



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Spencer Graham

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Spencer Graham, a Confederate veteran, was born December 14, 1840 in Benton County, Arkansas. Family sources at Ancestry.com say he was a son of William H. Graham (1814-1869) and Evelyn Ventors (1819-1851).

Graham served the Confederacy as a soldier in Co. G, 18th Texas Cavalry. His official records say he enlisted February 8, 1862 in Denton County for a term of twelve months. The enlisting officer was Felix McKitrick. Graham brought with him a horse worth \$115 and equipment worth \$12. He appears on all the surviving muster rolls for the regiment from February 8, 1862 through February of 1864. He was captured at Fort Hindman, Arkansas Post, Arkansas on January 11, 1863. He was at Camp Douglas in Chicago by February 8, 1863. He was sent to City Point, Virginia for exchange on April 10, 1863.

He was captured again on July 22, 1864 near Atlanta, Georgia by members of Sherman's army, and forwarded to Louisville, Kentucky on July 29. His name appears on a roll of prisoners received at the military prison at Louisville during the six days ending July 31, 1864. He was sent from there to Camp Chase, Ohio on July 30, 1864, and was received at Camp Chase on August 1, 1864. On March 2, 1865 he was transferred to City Point, Virginia for exchange.

Family sources at Ancestry.com say Mr. Graham married Martha Ann Reynolds. She was born July 18, 1842 in Alabama and died in Tarrant County, Texas, on March 12, 1914. They were married in August, 1866 in Denton County, Texas. When she applied for a Confederate widow's pension in 1913, she said she was seventy-one years old, a native of Alabama, had lived in Texas since about 1873, and in the Grapevine area since about 1876. Her pension application file contains affidavits by Alex Williams and William Brown of Denton County, saying they served in Co. G, 18th Texas Cavalry with her husband. Mrs. Graham remembered her husband saying he was captured twice.

The 1870 census of Precinct 4, Denton County, Texas shows Spencer Graham working as a wagoner. With him were his wife and two children. There were also a number of other Grahams

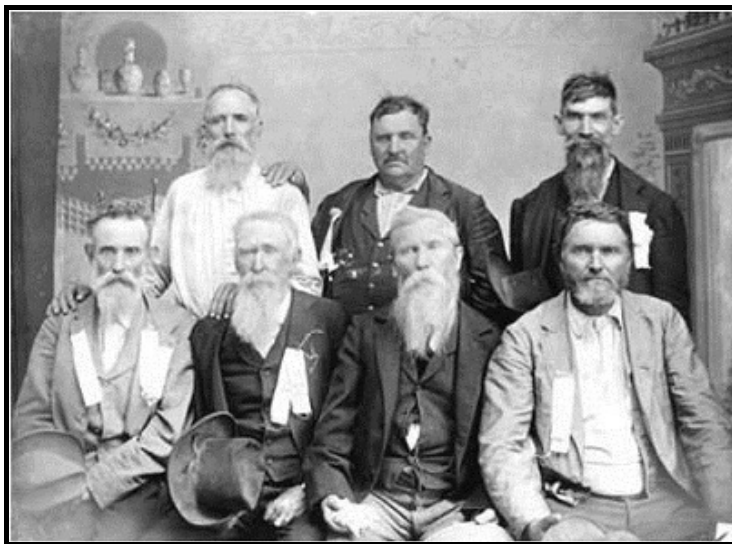
in his and the adjacent family who may have been Spencer's siblings, since they are too old to have been his children.

When the 1880 census was taken, Spencer and his family were living in Precinct 3 of Tarrant County, north of Big Bear Creek. Spencer Graham's home is shown on Sam Street's 1895 map of Tarrant County. In modern-day terms, it was in present-day Southlake between Peytonville Road and Randol Mill Road. His house sat at about the western end of Plantation Court (off Peytonville Road) and the south end of Ptarmigan Court (west of Randal Mill Road).

The 1900 census taker found Spencer's widow, Martha A. Graham, living in the Dove Community in present-day Southlake. The only other member of her immediate family in the household was her daughter, Bertha I. Graham. Martha told the census taker that year that she had given birth to eight children, only five of whom were still alive.

Spencer Graham died in Tarrant County, Texas on March 7, 1906. He lies buried in Hood Cemetery in present-day Southlake. Descendants report that she is buried in an unmarked grave beside her husband.

Using various internet and primary sources, the following list of children for this couple has been produced: Eva Rebecca Graham (also shown as Evaline R., May 10, 1867-September 10, 1931, married James Hogan); William Graham (born about 1869); Annie C. Graham (born about 1870); Bertha I. Graham (born about 1872); Ora G. Graham (1875-1934); Hollie F. Graham (born about 1878); John B. Graham (1880-1960); and George Bruno Graham (1885-1962).



Mr. Graham is in front right. Others are Denton County veterans

