



# TARRANT COUNTY

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### Carroll Bennett Eaves

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Carroll Bennett Eaves lived near Grapevine when he applied for a Confederate pension in 1904. Like many of the other early settlers of the community surrounding the Hood Cemetery in present-day Southlake, he was born in Union County, Illinois. His birth date was December 27, 1837. By his own statement, he settled in Tarrant County in 1853. He was a son of Benjamin Hampton Eaves (1810-1860) and Nancy Williams (1812-1897), both of whom lie buried in Hood Cemetery. About 1858, he married Finetta Laura White, who was born in Illinois on April 4, 1839. She died February 2, 1902, possibly in Powell, Oklahoma.

When the 1880 census was taken, Eaves and his family were still living in northeast Tarrant County. By 1900, the family had moved to the Indian Territory, where they lived in Township 1 North Range 5 East in the Chickasaw Nation.

In his 1904 pension application, Eaves stated that he had been working for some time as a blacksmith, but had gotten pneumonia about 1903 and had been unable to work since then. He remembered that he enlisted in 1861 and served until the end of the war. He was a member of Co. B, Well's Regiment of Texas cavalry, and was dismounted after one year. His file contains an affidavit made by fellow soldier C. W. Smith of Van Zandt County, who said they were discharged together at Hempstead, Texas about May 18, 1865. Eaves' compiled military service records file in Washington says he was a soldier in Co. B, Scanlon's Squadron, also known as Well's Regiment. These files also show that he enlisted June 20, 1863 at Fort Arbuckle [Oklahoma]. He was present for duty on surviving muster rolls for the regiment for the period June 30, 1862 through June 30, 1863. Eaves was a member of the Robert E. Lee Camp of United Confederate Veterans in Fort Worth.

An obituary for him appeared in the Grapevine Sun on June 30, 1906: "*DIED. Mr. C. B. Eaves, brother of Mrs. E. F. Brown, after a few days sickness, died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brown last Tuesday night about 11 o'clock. He was 69 years old at the time of his death and suffered very much*

*in his last illness. He leaves seven children--four daughters and three sons--about fifteen grandchildren, most of whom live in the territory. One of his daughters, Mrs. Margret Moore, who lives in Ft. Worth, was at his bedside when the end came. Mr. Eaves came to Texas in 1854. His remains were laid to rest in Hood cemetery, about eight miles northwest of Grapevine."*

At the time of this writing in 2007, his grave is unmarked; he will soon have a headstone from the veterans administration. Many of the other Tarrant County pioneers buried there, including members of the Martin and Frogge families, were his blood relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Eaves had ten children: Martin Van Eaves, born May 3, 1859; Margaret Laura Eaves, born May 9, 1861; William Franklyn Eaves, born Feb. 24, 1865; Calvin W. Eaves, born Feb. 21, 1867; Anna Dora Eaves, born April 25, 1871; Benjamin Hampton Eaves, born March 7, 1873; Alice May "Dollie" Eaves, born March 11, 1875; Daniel W. Eaves, born Feb. 6, 1878; George W. Eaves, born October 18, 1879, and Alvirda Eaves, born July 11, 1883. Several internet genealogists are actively researching Mr. Eaves and his family.



Headstone of Benjamin H. and Nancy Eaves,  
parents of Carroll and William Eaves.  
Hood Cemetery in Southlake, Texas