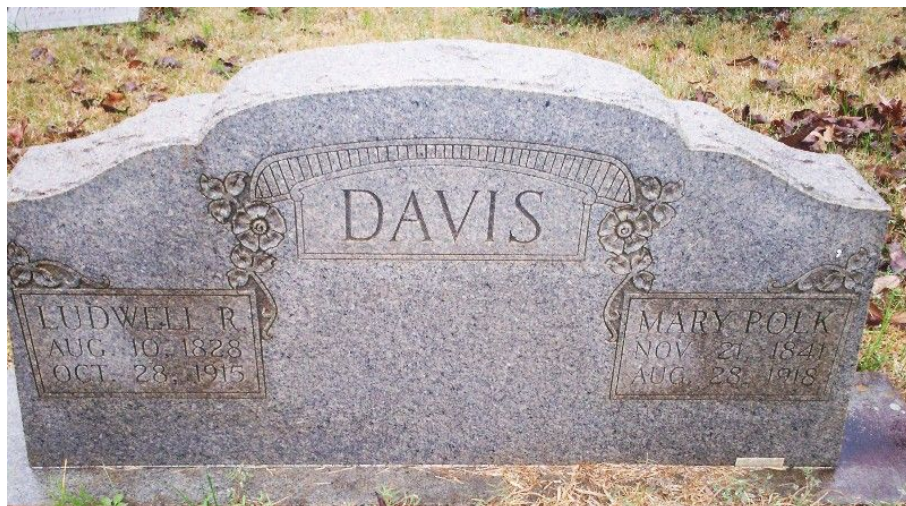
Feb 18: Received at Camp Chase, OH

Mar 26: Transported east to Point Lookout, MD

¹ fold3/CSR/25th TX Cavalry/ L R Davis, <https://www.fold3.com/image/8529128>

Jun 6: Released from US custody after taking the oath of allegiance.

- 1867 Ludwell Davis married Mary Cynthia Polk in San Augustine County, TX.
- 1870 Jul 4: The US Federal Census enumerated in San Augustine County, TX listed L.R. Davis as a forty two year old farmer that lived with his wife Mary and their two young children. There were also three young black family members living on Ludwell's farm. They were Clara Lane, a twenty four year old house servant, and her two brothers Frank and Simson. They were both listed as farm labor.
- 1880 Jun 26-28: The US Federal Census enumerated in San Augustine County, TX listed L.R. Davis as a farmer. He was fifty one years old and lived with his wife Mary and their six children. There were also three young black people that lived on Ludwell's farm. Cherry and Giles Andrews were fifteen and eighteen respectively. They were most likely related and Cherry worked as a house servant while Giles was listed as farm labor. There was another fifteen year old named Sanford listed as farm labor as well.
- 1900 Jun 29-30: The US Federal Census enumerated in San Augustine County, TX listed Ludwell Davis as a seventy one year old farmer. He lived with his wife Mary and five children.
- 1910 Apr 28: The US Federal Census enumerated in San Augustine County, TX listed Ludwell Davis at eighty one years old. He lived with his wife and four children. He was listed as a veteran of the Confederate Army.
- 1915 Ludwell Rector Davis died in San Augustine County, TX. He was buried in the McRae cemetery in San Augustine County.



² <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/49038491/ludwell-rector-davis>

LUDWELL R. DAVIS.

Ludwell Rector Davis died at his home, near San Augustine, Tex., on October 28, 1915. He was born August 10, 1838, the son of Elias Kinchloe Davis, a native of Kentucky, who was an early settler of Eastern Texas and helped to capture the old stone fort at Nacogdoches from the Mexicans. In 1836, when a boy of about eight years of age, Ludwell Davis participated in the famous escape from the Mexicans, rendering valuable assistance in caring for the women and children when they crossed the Texas border into Louisiana. He lived and died on the farm on which he was born. In 1852 he went to California and spent seven years as a gold miner. Returning to his home a short time before the War between the States broke out, he was one of the first to enlist in April, 1861, for the Confederate service. His command was in Granbury's Brigade, Cleburne's Division, Hardee's Corps, serving under Generals Johnston and Hood, and he took part in many campaigns through Mississippi, Tennessee, and Georgia. In the battle of Franklin, Tenn., he received seven wounds and carried a Minie ball for a long time as a memento of that battle. He was taken off the field as a prisoner and sent to Camp Chase, later sent to Point Lookout, Md., where he was discharged some time after the war.

Beginning life anew, he returned to the old place west of San Augustine and was a farmer and planter for the rest of his life. In 1867 he was united in marriage to Miss Mary C. Polk, daughter of the late Judge Alfred Polk, who settled in San Augustine County in 1836 and was a descendant from the same original stock of President James K. Polk. Of their nine children, eight survive him, five sons and three daughters. Very early in life he became a Christian and lived that life consistently.

³ Confederate Veteran Magazine, volume 24, published 1916, accessed through hathitrust.org