



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Moses Goodfellow

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Moses Goodfellow was a Confederate veteran who settled on Grapevine Prairie before the Civil War. He established a large family here. He joined the Bear Creek Baptist Church in present-day Euless in 1860 by letter from Sweet Spring, Randolph County, Missouri. Moses joined the Robert E. Lee Camp of United Confederate Veterans in Fort Worth, and told them he had served under General Gano, as did many other area men.

An excellent biographical sketch of Mr. Goodfellow, almost certainly written from material he supplied, appeared in the Memorial and Biographical History of Dallas County, published by the Lewis Publishing Company in 1892: *"MOSES GOODFELLOW, of Dallas county, was born in Meigs county, Ohio, January 12, 1820, a son of Peter B. and Annie (Crow) Goodfellow. The father, a native of New York, moved to Meigs county, Ohio at an early date, later to Mason county, Virginia, and in 1841 to Randolph county, Missouri, where he died in 1869, at the age of eighty-five years. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, for which he received head warrants in Arkansas.*

"Mr. and Mrs. Goodfellow were married in New York, and the wife accompanied her husband in all his moves, sharing his fortunes, and survived him eight years, dying in Randolph county, Missouri, in July, 1877, at the age of eighty-four years. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Goodfellow are: Melancthon, Susan, Moses, John, Peter, Adam, James, and Mary. All the children are now deceased except the subject of this sketch and a sister, Susan, who is now the widow of Francis Wolf, and resides in Randolph county, Missouri.

"Moses, the subject of this sketch, settled in Missouri when a young man, and in the fall of 1860 he came to Dallas county. Before coming to this State he traded for 205 acres of land in Dallas county, and to this he has since added until he now owns 276 acres on Grapevine Prairie, about one-half of which is in cultivation, and the remainder in pasture. Mr. Goodfellow also owns ninety acres of timber land near his homestead, and forty-five acres on the West Fork of the Trinity. He has done all the improving on his home place, having fenced the entire tract, cultivated about 100 acres, set out a fine orchard, and erected a comfortable, two-story frame house.

"Mr. Goodfellow was married in Missouri, November 25, 1846, to Nancy Beale, who was born in Boone county, Kentucky, December 16, 1828. She was taken by her parents, Thomas and Lucy Beale, to Missouri when ten years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Goodfellow have reared a large family of children, all of whom are now grown, and most of whom are married. They are as follows: Orilla, born February 7, 1848; Lucy Ann, January 20, 1850; William B. May 16, 1852; Sarah Nancy, June 29, 1854; John James, August 11, 1856; Thomas Peter, February 15, 1859; Mary Frances, August 26, 1861; Mosettie, March 12, 1864; and Robert, March 26, 1867. Lucy Ann died October 11, 1870; Sarah Nancy, September 17, 1880; Mary Frances, October 22, 1882. William B. married Sarah E. Jasper of Dallas county; John James was married December 20, 1882, to Lou Swan, of Tarrant county; Mary Frances was the wife of Isaac D. Houston, of Tarrant county; Mosettie was married to William Lucas, of Dallas county, October 20, 1886; Thomas Peter was married February 27, 1889 to Idelia Burgoon; and Robert married Fannie Foster, of Coleman county, Texas, March 26, 1891. Mr. and Mrs. Goodfellow are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, the former having been baptized at Sweet Springs Church, Randolph county, Missouri, October 12, 1849, and the latter at Bear Creek Church, Tarrant county, July 17, 1875."

Moses Goodfellow's home appears on the 1895 Sam Street Map of Tarrant County, Texas. Using modern-day landmarks, it sat inside the restricted area of the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport. His home is shown to be a few yards inside Dallas County. Using a 2004 Dallas Mapsco Guide as a reference, his house sat in quadrant S of page 21, about one thousand feet south of the north gridline and about 500 feet west of the east gridline.

Moses Goodfellow died October 18, 1897, and was buried in Bear Creek Cemetery in present-day Euless. Mrs. Goodfellow died in Tarrant County on November 13, 1913. No death certificate was filed for her, and no obituary appeared for her in the Grapevine Sun. Mrs. Goodfellow did not apply for a Confederate widow's pension.

Several genealogists have posted material concerning Moses Goodfellow and his family at Ancestry.com.

