



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

John Henry Hill

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John Henry Hill was a veteran of both armies during the Civil War. He lies buried at Mount Gilead Cemetery.

John H. Hill was born December 14, 1836 in Lawrence Co., Alabama, a son of John Thomas Hill (1806-1880) and Nancy (McCain) Hill (1806-1860). John H. Hill moved with his parents from Mississippi to near Daingerfield, Titus County, Texas about 1850. From there they moved to near Kentucky Town in Grayson County. They finally moved to Denton County, near Elizabethtown, in 1859.

John H. Hill was married twice. First, he was married January 5, 1858 in Grayson County, Texas to Mary Jane Patterson.

Hill served the Confederacy as a private in Capt. James H. Tuttle's Co., 16th Regiment Texas Cavalry, which subsequently became Co. G. He was twenty-five years old when he enlisted in Grayson County on March 1, 1862 for a term of twelve months. He was mustered into the Confederate service in Collin County on March 10, 1862. He brought with him a horse worth \$170 and equipment worth \$25.

He is shown as a 4th Corporal on regimental rolls for July and August, 1863. He was "Captured by the enemy on the 15th of June 1863." He appears as a 3rd Corporal on the rolls for January and February 1864, even though he was still a prisoner. Another record made about this time says he was captured at Richmond, Louisiana, and was in the hands of the Union Provost Marshall at Memphis, Tennessee, where he had been sent on June 14, 1863.

He arrived at the Federal military prison at Alton, Illinois on July 7, 1863. He was released upon having taken the oath of allegiance to the U. S. government on August 13, 1863. Nothing further is to be found in his Confederate files in Washington.

Family sources say he later served in the Union army as both and private and a corporal in Co. E, 59th Illinois Infantry. He filed an application for a Union pension on August 1, 1882. Mrs. Hill also applied at some point in the 1880's, but the exact date is not legible on the archives microfilm. Mrs. Hill appears in the Special Veterans Census of 1890 in Tarrant County's Precinct 4. She said her husband was a corporal in Co. E, 59th Illinois Infantry, and that he served from January 16, 1864 until December 8, 1865. She gave her post office address as Keller, Texas.

Official records show him to have been a resident of Bellville, Illinois (where he may have been imprisoned) when he enlisted. He was discharged on December 8, 1865 in New Braunfels, Texas.

His second marriage was to a Confederate widow, Mrs. Mahulda Ann (Neace) Fishback in Tarrant County on March 11, 1866. She was the widow of George W. Fishback, who was killed in Jack County, Texas. She was born in Missouri on August 25, 1839, and was a daughter of Peters Colonists and Keller pioneers Iraneous and Lucinda Neace. She died Oct. 8, 1923 at the home of her-son-in law, Thomas Drake, three miles northeast of Keller.

John H. Hill died November 28, 1885 and was buried in Mt. Gilead Cemetery. Hill and his second wife were the parents of three children: Grant Hill (February 17, 1867-June 10, 1933); John Iraneous Hill (born August 17, 1869); Lola Ann Hill (born March 25, 1872, married Harve Musick).

When the 1900 census was taken, Mrs. Mahulda Hill was living at Keller in Tarrant County, as a member of the household of her son, John I. Hill. She said she had given birth to six children, all of whom were still alive. The family next door was that of Thomas Drake, whose wife Marcela (born in March 1856) was Mrs. Hill's daughter in her first marriage.

Any descendants of this veteran who have copies of his wife's pension file are asked to share that information with this compiler.

