



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Aaron T. Tucker

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Aaron T. Tucker was a native North Carolinian who served in a Texas Confederate cavalry regiment. He lived for many years near Birdville before dying in 1918 at the home of his daughter in the Riverside section of Fort Worth. He and his wife lie buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Mr. Tucker told his comrades in the R. E. Lee Confederate Veterans camp at Fort Worth that he was born in Stokes County, North Carolina. His death certificate shows his birth date as March 19, 1833. He and his wife, Ferabe Hedrick (or Headrick), were married about 1862. Her headstone says she was born in 1843 and died in 1908. She was a native of Tennessee.

Mr. Tucker served the Confederacy as a private in Co. E, 19th Texas Cavalry. He enlisted in Capt. Reuben E. Sanders' Company of Burford's Regiment of Texas Cavalry on March 31, 1862 at Weatherford, Parker County, Texas. He presented himself for service riding a horse worth one hundred thirty dollars and with equipment worth fifteen dollars. He traveled seventy miles to the regimental rendezvous at Dallas and was mustered into the Confederate service there. He was described as being five feet nine inches tall, with blue eyes and light hair. On June 25, 1862 he was stationed at Camp Stonewall Jackson, the headquarters of the 19th Texas Cavalry, in Dallas County. On that day he received an enlistment bounty of fifty dollars. No further records of his service have survived. He was twenty-seven years old when he enlisted. Mr. Tucker apparently never applied for a Confederate pension.

In the 1870 census of Precinct 2 of Tarrant County, Aaron Tucker is shown as a native North Carolina who was born about 1833. His wife, Ferobe E. Tucker, was twenty-six years old and a Tennessean. They had five children with them, all of whom were born in Texas except the youngest, Moses T. Tucker, who was born about 1869 in Arkansas. The others were Joseph, Bell, John, and Fena M. Tucker. Pleasant Parkey, a twenty-year old Missourian, was living with the family.

In the tax lists for Tarrant County for 1872, Aaron Tucker was shown as the owner of three hundred ten acres of the J. W. Elliston survey, worth six hundred dollars. He is not shown with any other personal property or livestock. In terms of modern-day landmarks, this Elliston survey is in Haltom City, Texas. It lies in a square, with its northeast corner at about the intersection of Beach Street and Broadway Avenue and its southeast corner about where Broadway Avenue and Haltom Road cross. Northeast 28th Street defines its southern boundary. Mr. Tucker's home appears on Sam Street's Map of Tarrant County, made in December of 1895. His home sat in the just-mentioned Elliston survey about where Little Fossil Creek Park now sits.

Mr. and Mrs. Tucker appear in the 1880 census of Precinct 4 of Tarrant County. All five of their children were still at home with them; all the children were shown as native Texans except Moses, who again was shown to have been born in Arkansas.

When the 1900 census was taken, Mr. and Mrs. Tucker and their daughter were living in Tarrant County in the Birdville voting precinct. Mr. Tucker said he was born in North Carolina in March 1833; Mrs. Tucker said she was born in Alabama in March 1840. Mrs. Tucker said she had given birth to five children, all of whom were still alive. Their daughter, Rilla Tucker, was still with them; she was born in March 1869 and was single.

Mrs. Ferabe E. Tucker died in 1908 and was buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery. She has no death certificate on file. When the census was taken two years later, Aaron T. Tucker was living in the household of his son, Joseph Tucker, in Fort Worth. Aaron said he was born in North Carolina to a Virginian father and a North Carolinian mother. He told the census taker he was a Confederate veteran.

Mr. Tucker died at 5 a.m. on January 15, 1918, at the home of his daughter, Rilla Wood, in the Riverside section of Fort Worth. He died of pneumonia, and was buried the next day in Mount Olivet Cemetery. He has a double headstone with his wife there.

An obituary for Mr. Tucker appeared in the Fort Worth Record on January 16, 1918: "*PIONEER SETTLER OF TARRANT COUNTY DIES. A. T. Tucker, 84, one of the pioneer settlers of Tarrant county, died Tuesday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. W. Wood, at Riverside, Fort Worth. Tucker was born in North Carolina and spent his early life in Kentucky. He came to Tarrant county forty-six years ago and settled at Birdville, where he lived up to a short time ago. Deceased was a member of the Baptist church of Birdville and was one of the founders. He is survived by four children, Mrs. A. B. Jolly, Mrs. R. W. Wood, John W. Tucker and T. Moses Tucker, all of Fort Worth. The funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock from the Birdville Baptist church. Rev. Mr. Hancock, pastor of the Birdville Baptist church, and the pastor of the First Baptist church of Fort Worth will officiate. The honorary pallbearers will be J. M. Popplewell, Frank Booth, W. A. Reeves, Frank Jones, A. S. Wear, Marvin Boyd, Will Sandsberry, L. M. Barkley, William Eagle, M. Snow, William Bewley, Ike Sandsberry, F. A. Thompson and Dr. R. T. Talbott. The active pallbearers will be Lon Adkins, John Hollingsworth, J. W. Naylor, O. A. Calloway, Bass Young and Leon Booth.*"

The Tuckers had five children, all of whom lived to adulthood. They were Joseph Tucker, Laura Belle Tucker, John W. Tucker, Rilla W. Tucker, and T. Moses Tucker.

Joseph Tucker was born in Texas about 1862. He and his wife, Mollie, were living in Tarrant County in 1910. Mollie was born about 1872 in Minnesota to parents who were German natives. They were married about 1894. Joseph must have died in or before 1918, since he is not mentioned as a survivor in his father's obituary.

Laura Belle Jolley was born in Texas July 24, 1864, a daughter of Aaron T. Tucker and a Miss Headrick, according to her death certificate. Laura died at the Dallas Medical and Surgical Clinic (her last permanent home was at Seagoville, Texas) on September 5, 1945. She lies buried beside her husband, A. B. Jolley, Sr. (1854-1914), in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Fort Worth.

John W. Tucker died at his home at 1508 West Fifth Street in Fort Worth. He was born on November 17, 1866. His death certificate says he was a son of Eron Tucker and Farbe Hedrick, and was a retired post office employee. He died September 18, 1923, and was buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Rilla Tucker Wood was born at Veal Station, Parker County, Texas on March 13, 1869. She died in a rest home at 412 Lipscomb Street in Fort Worth on May 4, 1955. She was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in the Handley section of East Fort Worth. Her last permanent address was in Fort Worth at 1816 North Riverside Drive.

T. Moses Tucker was born about 1869 in Arkansas. *There is one T. M. Tucker buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery who may or may not be this T. Moses Tucker. He was Trenton M. Tucker, who was born August 7, 1870 and who died at Chaves, Roswell County, New Mexico on June 20, 1921 (according to his headstone). His death certificate says he died on June 21, and was buried in Fort Worth, Texas. No birthplace or parents' names are shown on the certificate. His wife, Nanno Tucker (1874-1942) lies buried beside him.*

