



# TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### Benjamin P. Hackney

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Benjamin P. Hackney was a Union veteran of the Civil War who moved to northeast Tarrant County in 1881 and settled near Bedford. He was born June 22, 1840 in Indiana, probably in Legerange County, where his father and James Arwine, his uncle, appear on the same page of the 1840 census. Family sources at Ancestry.com say he was the son of John R. Hackney and his wife, Rachel (Arwine) Hackney (1817-1853), who were married in May of 1833. After Benjamin's mother died, his father was remarried in 1854 to Mary Elizabeth Rogers.

When the 1850 census was taken, John R. Hackney and his family were living in Johnson Township, Brown County, Indiana. Their next-door neighbors were the family of James Arwine (b. 1799), who also later settled in northeast Tarrant County. Benjamin's mother and Mr. Arwine were sister and brother.

Benjamin Hackney served in the Union Army in Co. K and Co. F, 93<sup>rd</sup> Indiana Infantry. He remembered that he enlisted on December 8, 1863 and was discharged on November 10, 1865. His official records in the National Archives show that he enlisted November 18, 1863 and was discharged on November 10, 1865, as he remembered. He was a resident of Heltonville, Indiana when he enlisted. Benjamin was pensioned by the federal government for his military service.

Mr. Hackney married Sarah Ann McPike (January 1, 1842-August 7, 1912) about 1866 in Indiana. She lies buried in Arwine Cemetery. They were the parents of six children: Florence; Laura; David; Clara Jean; Sarah "Babe"; and another child who died young whose name has not been discovered.

Ben and Sarah Hackney and their family appear in the 1870 census of Pleasant Run Township, Lawrence County, Indiana. With them in that year were three of their children: Florence Hackney, Laura Hackney, and David Hackney.

When the 1880 census was taken, Benjamin and his family were living in Johnson Township in Brown County, Indiana. With him and his wife were five children: Florence, Laura, David, Clara, and Sarah Hackney. This census and some others indicate that Mrs. Sarah Hackney was about two years older than her husband, Benjamin. This does not agree with the dates on their headstones of 1842 and 1840, respectively. Some of the records suggest that those birthdates should be reversed.

Family tradition among the Sexton and Arwine families who lived in present-day Hurst and Bedford say that Benjamin and Sarah Hackney came in the wagon train from Indiana in 1881 with Enoch and Sarah Sexton and their family. They first stopped at Daniel Arwine's home. Sarah Sexton was a sister of James Arwine and Benjamin Hackney's mother. Sarah Sexton was Daniel Arwine's aunt. For this family group to come to Texas it took seventeen wagons and one hack. They were on the road ten weeks. Sarah and Enoch rode in the hack. At night the wagons were placed in a circle to form a lot. This was to feed the horses and also to prevent the Indians from stealing the horses. When the Indians were heard coming they would shoot out into the woods. Jim Hackney was the cousin of Solomon Robertson, a Union veteran who is also buried in Arwine Cemetery.

The 1900 census taker found Benjamin and Sarah Hackney living in District 114 of Precinct 3 of Tarrant County. Mr. and Mrs. Hackney said they had been married thirty-four years, and Mrs. Hackney said she had given birth to six children, four of whom were still living. Mr. Hackney said both his parents were native Tennesseans; Mrs. Hackney said her father was a Tennessean and her mother was a Kentuckian. They had a granddaughter, Minnie J. McGinnis, living with them in 1900. By the time the 1910 census was taken, Mrs. Hackney said that one of the remaining four children had died.

Benjamin P. Hackney died February 15, 1914 and was buried in Arwine Cemetery in Hurst. He has a headstone provided by the veterans administration. Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Hackney has a death certificate on file. Several Hackney descendants have placed information and queries at some of the internet genealogy sites.

Florence Hackney was born October 22, 1866. She died October 15, 1925. She married August 9, 1888 in Tarrant County to Edward Morret "Ed" Anderson (1864-1921). They are buried in Arwine Cemetery.

Laura Hackney was born October 14, 1867. She married Mack (Dock) McGinnis on February 11, 1886 in Tarrant County, Texas. She died August 30, 1889 and is buried at Chico in Wise County, Texas. He lies buried at Bedford.

David Hackney was born September 15, 1869. He married Rena Scihieman (1870-1950) in Tarrant County on September 7, 1892, He died July 22, 1922, and both are buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Clara Jean Hackney was born April 16 1872. She married Emerson Ethridge Hurst (1867-1964). She died July 17, 1949, and both are buried in Arwine Cemetery.

Sarah "Babe" Hackney was born Feb., 10, 1876. She married W. M. "Dutch" Smelley (1868-1956). She died November 26, 1907 and is buried in Arwine Cemetery.

