



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

James Elijah Blanton

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James Elijah Blanton was born October 23, 1842 in Tishomingo County, Mississippi, a son of David Blanton (1788-1863) and his wife, Susannah (Snow) Blanton (1808-1868).

Blanton enlisted in the Confederate service as a private in Co. E, 23rd Texas Cavalry. During the time he was in service, he was usually known as Elijah Blanton. His surviving military records are incomplete, but one record has survived which shows him being given a thirty-day furlough beginning March 3, 1865.

In 1879, Blanton owned nearly all (153 acres) of the W. R. Joyce survey of 160 acres in present-day Colleyville. It was an irregularly-shaped survey, with its southeast corner about where today's Hall-Johnson Road intersects with Meadowhill Drive. Most of its south line follows Hall-Johnson Road west to a spot midway between Bluebonnet Drive and State Highway 26. From that spot, it extends north to Tinker Road, then east to Tinker Road's intersection with Highway 26. On July 14, 1885, Blanton was a presiding officer at the elections of the trustees for the Pleasant Run School.

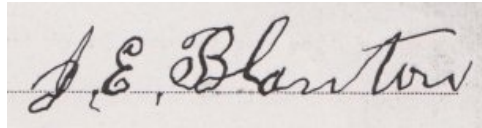
Blanton died February 1, 1919, and was buried in Smithfield Cemetery. His widow, Sarah Tabitha (Scott) Blanton, filed for a Confederate pension in 1928. She said she was born January 22, 1846 in Missouri, and had been in Texas since about 1858. She and Mr. Blanton were married August 20, 1861 in Tarrant County, Texas. No obituaries for either of them have been found in any surviving issues of the Grapevine Sun.

When the 1910 census was taken, Mrs. Blanton said she had given birth to ten children, only six of whom were still living. Three of their children were W. D. Blanton, Ellis Blanton, and Ollie Blanton.

At one time there were several Blanton children's gravestones readable in Smithfield Cemetery, but they have eroded or have been covered over by soil and grass; they included W. P. Blanton

(1883-1884) and three other infant graves. Some of their other children included William D. Blanton, Roxana Blanton, John E. Blanton, Effie M. Blanton, and Margaret Blanton.

A few genealogists have advertised an interest in Mr. Blanton and his family at [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com).

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. E. Blanton". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, possibly aged, piece of paper.