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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Jesse Evans Rogers

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Jesse Evans Rogers was a Confederate veteran and a pioneer of the Minter's Chapel neighborhood. After the War he moved to Tennessee, where he died in 1938.

Jesse Evans Rogers was born July 11, 1844 in Greene County, Missouri, and was a son of Minter's Chapel pioneers Rev. William McKindree Rogers (1817-1904) and his first wife, Sarann Wilson Watts. Several articles about the Rogers family appeared in the [Grapevine Area History](#), published in 1979; the articles were by Dorris Preston Rogers, Ph. D., Mrs. M. J. Hutsell, and Elaine Rogers Sabo.

William McKindree Rogers brought his family to Texas from Missouri about 1859. In 1936, his daughter, Susan Serena (Rogers) Martin (1861-1955) wrote an account of the trip as she had heard it from her father and siblings. It says, in part: *“Father with his six sons, two girls and a second wife secured traveling equipment and with the entire family, headed west from Greene County, Missouri. The Rogers family traveled in covered wagons through almost a new country from Springfield, Missouri to Texas, found going very slow. There were no highways as exists today. The water courses were without bridges and had to be forded...[includes vivid descriptions of the trip through Arkansas, Kansas, and the Indian Nations before they reached their intended destination, Jack County, Texas]...Father didn't find this to be the country we were looking for, so he said 'Turn the teams around, boys, we will travel East.' The country around Fort Worth began to attract our attention and we located on the divide between the crosstimbers and Grapevine prairie, eighteen miles from Fort Worth and the same distance from Dallas in Tarrant County, Texas...about the year 1859...”*

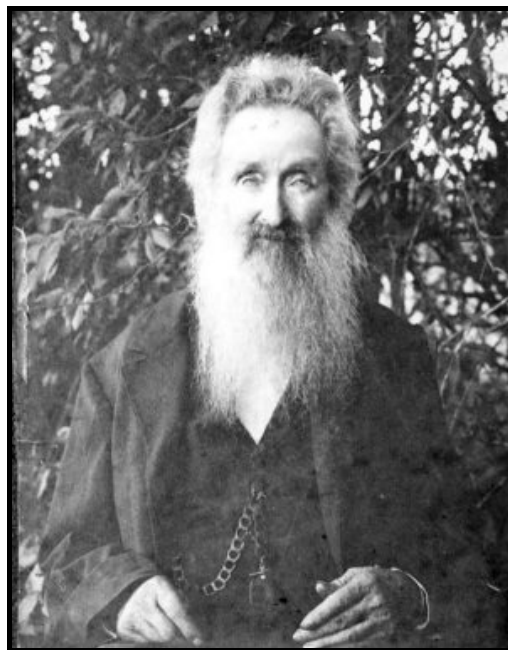
Jesse served the Confederacy as a soldier in Co. A, 9th Texas Cavalry, as did many other northeast Tarrant County men. He enlisted on September 26, 1862 at Grapevine, Texas. The enlisting officer was Capt. Thomas G. Berry, who had returned from his duties for a time to recruit more men and

obtain horses for the 9th Texas Cavalry. Jesse enlisted for a term of three years. He is shown present on all surviving muster rolls of the company. He was shown on “daily duty” during July and August, 1863, and was absent with permission at some point during May or June, 1864. Jesse received a saber cut on his scalp during the fighting around Atlanta later in 1864. No further record of his service survived the War. An excellent account of the Ninth Texas Cavalry’s service is to be found in All Afire to Fight, written by Martha L. Crabb, a direct descendant of Jesse’s brother, Reuben Rogers. It was published in 2000 by Avon Books, and is widely available. It mentions Jesse E. Rogers several times.

Jesse’s later life is sketched in Ms. Crabb’s book: *“Jesse Evans Rogers put away his pistols and his cavalry boots and re-entered school. He then returned to Mississippi, where he married Jesse Wilder. He surely had met Miss Wilder during the time the Ninth Texas Cavalry was stationed in the west part of the state. The couple settled in Friars Point, on the Mississippi River, about a hundred miles northwest of Grenada.*

“During his business life Jesse was a merchant and a planter. He was an active member and served as master of the Blue Lodge No. 104 of Friars Point. Jesse and his wife had no children. When he retired at the age of seventy-five, the couple moved to Venice, California. Jesse was in good health in 1937 at the age of ninety-three when he and his wife returned to Memphis, Tennessee, to visit relatives. He broke his hip in a fall while in Memphis and died there three months later, January 3, 1938.”

Jesse Evans Rogers died on January 3, 1938 of chronic nephritis and hypertrophy of the prostate gland at the Baptist Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. He also suffered from complications of a fall six weeks previous to his death, when he fractured the neck of his left femur. His address when he died was 508 Stonewall in Memphis. He lies buried in Memphis in Forest Hill Cemetery.



Rev. William McKindree Rogers
Father of Jesse Evans Rogers