



# TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### Charles Lafayette Myers

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Charles Lafayette Myers was a native of Tennessee and a veteran of a Missouri Cavalry regiment. He came to Texas several years before the War, and moved to Tarrant County about 1913. He died five years later and was buried in Birdville Cemetery.

Charles L. Myers was born in Giles County, Tennessee on October 21, 1847. He came to Texas as a small boy.

Charles L. Myers of 1309 Louisiana Avenue in Fort Worth applied for a Confederate pension in 1913. He said he was released by his colonel at end of the War in Kaufman County, Texas. Mr. Myers wrote, "He told us the war was over and we could go home." Mr. Myers said he was born in Giles County, Tennessee, and came to Texas about 1854 or 1855. He said he had been in Fort Worth for four months. He had wanted to join Fitzhugh's Texas Cavalry but couldn't get to him. He actually enlisted in Co. E, Woodall's Co., 2<sup>nd</sup> Missouri Volunteers Cavalry. A mortuary warrant sent in by his widow, Bertha Ida Myers, said he died at Birdville September 29, 1918. Her address at the time was Rt. 1, Box 149B, Birdville. The warrant says he died of gastric hemorrhage result of portal obstruction and general atrophy.

Mr. Myers was a member of the Robert E. Lee Camp of United Confederate Veterans at Fort Worth. He told them he enlisted as a private in Shelby's Brigade. He received the Southern Cross of Honor in 1917 when he was living at Birdville.

Mr. Myers' death certificate says he was born October 21, 1847. He died of dropsy at 3 p.m. on September 30, 1918, and was buried at Birdville on October 1. September 30, 1918 was on a Monday, and both Mrs. Myers' statement and his obituary in the Fort Worth paper indicate that he actually died on Sunday, the 29<sup>th</sup>. His grave is unmarked.

An obituary for Mr. Myers appeared in the Fort Worth Record on October 1, 1918: ***“Charles L. Myers, 74 years old, died Sunday afternoon at his home in Birdville. He is survived by his widow, one daughter, and two sons, all of Birdville. Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 1 o’clock from the chapel of the Fort Worth Undertaking company. Interment will be in the Birdville Cemetery.”***

Mr. Myers’ widow, Mrs. B. I. Myers, applied for a Confederate widow’s pension but her application was rejected. Her application is not on the microfilm at its proper place in alphabetical order and has not been examined. In the 1920 census, one Bertha Myers appears in Precinct 4 (in which Birdville is contained). She was born about 1884 in Georgia, and was working as a housekeeper in a home boarding house owned by Joe H. Smith.