



# TARRANT COUNTY

## TXGENWEB

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### Richard Brown

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Richard Brown was a Tennessee Confederate veteran who lived in Keller by 1910. He worked there as a store clerk for Bruno Lavoise.

Richard was born at or near Nashville, Tennessee, on December 22, 1841, and was a son of John Brown. When he joined the R. E. Lee Camp of United Confederate Veterans at Fort Worth, he told them he had served in Co. A, 11th Tennessee Regiment, but he did not specify infantry or cavalry.

Mr. Brown did not apply for a Confederate pension in Texas. No one appears in the Civil War soldiers and sailors system who appears to be this Richard Brown. One R. P. Brown did serve in Companies A and K of the 11th Tennessee Cavalry, but the enlistment data do not match those Mr. Brown gave in his short biographical sketch in Mamie Yeary's book, Reminiscences of the Boys in Gray, 1861-1865: *"...Born at Nashville, Tenn. Enlisted in the Confederate Army May 11, 1862 at Nashville as private in Company A, Eleventh Regiment, Gen. Cheatham's Brigade, Gen. Hardee's Division, Gen. Hood's Corps, Army of Tennessee; first Captain, McCaim; James Rain first Colonel. Was never changed. Was wounded at both Murfreesboro and Chickamauga. Was taken prisoner in January, 1863, and sent to Camp Douglas, Ill. Was never promoted. Was in the battles of Murfreesboro, Wild Cat, Knoxville, Chickamauga, Peach Tree Creek, and many others."*

In 1910, Mr. Brown lived as a boarder in the home of Keller businessman Bruno Lavoise, where Brown worked as a retail salesman. Also living with the family was Mr. Lavoise's father-in-law (and another of our veterans), Silas Ledford.

When the 1920 census was taken, Mr. Brown was living at Keller as one of several boarders in the home of James W. Harrison. Mr. Brown said both his parents were natives of Kentucky. He was working as a retail merchandise salesman.

Mr. Brown died of pneumonia at Keller on February 14, 1922, and his body was sent back to Nashville, Tennessee for burial. He has a Texas death certificate on file, which says he was a lifelong bachelor.