



# TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### Thomas J. Burton

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Thomas J. Burton was born September 15, 1845 in Montgomery, Alabama. Mr. Burton was not actually a resident of northeast Tarrant County, but since his biographical information was already at hand it will be included here. It was gathered by this researcher because of a misreading of a name in the 1880 census. Still, Mr. Burton served honorably and deserves to be remembered as a Tarrant County Confederate veteran. The Confederate veteran of a similar name who was a resident of northeast Tarrant County was Thomas J. Barton, and his biography will become a part of this record as well.

Burton's compiled military service records in the National Archives say he was employed in the Ordnance Department at Montgomery, Alabama as a 1<sup>st</sup> Class Carpenter and Turner beginning in July 1862. He served through March 1864. Major C. T. Wagner was the commanding officer.

Burton applied for a Confederate pension in 1931. His address when he applied was 2413 Sanguinet in Ft. Worth. He said his post office address was Montgomery, Alabama when the war began. His command was raised in Alabama, and he enlisted in 1862. He surrendered when Lee surrendered. He served in Co. B, and was transferred to Mobile, Alabama as a regular soldier in 1864. He enlisted in the Confederate Army to serve in the arsenal or ordnance department, under the command of Major C. T. Wagner. He said his wife was already dead when he applied. He said he had moved to Texas on August 4, 1876, and had lived in Tarrant County since about 1884.

Burton died on July 15, 1935 at the home of a relative, Mary Boltz, at 1607 N. Alamo Street in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. He died of arteriosclerotic heart disease, arteriosclerosis, and generalized chronic nephritis. He was buried on July 16 in Pioneer's Rest in Fort Worth. His death certificate says his mother's name was Mary, and she was a native of Alabama. Thomas's wife's name was Mollie. He worked for the Southern Pacific Railroad for thirty-seven years, and had last worked about 1919.

His obituary in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram appeared on July 17, 1935: "*BURTON, T. J. aged 90, former Fort Worth resident, died Monday night in San Antonio. Survivors, daughter, Mrs. Mazie Purser, granddaughters, Miss Frances Englefield and Mrs. W. A. McDuff, San Antonio. Funeral 4 p.m. today. Robertson-Mueller-Harper Temple. Burial Pioneers Rest.*"