



# TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### Thomas Andrew Patterson

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Thomas Andrew Patterson was a Confederate veteran who lived at Grapevine after the turn of the century. A member of the Robert E. Lee Camp of United Confederate Veterans in Fort Worth, he told his comrades there that he was born in Richland, Holmes County, Mississippi. He also said he enlisted in 1863 at Jackson, Mississippi in Co. D, of the 1st Mississippi Light Artillery.

Family sources at Ancestry.com say he was born September 8, 1847 in Mississippi. The same sources also report that he married Mary Renfroe on August 31, 1865 in Leake County, Mississippi. Mary was born in January, 1848, and may have been dead by 1899 when Mr. Patterson applied for a pension. They had at least one child, Charlie A. Patterson (1866-1953).

Thomas's father, Andrew J. Patterson, was a well-to-do physician in Richland, Holmes County, Mississippi in 1850. He was born in Virginia. In the 1840 census there he is shown as the owner of eighteen slaves; in 1850 he owned twenty-five. He represented Holmes County in the Mississippi State Legislature in 1844. Dr. Patterson died July 19, 1852 at Richland and is buried there with a readable headstone. Using the stated age on his headstone, he was born May 13, 1812. Three of his young children are also buried there, and their mother's name is shown on those headstones as M. L. E. Patterson.

When the 1860 census was taken, Thomas was living with his widowed mother, Mary E. Patterson, and his younger brother, Archie Patterson, in Richland, Holmes County, Mississippi. They were quite comfortable, living on a farm worth four thousand dollars and possessing personal property worth

\$28,345. Most of that wealth was in the nineteen slaves the family then owned: twelve males and seven females. The females ranged in age from four to twenty-three; the males were from eleven to sixty-two. Six of the slaves were mulattoes, thirteen were blacks.

His wife, Mary, appears with him in the 1900 census of Collin County, Texas (in spite of the fact that Thomas said he was a widower in 1899). In that year she said she had given birth to nine children, only five of whom were still alive. She has a headstone beside Thomas's in Flower Mound Cemetery; her dates of birth and death are shown as June 17, 1848-August 30, 1904.

He applied for a Confederate pension from McKinney in Collin County. He was born September 28, 1847 in Mississippi. He was a widower. At the time he applied for his pension on July 22, 1899, he said he'd been living in McKinney for about eighteen months. He served in Co. D, 1st Mississippi Light Artillery. Dr. J. M. Pearson of McKinney examined him and found evidence of three bullet wounds...one in the neck, one in the chest, and one in the left hand.

Dr. Pearson said, "*...he is certainly one of the most thoroughly shot up Confederate soldiers in Texas...*" An affidavit by Dr. A. T. Bryant of McKinney says, "*...Two gunshot wounds, first ball entered the center of the palm of left hand and ranged toward the median line lacerates the muscles of the palm exit between first finger and thumb rendering hand almost useless. Second: ball entered left breast at the second intercostal space at left margin of sternum and I found no exit.*" Patterson said he hadn't mentioned the neck wound in an earlier application because it did not have any lasting effects.

L. J. Patterson told pension officials she had married Thomas in August, 1905 in Tarrant County. She was fifty-nine years old, born in Greene County, Indiana. She said she moved to Texas about 1881. Her headstone gives her date of birth as 1859; given the fact that she was forty-five when she married Thomas it seems unlikely that they would have had any children together.

Thomas A. Patterson died near Grapevine on December 25, 1918. No obituary for Thomas A. Patterson appears in any surviving issue of The Grapevine Sun. His death certificate says he was a son of Andrew Patterson, who was born in Kentucky, and Mary Taylor, whose birthplace was unknown. He died of alveolar heart disease. Dr. J. C. Bennett of Grapevine was the attending physician. He was buried by J. E. Foust of Grapevine in Flower Mound Cemetery in Denton County. Charles Penick of Grapevine was the informant.

His widow, Mrs. Lucinda Jane Patterson, of Grapevine, applied for a Confederate pension in 1919. She lies buried in Lonesome Dove Cemetery in Southlake, with her dates of birth and death shown as February 6, 1859 and February 6, 1940. She is buried beside B. F. Penick (1849-1891) and Ben T. Penick (1885-1972). Given the fact that one Charles Penick of Grapevine was the informant on Thomas Patterson's death certificate, it seems logical to speculate that Lucinda may have been B. F. Penick's widow when she married Patterson.

An obituary for Mrs. Patterson appeared in the Grapevine Sun on February 8, 1940: "*MRS. PATTERSON DIES. Mrs. Lucinda Jane Patterson, age 81, died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Leslie Blevins, in Grapevine at 8:25 a.m. Tuesday, February 6th. Funeral services were held*

*at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Dove Church. Rev. W. H. Day of Waxahachie officiating. Interment was in the Dove Cemetery. Mrs. Patterson is survived by one son, Charlie Penick; three daughters, Mrs. Ed Smith, Mrs. Charlie Gentry, and Mrs. Leslie Blevins, all of Grapevine, and one sister, Mrs. Rebecca Sutton of Fort Worth. ”*

Family sources at Ancestry.com list six children for Thomas Andrew Patterson: Frank Patterson; Ennis Patterson, Mallie Patterson; Charley Albert Patterson (born May 29, 1866); Hugh I. Patterson (born August 17, 1882); and James O. Patterson (born March 16, 1884).