



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Dr. Ambrose H. Boyd

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Dr. Ambrose H. Boyd was a Confederate veteran and physician who lived for many years in the area of present-day Euless. Later in life he moved into Fort Worth and lies buried there in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

In the 1850 census of Brownsville, Union County, Indiana, there was one Ambrose Boyd, a physician, born about 1829 in Indiana, who was living in the household of John Doughty, a dentist. *We have not proven this to the same Ambrose Boyd who later lived in Tarrant County, but it may be of interest to later researchers.*

Ambrose Boyd had reached Tarrant County by 1860, when he appears in the tax list. He owned no real estate at the time. He witnessed the will of George Aplin on April 10, 1866. A. H. Boyd was involved in the settlement of the estate of J. K. Mosier (d. 1867) in 1867 and 1868. This was one of the Mosiers for whom Mosier Valley was named. When he registered to vote in Tarrant County on August 2, 1867, he said he'd been in Texas, Tarrant County, and Precinct 2 for seven years, hence he must have come here about 1860. Oddly, he said he was a native of Missouri.

A. H. Boyd was a member of Capt. J. R. Cummings Company of West Fork Guards, a mounted company raised in the neighborhood of Bear Creek and Leonard's Mill in northeast Tarrant County. Boyd's name appears on a muster roll dated June 18, 1861.

On March 28, 1870 he signed as a security in the estate of Claudius Jones, deceased. At the time of the 1870 census, Ambrose and his family were living in northeast Tarrant County and farming. Both Ambrose and his wife, Ann M. Boyd, said they were born in Pennsylvania. With them were five children: J. R. Boyd, born about 1856 in Illinois; John S. Boyd, born about 1858 in Illinois; Judson C. Boyd, born about 1862 in Texas; Jessie M. Boyd, a daughter born about 1864 in Texas; and Mary F. Boyd, born about 1869 in Texas.

In the summer of 1873, in a Precinct 3 meeting at Spring Garden, A. H. Boyd was named as a delegate to the county Democratic convention to be held in Fort Worth on August 2.

When the 1880 census of Tarrant County was taken, Ambrose and his family were farming and living in Precinct 3 south of Big Bear Creek. He said he was born in Indiana to two Kentuckian parents. His wife, Margaret (Brewer) Boyd, was born about 1830 in Pennsylvania, as were both her parents. They had five children living with them: Reeves Boyd, born about 1856 in Illinois; Scott Boyd, born about 1859 in Illinois; Judd Boyd, born about 1861 in Texas; Jessie Boyd, a daughter born about 1865 in Texas; and Florence Boyd, born about 1869 in Texas. The two oldest sons were working as stock traders.

Mrs. M. A. Boyd died in Fort Worth in 1909, and is buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery. Her headstone says, "Mrs. M. A. Boyd, 1828-1909."

When the 1910 census was taken, Ambrose was living in Ward 8 in Fort Worth with the family of his daughter and son-in-law, Edward L. and Florena B. White.

Dr. Boyd died of senility on April 5, 1916 at 2021 Hemphill Street in Fort Worth. His age was given as eighty-six. He was widowed, and a native of Georgia. The informant was E. L. White of Fort Worth. He was buried at Mount Olivet on April 6. His headstone says simply, "Dr. A. H. Boyd, 1829-1916."

An obituary appeared for Dr. Boyd in the Fort Worth Record on April 6, 1916: ***"PIONEER CITIZEN DIES AT HOME OF DAUGHTER. Dr. A. H. Boyd, 86, resident of Tarrant County for fifty years, died Wednesday morning at 9:15 o'clock at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. E. L. White, 2021 Hemphill Street. Dr. Boyd was born and reared in Kentucky. He served in the Confederate army in the war between the states during the entire four years of strife. He moved from Kentucky to Tarrant county directly after the surrender of General Lee. He is survived by three sons, J. R. Boyd of Rochelle, J. S. Boyd of Cleburne and J. C. Boyd of Fort Worth, and two daughters, Mrs. G. L. Williams of Spur and Mrs. E. L. White of Fort Worth. Funeral services will be held at the residence of Mrs. White Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Dr. C. B. Williams of the Southwestern Baptist seminary officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olivet cemetery."***

A different notice of Dr. Boyd's death was printed in the Dallas Morning News on April 10, 1916: ***"BOYD ONE OF OLDEST MASONS. Refused to Join U. C. V. Fearing to Antagonize Former Foemen. Fort Worth, Texas. April 9—Dr. A. H. Boyd, who died a few days ago in this city, was one of the oldest, if not the oldest Mason in Texas. He became a Master Mason in 1852 and from then until his death was an active member of the order. He was a member of the Estill lodge at Grapevine Prairie at the time of his death and had been a member of the Baptist Church for the last fifty-five years of his life. Dr. Boyd was 87 years of age when he died. He was born in Kentucky, but spent the rest of his life in Texas after coming here in 1859, when he settled a few miles east of Fort Worth. He was a Confederate veteran, although he refused to join the United Confederate Veterans on the ground that he desired to forget what that organization had a tendency to stir up, namely, acrimonious feeling toward those against whom he had fought."***

Their son, John Scott Boyd (May 1, 1858-March 23, 1946) also lies buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery. Also buried there is their son, Jud C. Bragg (born in Tarrant County on January 29, 1861 and died June 3, 1938; his death certificate shows his mother's name as Margaret Brewer).



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