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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Thomas H. Garrett

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Thomas H. Garrett, a son of Smith Garrett, was born February 9, 1835 in Williamson County, Tennessee. In 1850 he was still living in Williamson County with his parents. By 1860 they had moved to Ballard County, Kentucky; and by 1870 Thomas was back in Tennessee in Hickman County.

Thomas was one of the founding elders of Smithfield Church of Christ in present-day North Richland Hills in 1888. At the time of the church's founding in 1888, Garrett was living on a farm of sixty acres in the J. H. Barlough survey in the southern edge of the town of Smithfield. In 1895, Garrett's home sat along the eastern side of present-day Smithfield Road, about one-quarter mile south of the railroad crossing, about where Guy Drive intersects Smithfield Road from the west. In 1900, Thomas H. Garrett was serving as Smithfield's postmaster. By 1910, he was retired and J. R. Crane was postmaster. He told the census taker in 1910 that he was a veteran of the Confederate army.

He died February 16, 1919 at his home in Smithfield, and was buried in the cemetery there. His wife, Telitha Garrett, was born January 29, 1835 and died January 15, 1928. She lies buried beside her husband in Smithfield Cemetery.

Thomas H. Garrett's obituary appeared in The Fort Worth Star-Telegram, February 17, 1919. His obituary was a short one: "*SMITHFIELD PIONEER, BORN IN 1835, DIES; IS BURIED SUNDAY. T. H. Garrett, a resident of Smithfield since 1877, and who had been married sixty-three years, died at Smithfield Sunday morning and was buried there Sunday afternoon. He was 84 years old Feb. 7, 1919. Williamson County, Tenn. was his birthplace. For many years he was postmaster at Smithfield. His widow, two daughters, and three sons survive.*"

Mrs. Garrett's obituary appeared in the same newspaper on January 16, 1928, p. 4. His and his wife's double gravestone in Smithfield Cemetery originally had an oval photograph incorporated into it but

vandals have broken and removed it. Mrs. Garrett's obituary in the Fort Worth newspaper also adds a few interesting details: "MRS. GARRETT, PIONEER, DIES AT 98. Mrs. T. H. Garrett, 98, died Monday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. F. Cloud, 3438 Meadowbrook Drive. Mrs. Garrett lacked only a little more than a month attaining her ninety-ninth birthday, having been born in Tennessee on Feb. 20, 1835. She came to Texas with her husband in 1876, settling in the Smithfield community. Mrs. Garrett resided at Smithfield until the death of her husband about nine years ago, when she came to Fort Worth to make her home with Mrs. Cloud. Besides Mrs. Cloud she is survived by another daughter, Mrs. Charles Henry of Smithfield, and three sons, George Garrett of Houston, Ward Garrett of Kennedale, and Henry Garrett of Fort Worth. Funeral services will be held at the Smithfield Methodist Church Tuesday at 3 p.m., with burial in the Smithfield Cemetery. The body will be at the home of Mrs. Cloud from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Tuesday. Pallbearers will be grandsons of Mrs. Garrett: Bill Cloud, George Cloud, George Henry, Eldon Garrett, Clyde Garrett and Ray Garrett."

