



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Joseph W. Calloway

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Joseph W. Calloway was Confederate veteran who joined the service here in Tarrant County. He lies buried in Calloway Cemetery in present-day Euless.

Joseph W. Calloway was born March 24, 1829 in Tennessee. He was a son of William and Esther Calloway. When the 1850 census was taken, the family was living in District 14, of Franklin County, Tennessee. The family was headed by William Calloway's mother, Margaret Calloway, who was born about 1772 in North Carolina. The 1850 census suggests that the family may have lived in Alabama for a time around 1832, before moving back to Tennessee.

Joseph Calloway and his brother, Richard H. Calloway, came to Tarrant County about 1853. When he registered to vote here in 1869, Joseph said he had been in Texas for seventeen years, in Tarrant County for sixteen years, and in his present precinct for fifteen years.

Joseph patented the 360-acre William Jenkins survey in Tarrant County on August 19, 1856. In modern-day terms, it sits south of Calloway Cemetery Road and east of Highway 157, north of the West Fork of the Trinity, in an area which is mostly undeveloped river bottomland. In 1860, Joseph W. Calloway owned one hundred ten acres of the G. Overton survey.

Calloway enlisted in Captain William Quayle's Company at the beginning of the War. He also served as a 1st Sergeant in Cummins' Company in 1861.

Joseph W. Calloway patented the 160-acre survey in Tarrant County which bears his name on November 10, 1862. In modern-day terms it sits east of Highway 157 and south of Precinct Line Road, in far-east Fort Worth and a short distance north of the West Fork of the Trinity.

Joseph Calloway is shown in the 1870 census of Tarrant County. With him were his wife, Martha A. Calloway (born about 1847 in Missouri) and two children, Ann E. Calloway (born about 1867)

and Mary E. (born about 1869). Next door lived Joseph's mother, Esther Calloway (born about 1800 in Virginia).

Both the children listed with Joseph in the 1870 census died young and are buried in the Calloway Cemetery. They were Annie E. Calloway (November 10, 1866-November 4, 1879) and Mary L. Calloway (May 20, 1869-November 22, 1886).

Joseph W. Calloway died October 20, 1877 and is buried in the Calloway Cemetery. He is not to be confused with Joseph F. Calloway, who was also a Confederate soldier and who lies buried in Birdville Cemetery.

The Calloway Cemetery was granted an Official Texas Historical Marker in 1980. The text of the marker reads: *"The earliest marked graves in this cemetery are those of two brothers, Richard H. Calloway (1832-1874) and Joseph W. Calloway (1829-1877), who owned this land in the 1860s. Richard's widow Catherine (Coble) deeded 1.5 acres here in 1886 for use as a public burial ground. The original site included the family cemetery and graves of several neighbors. The wooden Tabernacle was constructed in 1908. Families maintained the grounds until 1971 when a perpetual care fund was set up. Many pioneer settlers of eastern Tarrant County are buried here. (1980)"*

