



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

John Boon

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John Boon was a Confederate veteran who lived for many years in the Keller area. He was a direct descendant of a brother of the famous frontiersman of the same name. His younger brother, Daniel, was another of our northeast Tarrant County veterans, as was their brother-in-law, John Tarwater.

Members of this family seemed to have used both “Boon” and “Boone” as their surname. This soldier’s father has a homemade sandstone headstone in Smithfield Cemetery which very clearly says “Daniel Boone.” It was made in 1933 by one of the elder Daniel’s great-grandsons, Guy Tarwater.

John’s wife’s headstone at Keller says “Boon,” and his brother, Daniel’s, stone at Mount Olivet says “Boon.” Many genealogists have posted information on this family at ancestry.com.

John Boone married Mary Ellen Crawford, a native of Iowa, and a daughter of William Crawford (1819-1902) who lies buried near her in Bourland Cemetery in Keller. Her name is confirmed by the death certificates of several of her children. Mary’s headstone in Bourland Cemetery gives her dates of birth and death as October 13, 1844 and August 14, 1900.

John Boon registered to vote in Tarrant County on August 9, 1867. He said he had been in Texas for eighteen years, and in Precinct 3 of Tarrant County for the past two years.

John and Mary E. Boon are shown in the 1870 census. Unfortunately the census taker recorded only initials for many given names. They were living in Precinct 2 at the time, and had two children living with them: W. Boone (a male born about 1866) and A. Boone (a female born in February 1870). It also appears that John’s mother, J. Boone (born about 1823) was living with them at the time.

In the 1880 Tarrant County census John and Mary Boon had the following children living with them: Annie L., Rosa F., Margaret, John B., Calvin, and Clara B. Boon. Next door was John's brother, Daniel Boon, and his wife, Mary.

John Boon's home appears on the 1895 Sam Street map of Tarrant County. His nearest neighbor was his brother-in-law, John C. Tarwater, and his family. In modern-day terms, Mr. Boon's home sat in present-day North Richland Hills in Cross Timbers Park, a few yards northwest of where Douglas makes a 90-degree turn to the west and then goes west a short distance before making another turn to the north, skirting the south and west boundaries of the park.

In the 1900 census, John Boon and his family appear at Keller. They had five children living with them: Calvin, Mary E., Cora E., Hardie C., and Fannie P. Boon. Mary told the census taker she had given birth to thirteen children, nine of whom were still alive.

When the 1910 census was taken, Mr. Boon was making his home with the family of his son-in-law, Mike Stateham, in the Rosen Heights section of Fort Worth at 2313 Azle Street. Ten years later, in 1920, John was living with the family of his brother, Daniel, back in the Keller-Smithfield area.

In 1921 Mr. Boone applied to the State of Texas for a Confederate pension. His address at that time was 316-1/2 Texas Street in Fort Worth. He said he was eighty years old, and had been in Texas seventy-two years. He said he had been in Tarrant County since 1865.

Mr. Boon said he served the Confederacy in Co. E, Howell's Battery of the 11th Texas Cavalry. Officials in the War Department in Washington D. C. said they were unable to find any record of Boon's service, but his sister, Margaret Tarwater, made an affidavit for him in which she said her brother had come home only once during the entire War. He came home to buy horses for the army. After the surrender an acquaintance named John Tarwater came home with him, and not long after Margaret and Mr. Tarwater were married.

Mr. Boon said he was discharged in May, 1865. A handwritten notation made on the outside of Boon's original application says "Dead. 10-17-27." In most cases, that date is the one on which the pension bureau was notified on the veteran's death. Records compiled by Mrs. Harmonson and Mrs. White of Keller, both preeminent local historians many years ago, record Mr. Boon's death as October 14, 1927 and his burial in Bourland Cemetery. His pension file contains no mortuary warrant.

An obituary for Mr. Boon appeared on November 3, 1927 in the Grapevine Sun: ***"DIED. Mr. John Boone, age 91 years, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Stadium at Keller, Friday, October 14th. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. B. P. Milburn, pastor of the Baptist Church of this place, at the Keller Baptist Church. Burial was made in the Keller Cemetery. He is survived by six daughters: Mmes. W. L. Little and Fannie Orrick, of Fort Worth, Mrs. Flannagin and Mrs. Rosie Lopp, of Keller, Mrs. Cora Ponder of Amarillo, and Mrs. John Stadium of Keller, and one son, Mr. H. C. Boone of Fort Worth."***

Thus census records supply a list of children which includes: W. (a boy), Annie, Rosa, Margaret, John, Calvin, Clara, Cora, Hardie, Mary E., and Fannie P. Boone. There were two more who

apparently lived only between the census cycles for which records have survived. We have been unable to identify "Mrs. John Stadium" in the above obituary. There was a large Stateham family in Keller, but we have not been able to place her in it. One of John Boon's daughters was first married to Michael Stateham, but she (Rosie) was later married to a Mr. Lopp and is mentioned in the obituary.

A posting several years ago at ancestry.com lists the following children: Annie. Rosa. Lilla. Bertie. Calvin. Cora. Hardy. Millie. Fannie. Of these, Lilla, Bertie, and Millie are not immediately identifiable in census or death records.

W. Boon was a boy born about 1866. He was not with the family in 1880. There is now no standing readable headstone in northeast Tarrant County which appears to belong to him.

Annie Love Boon was born January 27, 1869. She married Andrew. J. Flannagin, and their home appears on the 1895 Sam Street map of Tarrant County just south of the old residential area of Keller. She died at Keller, Texas on September 20, 1933. Her death certificate says only that she was buried in Keller.

Rosa F. Boon Lopp was born September 9, 1870. She was first married to Michael E. Stateham (1860-1914) in Tarrant County on March 22, 1888. After his death she married a Mr. Lopp. She died at her home in the Riverside section of Fort Worth on September 20, 1935. She was buried in Bourland Cemetery in Keller. Her headstone gives her name as Rosie Stateham Lopp and her dates of birth and death as 1871 and 1935.

Margaret Boon was born about 1873. She was with the family when the 1880 census was taken. She has no standing readable headstone under the Boon surname in northeast Tarrant County.

John B. Boon was born about 1875. He was still with the family in 1880 when the census was taken. He is not listed among his father's survivors in 1927.

Calvin Boon was born in December, 1876. He worked for several years as a horse trader. He died in Paris, Lamar County, Texas in the sanitorium there on October 25, 1918. His wife survived him. His death certificate says only that he was buried at Fort Worth.

Clara B. Boon was born about 1879. She was with the family when the 1880 census was taken, but was no longer with them in 1900. She has no standing readable headstone under the Boon surname in northeast Tarrant County.

Cora B. Boon was born January 30, 1882. She married Carl Arthur Ponder (1881-1957). She died March 3, 1958 in John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth, and was buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery. Her last permanent address was 509 East Bluff in Fort Worth.

Hardie Crawford Boon was living in Tarrant County in 1920. His death certificate says he was born April 28, 1883. He worked as a pipe fitter for an oil company. He died in John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth on March 18, 1955 and was buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery. His last permanent

address was Rt. 11, Box 324, Fort Worth. His wife, Ava Ann Boone (1887-1983) lies buried beside him.

Mary Ellen Boon Little was born March 25, 1884. She died in Harris Hospital in Fort Worth on June 26, 1971 and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Fort Worth. Her last permanent address was 2261 Hemphill Street in Fort Worth.

Frances Princess Boon McMullen was born August 22, 1886, according to her death certificate. She married Gilbert McMullen. She died at the Hamilton Convalescent Center in Fort Worth on July 5, 1971. Her last permanent address was 400 East Bluff Street in Fort Worth. She was buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Fort Worth. She is listed in her father's obituary as Mrs. Fannie Orrick.

