



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

Barbara Knox and Rob Yoder, County Coordinators

Copyright © 2008-2012. All rights reserved.

Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

George W. Clark

Compiled by Michael Patterson
Copyright 2008-2012. All rights reserved.

George W. Clark was a Confederate soldier who lived for several years in northeast Tarrant County. When the 1910 census taker visited his home, Mr. Clark said he was a veteran of the Southern Army. He lies buried in Birdville Cemetery.

George was born October 3, 1844 in Patrick County, Virginia. He was a son of Alexander Bray Clark (who died in 1862 in Grayson County, Texas) and Sarah E. (Gaines) Clark (1815-1889). The census taker in 1850 found the family living in the southern district of Patrick County; George was six years old.

Mr. Clark's wife, Elizabeth, was born in Texas in 1854; her father was an Indianan and her mother a Tennessean. They were married about 1872. Mrs. Clark died in 1920 and was buried at Birdville.

When the 1880 Tarrant County census was taken, the Clarks were living in the northern half of Precinct 1. All three of their children were alive at the time: Sarah E. Clark (born about 1873, married O. L. Sweet); Susan A. Clark (born about 1875); and William J. Clark (born about 1879, dead by 1910). Mrs. Clark told the census taker in 1910 that she had given birth to three children, two of whom were living at that time.

In the 1910 census of Tarrant County, George and his family are found in District 91 of Precinct 1. Mrs. Clark said she had given birth to three children, two of whom were still living. One of their children, Annie Clark (born about 1880) was living with them. This must have been their daughter Susan A. Clark who appeared with them in the 1880 census.

In 1920 the Clarks were living on Darnell Street in Handley. Apparently neither Mr. nor Mrs. Clark applied for a Confederate pension.

George W. Clark died in Tarrant County on December 31, 1928 of acute myocarditis and arteriosclerosis. He was buried in Birdville Cemetery on New Year's Day, 1929. His death certificate records his mother's name as Sallie Joyce. The informant was Mrs. O. L. Sweet of 2845 North Jennings in Fort Worth. Mr. Clark's death date was never engraved on his headstone.

An obituary for Mr. Clark appeared in the Fort Worth Record-Telegram on New Year's Day in 1929: *"G. W. CLARK. G. W. Clark, 84, died yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. O. L. Sweet, 2845 Jennings Avenue. Mrs. Sweet is the only survivor. Funeral services will be conducted at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon at the Birdville Baptist Church, Rev. J. M. Scott, the pastor, officiating. The funeral procession will leave the Fort Worth Undertaking Company at 1:30 o'clock."*

