



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Thomas C. Jones

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Thomas C. Jones came to this community with his parents as a young teenager, and enlisted in the Confederate service here in Northeast Tarrant County at Grapevine. He died in battle in Louisiana in 1864, and was buried there. His brother, Walter Leake Jones, was also a Confederate soldier from this community.

Thomas C. Jones was born September 3, 1841 Mason County, Kentucky, a son of Joseph Fleming Jones (1808-1878) and his wife, Mary Leake (1815-1884), both of whom died in Tarrant County, Texas and were buried in Bear Creek Cemetery. He came with his parents and settled south of Grapevine about 1854. His father, Joseph F. Jones, is mentioned in an estate settlement in northeast Tarrant County in 1855. The elder Jones also appears on the 1855 Jury List for Tarrant County.

Thomas Jones joined the old Bear Creek Baptist Church by experience and baptism in 1857, two years after his parents had joined it by letter from a Kentucky church.

Thomas first entered the Southern service as a member of R. M. Gano's Grapevine Mounted Riflemen in 1861, which was a part of the 20th Brigade of the Texas Militia. Soon after, like many other area men he became a member of Co. A, 34th Texas Cavalry. His records within the regiment are quite sparse. He enlisted at Grapevine on January 15, 1862 under Hiram Crowley for a term of twelve months, and was allowed eleven dollars for the use of his own weapons. He was to be paid for traveling one hundred ten miles to the regimental rendezvous. He was with the regiment as shown on a roll for February 28 through June 30, 1863. He last appears on a company muster roll for the months of January and February, 1864.

The Jones family Bible shows his death on June 25, 1864, which suggests he may have been wounded near Yellow Bayou, Louisiana, the regiment having met disaster there on that day. He was probably buried in Louisiana.



Cenotaph installed in Bear Creek Cemetery on May 3, 2014 by E. W. Taylor Camp 1777, Sons of Confederate Veterans.