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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

John Marion Huggins

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John Marion Huggins was Confederate veteran of a Tennessee regiment who lived the last years of his life at Grapevine. He lies buried in Flower Mound Cemetery in southern Denton County, Texas.

Mr. Huggins was born May 25, 1844 in Hickman County, Tennessee (according to his death certificate). The same document says his parents, Joseph Huggins and Rebecca (Ladd) Huggins, were natives of South Carolina. John M. Huggins himself told census takers on more than one occasion that both his parents were born in North Carolina.

Family sources at Ancestry.com suggest that John may have used the surname Hudgins early in life. This may indeed be true, since the 1850 census of Dickson County, Tennessee shows a family headed by one Joseph Hudgins whose wife was named Rebecca and who had a son names John who was seven years old. Both parents were North Carolinians, and John was born in Tennessee. In the 1840 census of Hickman County, Tennessee, one Joseph Hudgins (whose family details match those of the man in 1850 in Dickson County) is found listed next-door to Jesse “Lad” who was born between 1770 and 1780.

John M. Huggins served the Confederacy as a soldier in Co. A, 42nd Tennessee Infantry. He enlisted in Captain Josiah Hubbard’s Company of Tennessee Volunteers, which company subsequently became Companies A and B of the 42nd Tennessee. Huggins’ name appears on a regimental muster roll on October 22, 1861, with a notation that he enlisted at Camp Cheatham, Tennessee for a term of twelve months. Huggins was captured in the fall of Fort Donelson, Tennessee on February 16, 1862. On March 18, 1862, while in federal custody at Camp Douglas, he was admitted to the U.S.A. Prison Hospital there for treatment of “Pneumonia Typhoid” and stayed there until June 24, 1862. His name appears on a roll of prisoners of war at Camp Douglas who were sent south to Vicksburg, Mississippi on September 4, 1862 for exchange. On a roll for August 1 to October 31, 1862, he is shown with a notation “discharged and paid.” He was discharged on October 9, 1862.

Mr. Huggins and his wife, Elmina (or Elmira) S. Crowel, were married in Humphreys County, Tennessee on January 7, 1866. They appear in the 1870 census of Humphrey County in District 9, with two children: Jesse and Martha. They appear on the same page in the census as several Crowel households. Family researchers at ancestry.com say she was born in Humphreys County on November 8, 1849, and was a daughter of John S. and Ann L. Crowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Huggins are found in the 1880 census of Humphreys County, Tennessee in District 9. With them were four children: Jesse J. (born about 1867); Martha (born about 1869); Mary J. (born about 1874); and Thomas N. (born about 1878). When he applied for a Confederate pension many years later, Mr. Huggins said he moved from Tennessee to Grapevine, Texas about 1885. He probably settled a short distance north of the Tarrant-Denton County line.

The census taker in 1900 found the family in Precinct 3 of Denton County, Texas. Mrs. Huggins said she was born in August, 1849. She had given birth to four children, two of whom were still living. Two of the Huggins grandchildren were in the home: Bailey Huggins (born in September 1893) and Osbey Huggins (born in October 1895). They were sons of John's deceased son, Jesse Huggins.

In 1910 Mr. and Mrs. Huggins are found in the census of Denton County, Texas in Precinct 3. Mrs. Huggins said she had given birth to four children, three of whom were still alive. They had one grandson, Osby Huggins, born about 1896, living with them. Mr. Huggins told the census taker he was a Confederate veteran.

When he applied for a Confederate pension in 1913, John M. Huggins gave his residence as Grapevine, Denton County. He said he left the Confederate service about 1862 in Clinton, Mississippi after having served about twelve months. His file contains an affidavit by J. R. Beasley of Dickson County, Tennessee which says Mr. Huggins served time as a prisoner at Camp Douglas.

The census taker in 1920 found Mr. and Mrs. Huggins living alone at Grapevine in Tarrant County. He said both his parents were natives of North Carolina. She said both hers were Tennesseans.

John M. Huggins died at Grapevine in Tarrant County at 9:30 p.m. on April 12, 1920. The cause of death listed on his death certificate was senility. He was buried the next day in Flower Mound Cemetery.

Mrs. Huggins applied for a Confederate widow's pension in 1920. Her address was given as Dundee, Tarrant County, Texas. She said she was seventy years old, a native of Tennessee, and had been in Texas for thirty-four years. She said she had lived the past twenty months at Dundee, Texas. She said her husband died at Grapevine in Tarrant County.

About 1922 Mrs. Huggins moved back to Tennessee. A postcard in her pension file was postmarked October 15, 1925 at Nashville, Tennessee, and was addressed to Elmira S. Huggins at Route 1, Dickson, Tennessee. Mrs. Huggins has a headstone in Flower Mound Cemetery which gives her dates of birth and death as 1849 and 1930. Descend-ants say she returned to Texas before she died.

John and Elmira Huggins had four children: Jesse J. Huggins, Martha I. Huggins, Mary J. Huggins, and Thomas Nesbitt Huggins.

Jessie J. Huggins was born April 2, 1867. His wife's name was Lula. He died June 15, 1896 and was buried in Flower Mound Cemetery.

Martha I. (or J.) Huggins was born April 22, 1869. She married Joe D. Beasley in Humphreys County on February 12, 1885. Her sister, Mary J. Huggins, married a Mr. McMinn.

Thomas Nesbitt Huggins was born April 2, 1879 and died January 16, 1924. He married Tempy Florence Simmons (1895-1917). Tempy Huggins is buried in Flower Mound Cemetery.

