



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Joseph Holt Green

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Joseph Holt Green was a member of a pioneer family who settled in the Bear Creek area south of Grapevine in 1868. He served the Confederacy in a Tennessee Cavalry regiment.

Joseph was a son of Tarrant County pioneer Hosea Green and his wife, Rowena (Holt) Green, who came from Bedford County, Tennessee to Tarrant County, Texas in 1868. Both the elder Greens lie buried in Bear Creek Cemetery. Joseph Holt Green was born at Wartrace, Bedford County, Tennessee on July 3, 1846.

J. H. Green's first wife, Margaret A. Green was born August 18, 1851 and died July 13, 1875; she is buried beside Joseph's parents in Bear Creek Cemetery.

Joseph married Nancy Caroline "Callie" Haley in Tarrant County on August 1, 1877. She was born January 19, 1851 in Bedford County, Tennessee. She was a daughter of other Tarrant County pioneers from Bedford County, Tennessee, Edward Taylor Haley (1819-1894) and his wife, Mary Ann (Coats) Haley (1824-1886). Both Mr. and Mrs. Haley lie buried in Bear Creek Cemetery in present-day Euless.

Joseph Green first went to Coleman County, Texas in 1871 while driving cattle to Kansas. In late 1877, he and his wife, Callie, returned to Coleman County and settled on Jim Ned Creek. About 1902 they left the Jim Ned Creek farm and bought land just west of the town of Santa Ana. Finally, in 1924, they moved into the town of Coleman where they spent the rest of their lives. In 1929, Joseph H. Green, and his wife Callie, were living at 721 West Pecan Street in Coleman. Cornelia Sadberry (colored) was a domestic who lived in the dwelling at the rear of 721 West Pecan Street.

According to [A History of Coleman County and Its People](#), Vols. I and II- Edited by Ralph Terry, Judia Gaines Terry, and Vena Bob Gates, (1985), the children of Joseph and Callie Green were Joseph Emmett Green (born in January 1878), Essie Rowena Green (born in December 1881, who

married a Mr. Leevis), Mary Myrtle Green (born in December 1883, who married William Nesbitt McCulloch), Lela Belle Green (born in March 1885, who married Will Bell), George Oran Green (born in September 1886), and Almeda Sophronia “Ollie” Green (born in October 1891, who married Everett Hickman). When the 1900 census was taken in Coleman County, Callie Green said she had given birth to seven children, six of whom were still living.

In 1930, Joseph H. Green applied to the State of Texas for a Confederate pension. He said he surrendered at Shelbyville, Tennessee in December 1864, or January or February 1865. He said he lived at Fairfield, Tennessee when he enlisted in Co. H, 4th Tennessee Cavalry. Unfortunately for Mr. Green, no muster rolls survived to prove his service. His sister, Sarah C. Scott of Bedford, Texas made an affidavit for him on November 12, 1930, in which she said in part: *“...I am Mrs. Sarah C. Scott, am the sister of Joseph Holt Green. I know of my own personal knowledge and state as a positive fact that the said Joseph Holt Green joined a portion of Wheeler’s command in the late Summer or early Fall on the year 1863, which Command was passing through the settlement in which we lived at the time in the State of Tennessee; that he was in service about eighteen months before the close of the Civil War; that on his return home on furlough he wore the uniform of the Confederate Army, and carried arms and ammunition issued to him by the Confederate Army...”*

Callie Green died March 2, 1935 in Coleman, and was buried in Coleman Cemetery. He died August 5, 1936 in Coleman, Texas, and was buried beside his wife there. There is extensive information to be found on this family at Ancestry.com.

