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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

John P. Hudgins

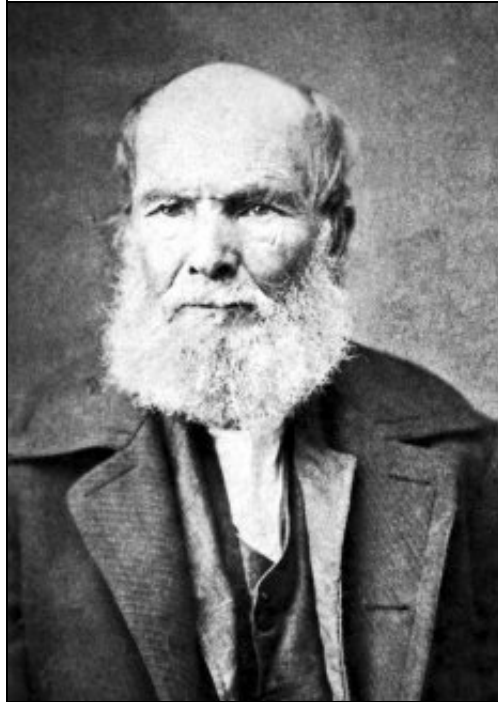
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John P. Hudgins son of El Nathan Hudgins, was born in April 1842 in Alabama. The Hudgins family were among the earliest pioneers in the Grapevine and Minter's Chapel area. The Grapevine Area History, published in 1979, contains several articles about W. D. Hudgins and his family. The article on El Nathan Hudgins, authored by Mamie Thomas Spinks, contains the following information about the family in its earliest days here: "*Rev. E. Nathan Hudgins came to Texas from Belfant, Alabama in 1854. He was born May 10, 1814. His first wife was Sarah Proctor. To this union nine children were born. They first stopped in the area that is now known as Birdville, then later moved to Dunnville, which became Grapevine. The town, Grapevine, got its name from the famous Grapevine Spring.*

"Sarah Hudgins passed away leaving a small baby girl, Laura, who was taken by a Mrs. Nash to be nursed, as Mrs. Nash had a baby about the same age. A few years later Rev. Hudgins married Susan Baker. They had ten children, making a total of nineteen children..." [Sarah Hudgins's headstone is a masterpiece of pioneer gravestone art. It is massive, and is made of native red sandstone.]

John P. Hudgins served the Confederacy in Co. A, 9th Texas Cavalry (Sim's). His official records in the National Archives say he enlisted October 14, 1861 at Camp Reeves, with muster on the same date. He had traveled one hundred fifty miles to the regimental rendezvous, and had brought with him a horse worth \$115 and equipment worth \$16. On the last day of 1861 John was with the regiment at Fort Gibson in present-day Oklahoma. John died of disease at age eighteen on January 29, 1862, at Cantonment Slidell, six miles southwest of Clarksville, Arkansas, where the 9th Texas was in winter quarters. Family sources record that he was buried where Mulberry Creek joins the Arkansas River six miles south of Van Buren, Arkansas.



El Nathan Hudgins (1814-1901) was the father of four Confederate soldiers, two of whom did not return from the War. They were John P. Hudgins, Franklin L. Hudgins, James C. Hudgins, and William D. Hudgins. E. N. Hudgins lies buried at Grapevine.