



TARRANT COUNTY

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Henry Thomas Gray

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Henry Thomas Gray was a Confederate veteran who lived in northeast Tarrant County when the War began, and for several years thereafter. He was born in Carroll County, Mississippi on March 14, 1844. Family sources at ancestry.com report that he was a son of Hiram Arthur Gray and his wife, Martha (Smith) Gray.

When the 1850 census was taken, Henry Gray was living with his father's family in the Southern Division of Carroll County, Mississippi. In 1860, H. A. Gray appears in the Tarrant County, Texas tax lists; in that year he owned no real estate.

Gray served the Confederacy as a private in Co. A, 34th Texas Cavalry, to which many other northeast Tarrant County men belonged. His records in the National Archives in Washington show that he enlisted on January 15, 1862 at Grapevine. The enlisting officer was Hiram Crowley, and the initial enlistment period was one year.

Family sources report that H. T. Gray married Mary Ann Anderson, who was born June 4, 1844 in Illinois. She died at Caddo Mills, Hunt County, Texas on March 1, 1891. They were probably married in Tarrant County about 1865.

When the 1870 census was taken, he was living next-door to Milton Moore at Bedford. Ten years later, in 1880, the family is shown living in Precinct 3 of Tarrant County south of Big Bear Creek. In 2000, a direct descendant of Gray's was still living on his (Gray's) farm in Hunt County, Texas, where he lived when his wife died in 1891.

Gray applied for a Confederate pension in 1909 while a resident of Bandera County, Texas. In his application, he said he moved to Texas about 1857, and to Bandera County about 1905. He said he had first served in the cavalry, but was later dismounted at Van Buren, Arkansas. His file contains an affidavit by R. P. Allen of Smithfield, who said he'd known Gray for fifty years. A younger

brother of Henry Gray, R. W. Gray, of Bandera County, said he was nine years old when the war started, and remembered seeing his brother going and coming home.

A mortuary warrant in his pension file says he died October 19, 1918 in Bandera, and was buried in Bandera Cemetery. His death certificate says he died of heart trouble associated with asthma and dropsy. A marker in the cemetery says he belonged to the 20th Brigade of the Texas State Militia. The headstone gives his death date as October 29, 1918.

A list of the children of Henry and Mary Ann Graves, obtained from Ancestry.com, includes Sarah Ann Gray (June 1866-1918); Lillie Jane Gray (August 25, 1871-); Joseph Wilson Gray (May 25, 1873-); Thomas Jefferson Gray (December 4, 1875-1847); Martha Ida Gray (June 19, 1878-1963), and William Arthur Gray (August 30, 1881-1924).

Several family researchers have posted queries and information at both Ancestry.com and at genforum.genealogy.com.

