



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Jefferson B. Karr

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Jefferson B. Karr was born in Virginia on January 16, 1836, a son of James William Karr and Barthena (Smith) Karr. Census records suggest that the family moved from Virginia to Cole Co., Missouri in the late 1830's. By 1850, they are shown in the census there.

Jefferson married Elizabeth Jane Trimble in Cole Co., Missouri on February 12, 1861. Karr vouched for Robert Morrow's service in Morrow's Confederate pension application. In an affidavit Karr made supporting his neighbor Robert R. Riggins's pension application, Karr said he (Karr) had served nearly one year in Co. C, Hill's Regiment, Parson's Brigade of Missouri troops. He said he had known Riggins long before the war, and that he had been his neighbor in Tarrant County, Texas.

The Karrs came from Missouri to Texas about 1873, and had settled in Tarrant County by 1880. His home is shown on the 1895 map of Tarrant County drawn by Sam Street; in modern-day terms it sat just inside the eastern boundary of Hurst, north of Bedford-Eules Road and just west of Norwood Drive, about where Simpson Drive intersects Garden Oaks Drive. In 1899, Karr owned eighty acres of one of the W. W. Wallace surveys.

Karr died January 24, 1915, and lies buried in Smithfield Cemetery. Mr. Karr's death certificate, which is largely blank, says he died at 1917 Crump(?) Street in Fort Worth. He died of senile debility. The informant was A. M. Redford. His wife, Elizabeth (November 17, 1840-January 6, 1918), lies buried beside him.

Mrs. Karr told the 1900 census taker that she had given birth to five children, three of whom were still living. Four of their children were: Indiana, James, Barthem (a female), and Elizabeth Karr.

J. B. Karr

