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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

James F. Gray

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James F. Gray was one of three brothers from the Grapevine area who served in the Confederate Army. Like many other area men, he served in Co. A of the 34th Texas Cavalry.

James F. Gray was born in Yalobusha County, Mississippi about 1842. Family sources at ancestry.com report that he was a son of Hiram Arthur Gray and his wife, Martha (Smith) Gray. The family was still in Yalobusha County as late as 1845.

When the 1850 census was taken, James Gray was living with his father's family in the Southern Division of Carroll County, Mississippi. James was eight years old. They arrived in northeast Tarrant County from Mississippi in the 1850's.

James F. Gray enlisted at Grapevine, Texas on January 15, 1862 under Lt. Hiram Crowley for a term of twelve months. He became a private in Co. A, Alexander's Regiment of Texas Cavalry. This regiment subsequently became the 34th Texas Cavalry.

A notation of the regimental rolls for February 28 through June 30, 1863 says, "Absent on sick leave from April 26, 1863. Due for use of arms \$11.00 to Dec. 17, 1863 for mileage 110 miles." Gray was present on the roll of Alexander's Regiment of Dismounted Cavalry for the period of January and February, 1864. No other official records of his service have survived.

James, his father, and his two brothers all appear in the 1865 Tarrant County tax rolls. James owned no real estate or personal property.

J. F. Gray registered to vote in Tarrant County on August 31, 1867. He said he was a native of Mississippi, and had been a resident of Precinct 2, Tarrant County, and Texas for the past nine years. Thus he must have arrived about 1859. We have found no trace of him after 1867.

There is a Texas Confederate Widow's pension file for one Mary L. Gray, the widow of James Franklin Gray. The application was filed in Taylor County, Texas. ***This Mr. Gray was not the one who served the 34th Texas Cavalry.***