



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Walter Leake Jones

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Walter Leake Jones was a Confederate veteran who died soon after the War. He lies buried in Bear Creek Cemetery near Euless, Texas.

Family sources at Ancestry.com say Jones was born in Mason County, Kentucky on October 11, 1834, a son of Joseph Fleming Jones (1808-1878) and his wife, Mary Leake (1815-1884), both of whom died in Tarrant County, Texas and were buried in Bear Creek Cemetery. Walter was almost certainly named for his maternal grandfather, Walter Leake (1768-1853).

When the 1850 census was taken, Walter was living with his parents and siblings in District 3 of Mason County, Kentucky. In that year, the family owned a single black female slave, fourteen years of age.

When Walter L. Jones registered to vote on November 22, 1869, he said he had been a resident of Precinct 3 of Tarrant County for fifteen years, hence he must have arrived about 1854. His father, Joseph F. Jones, is mentioned in an estate settlement in northeast Tarrant County in 1855. The elder Jones also appears on the 1855 Jury List for Tarrant County.

Walter L. Jones first enlisted in the Southern service in 1861 at Grapevine, when he became 4th Corporal of the Grapevine Mounted Riflemen, a part of the 20th Brigade of the Texas Militia. He was also a part of Capt. William Quayle's Mounted Rifle Company, having enlisted in it in August, 1861. He was mustered into the Confederate service on October 14, 1861 at Camp Reeves. He was twenty-seven years old. He became, as did many other Northeast Tarrant County men, a member of Co. A, 9th Texas Cavalry. He brought with him a horse worth one hundred twenty dollars and equipment worth twenty-five dollars. He had traveled one hundred fifty miles to the rendezvous.

He was with the 9th Texas Cavalry on the last day of 1861 at Fort Gibson [Oklahoma]. He was with the regiment for the entire war, except a few times the record show him to be sick in 1862 and 1863.

At one point in September or October, 1862 he was detailed as a hospital nurse in Okolona, Mississippi, and in November or December of the same year he was “absent with General Whitfield at Yazoo City [Mississippi]. On May 4, 1865, Mr. Jones “of Grapevine, Texas” was surrendered with the rest of the regiment at Citronelle, Alabama and was paroled at Jackson, Mississippi on May 13, 1865.

After the War, Walter Jones returned to his father’s home south of Grapevine, and was living with his parents and siblings there when the 1870 census was taken. At least one of his brothers, Thomas C. Jones, also enlisted in the Confederate service from this community; Thomas was killed in battle in Louisiana in 1864.

Jones died in Tarrant County on August 4, 1874, and was buried near his parents in Bear Creek Cemetery.

