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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Philip Davis Hudgins

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Philip Davis Hudgins was a Confederate veteran and pioneer of the Grapevine community, having arrived here before the Civil War began. He married a daughter of Grapevine founder James Tracy Morehead (1809-1897) and was a brother of another of our earliest settlers, El Nathan Hudgins (1814-1901).

Philip Hudgins was born April 11, 1830 at Bellfonte, Jackson County, Alabama. He was a son of Benjamin J. Hudgins (1788-1855) and his wife, Martha (Ellis) Hudgins (1792-1855), according to family sources at Ancestry.com.

Philip D. Hudgins married the sister of another of our veterans, Jacob L. Morehead, Mary Ann Morehead, on October 23, 1857 here in Tarrant County. She was born March 30, 1839 in Tennessee (she also said Virginia) and died January 19, 1924 in Tarrant County. She came to Tarrant County with her parents and siblings in 1852, and settled near Grapevine.

Hudgins patented the 160-acre P. D. Hudgins survey in Tarrant County on August 30, 1859. It was surveyed in a square with its northeast corner at the present-day intersection of Dallas Road and Minters Chapel Road. Dallas Road forms its north line west to about where Berry Street enters it from the south. Minters Chapel Road forms its eastern boundary from Dallas Road to about where Hanover Street meets it, and the southern boundary stretches west from that point for one-half mile. No modern-day street approximates the survey's western boundary.

Philip served the Confederacy in Co. A, 3rd Kentucky Cavalry. An affidavit in Mrs. Hudgins' pension application file by J. L. Morehead says Hudgins enlisted in January 1863 at Woodbury, Tennessee, having left Texas for that purpose. Hudgins was captured in July 1863 and was a prisoner for the rest of the war, at Camp Douglas near Chicago most of that time. Union prisoner-of-war records show

that he was captured July 20, 1863 at Syracuse, Ohio. This file contains a three-page handwritten letter from Morehead to the pension bureau in Austin.

Family sources at ancestry.com report that Philip and Mary Hudgins had eleven children: Robert T. Hudgins (November 25, 1858-July 24, 1901, buried at Clarendon, Texas...his headstone says his name was Robert Don Hudgins); James J. Hudgins (June 8, 1860-June 17, 1877); Emma C. Hudgins (born about 1862); Benjamin Wyndham Hudgins (March 1, 1866-July 31, 1916 at Vernon, Wilbarger County, Texas, married Jennie Florence Hayter); Charles Campbell Hudgins (born about 1868-died about 1909 in Clarendon, Texas, married Mabel Saunders); Eugene Lipscomb Hudgins (born about 1870); Birkley Bishop Hudgins (February 1872-January 16, 1967 in Amarillo, Texas, married Cora Elizabeth Saunders); Jesse M. Hudgins (born about 1873); Ella C. Hudgins (February 24, 1874-February 25, 1874); Etta Christine Hudgins (born September 17, 1878); and Susan Davis Hudgins (born February 13, 1880-September 4, 1882). Some other data has been added to this list from local Tarrant County sources as well.

In 1918, P. D. Hudgins's widow, Mary E. Hudgins of Tarrant County applied for a Confederate pension. She said her husband had died October 19, 1916 in Roosevelt County, New Mexico. However, his death is not recorded in the state death records there. Family sources at ancestry.com give the same date of death but say it took place in Clarendon, Donley County, Texas. They also say Mrs. Hudgins died January 19, 1924 at Clarendon.

No Texas death certificates have been found for Philip or Mary E. Hudgins. Both have readable headstones in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon, Donley County, Texas. Several of their children who died young have headstones in Grapevine Cemetery.