



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Thomas Harold Byas

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Thomas Harold Byas, a son of Abram L. Byas, was born in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana in 1837. He was a brother of our veterans Joseph L., Richard L., and William R. Byas. In 1850 Byas was living with his parents and siblings in Bienville Parish, Louisiana, which was formed in 1848 from a part of Claiborne Parish. The Byases came to northeast Tarrant County about 1857.

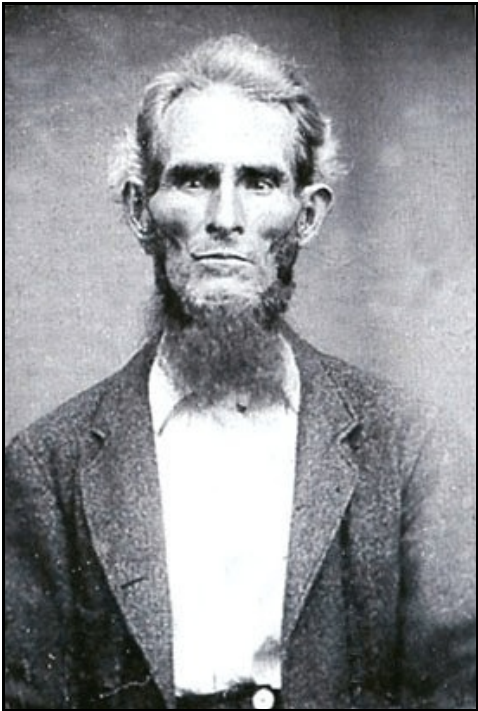
When the Civil War, began Byas was living with his parents on the W. A. Doty survey southwest of Bransford; which survey sat generally in the northeast corner of today's Precinct Line Road and West Glade Road.

Thomas enlisted in the Confederate Army as a private in Co. A, 34th Texas Cavalry, on September 29, 1861 at Camp Moore for one year. He is shown present for duty on a roll dated August 31, 1863. On August 18, 1864 he was appointed 2nd Lieutenant, and is shown as such on a roll dated September 5, 1864. In April, 1865 he had attained the rank of Second Sergeant while serving near Hempstead, Texas.

His wife, Lucinda (Martin) Byas, was born August 27, 1843 and died November 12, 1903. She was a daughter of Urias and Kezia Martin, pioneers buried in the old Hood Cemetery in present-day Southlake.

Thomas H. Byas died in 1888. Both Mr. and Mrs. Byas lie buried at Lonesome Dove. An obituary for Mrs. Byas appeared in the Grapevine Sun on November 14, 1903: *"DIED. Mrs. Tom Byas, known by her many friends as 'Aunt Lucinda,' died last Thursday at the home of her son, Walker Byas. Mrs. Byas had been sick for several months, and, while her life was despaired of, yet the end came earlier than was expected by her friends. She was an old and highly respected citizen, having lived in the neighborhood of Dove for over forty years. She leaves the hallowed influence of a Christian life as a benediction to the community, she leaves a brother, Uncle Rias Martin; two sisters, Mrs. West and Mrs. A. J. Foster; but those who will miss her most is the seven children who must live in this dark world without the light of that motherly smile or the guiding hand they need*

so much. The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Newton, and her remains were laid to rest at Dove Friday evening. The Sun tenders its sympathy to the bereaved family and friends."



Abram Byas was the father of four Confederates, all of whom returned home after the War. They were Thomas, Richard, Joseph, and William. Abram Byas lies buried in Mt. Gilead Cemetery.



Kezia "Kid" Permelia Byas, daughter of Thomas Harold Byas - Kezia married Martin Van Buren Higgins, son of veteran Thomas Higgins. See Thomas; biography for another photograph.

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