



# TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### Richard Lafayette Thweatt

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Richard Lafayette Thweatt was a Confederate veteran who lived for several years near Grapevine after the Civil War. His first wife lies buried in Grapevine Cemetery. He later moved to Hopkins County and died there.

Richard Thweatt was born September 23, 1844 in Missouri, a son of William A. Thweatt (born about 1814 in Alabama). The family was living in Rock Roe Township in Monroe County, Arkansas in 1860. Richard's mother was dead by 1860, and may have died about 1852 at the birth of her son, Benjamin. In 1860, William A. Thweatt owned thirteen slaves.

Richard was a private in Co. A, Sanders 17<sup>th</sup> Battalion Tennessee Cavalry of Forrest's Brigade. This later became Capt. Flournoy's Co., 9<sup>th</sup> Mississippi Cavalry. Original records show he enlisted on February 18, 1863 in Monroe County, Arkansas for the duration of the War. In his pension application he said he served February 1861 through May 1865 in Co. A., Flournoy's Scouts, Ferguson's Brigade Cavalry. He said he was captured in May, 1865 just before General Joseph E. Johnston surrendered in North Carolina.

When the 1870 census was taken, Richard was a single man living with his father, step-mother, and siblings in Cache Township, Monroe County, Arkansas. This census says he was born in Missouri.

Richard Thweatt was first married about 1876 to Elvira D. Germany, who was born in Neshoba County, Mississippi about 1854. She was a daughter of James Hull Germany (1822-1881) and his first wife, Martha E. Morris (1827-1861). They were married about 1876; their marriage is not on record in Navarro County, Texas. There was at one time a marker in Grapevine Cemetery for "Elvira E. Germany Thweatt", wife of R. L. Thweatt, who died December 20, 1886, at age thirty-two. A careful search of the cemetery in the late 1970's failed to locate it.

Richard Thweatt and his family appear in the 1880 census of Navarro County, Texas. They lived in District 136. Also living with the family was Richard's younger half-brother, Archer Thweatt.

Richard lived in Precinct 8 of Dallas County in 1900. The family consisted of Richard and his children by his first marriage, his second wife Adeline, and their first child.

The Thweatt family appears in the 1910 census of Hopkins County, Texas in District 65 of Precinct 5. This census indicates that Mr. Thweatt had been married twice, while Mrs. Thweatt had been married only once. Mrs. Thweatt said she had given birth to seven children, six of whom were still living. The family appears in the 1920 Hopkins County census in District 78 of Precinct 6.

Mr. Thweatt applied for a Confederate pension in 1915 while he was living at Dyke, Hopkins County, Tennessee. He said he was seventy years old and had been born in Missouri. He came to Texas in 1868, and moved to Dyke, Texas about 1909. J. E. Brock of Grapevine made an affidavit in support of his application, saying he (Brock) also knew J. T. and James Thweatt, Robert's brothers, in the same regiment. Brock also mentioned the names of Mark Searcy, R. H. Whitley, Asa Vance, and J. E. Jarnigan.

Mrs. A. B. Piper of Decatur, Texas, a daughter of Robert Thweatt, said he died December 11, 1926 at Dyke, and had earlier lived for a time at Sulphur Springs. He lies buried in Sulphur Bluff Cemetery in Hopkins County, with a headstone which gives his regimental number and state in the Confederate Army. No death certificate was filed for Mr. Thweatt.

Mr. Thweatt's widow, Mary Addie Thweatt of 3220 Littlejohn in Ft. Worth, filed an application for a Confederate widow's pension in 1948. They were married February 20, 1895 in Denton County, Texas. She was the widow of Richard Lafayette Thweatt. She was born in Texas August 3, 1877. Although she applied for her pension in 1948, it was not granted until 1958, by Texas Comptroller Robert S. Calvert. Mrs. Thweatt said they had twelve children.

Mr. Thweatt's children in his first marriage included: Katie Thweatt (born about 1877) James A. Thweatt (born September or October 1879); William A. Thweatt (October 1882); Eulalia B. Thweatt (born October 1886). The mother of these children was born in Texas. There is a gravestone in Younger Cemetery in Navarro County, Texas for Mary C. Thweatt, daughter of R. L. and E. D. Thweatt, who was born October 10, 1878 and died November 21, 1882.

A list of Mr. Thweatt's children in his second marriage includes: Ila M. Thweatt (born about 1898); Lilly M. (Sallie?) Thweatt (born about 1901); Johnnie R. Thweatt (a male, born about 1903); Robert L. Thweatt (born about 1905); Annie E. Thweatt (born about 1907); and Addie (or Annie) M. Thweatt (born about 1909), Marie Thweatt (born about 1910), and Juanita Thweatt (born about 1915). One additional child was lost before 1910. Judging from the statement Mrs. Thweatt made in her pension application, there were an additional three children who died young between 1910 and 1920. Since she was only seventeen when she and Richard Thweatt married, it seems unlikely she could have had and lost three children in a previous marriage.



RICHARD L. THWEATT

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DECEMBER 11, 1926