



# TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### James Harvey Lamkin

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James Harvey Lamkin was a Confederate veteran who lived in the Keller area for several years after the War. He later moved to Parker County, where he lived for many years, before finally moving to Nolan County. Family members say he served in a Home Guard unit and was absent from home during the War time. Several descendants of the Lamkin family submitted excellent biographical sketches and photographs to the History of Parker County, published by the Parker County Historical Commission in 1980.

The following sketch of Mr. and Mrs. James Harvey Lamkin appeared in that book: *“James Harvey Lamkin was born August 27, 1844, in Tippah County, Mississippi. He was the son of John Lamkin and Syntha Louisa McCain Lamkin. The second child in the eventual total of seven.*

*“In 1845, John Lamkin and others applied for a Land Grant in Upshur County, Texas. While waiting for the Grant to be approved they moved from Mississippi to Missouri in 1846. The Grant was approved in 1847.*

*“John Lamkin and other settled in Upshur County in 1848. However, due to constant raids by Indians coming out of the Oklahoma Territory, John Lamkin moved his family into Arkansas in 1852. In 1854 he moved from Arkansas to Fannin County, Texas. In 1855 he moved to Tarrant County, settling on the north side of Big Bear Creek in the Mt. Gilead community, east of the present town of Keller.*

*“James Harvey, or Harve, as he was commonly called, volunteered for the Confederate Army in 1861, was turned down due to a chest condition resulting from childhood whooping cough. He then took a job driving freight wagons from Fort Worth to Vicksburg, Mississippi to supply the Confederate Army until that City fell to the Union Army.*

*“His father, John Lamkin, died August 18, 1870 from a broken back, being thrown from his horse while on the way to Church.*

*“James Harvey married Arminda Jane Edwards on Dec. 19, 1872. He and his wife stayed on the farm with his mother, Syntha Louisa McCain-Lamkin, through the birth of Louisa Lou Jane on November 13, 1873 and John Harvey on April 13, 1876.*

*“Meanwhile James Harvey’s brothers and sisters had been marrying. Ezekiel Eli had married Lucinda Sebastian about 1862. Nancy Jane married Henry (Bud) Carr in 1869. Mary Louisa married John Ladd in 1871, John Hill married Louisa Saphronia Evans in 1876, and Susan Elisabeth married Henry Walls in 1878.*

*“In 1877-78 all these married brothers and sisters decided to move further west. Ezekiel went to the Grub Hill community in Wise County, John Hill went to the town of Lamkin in Comanche County, and to Bethesda in Parker County came John Ladd, James Henry Carr, A. J. Edwards, and James Harvey Lamkin. After about a year in Comanche County John Hill joined them in Parker County. They all settled around Rock Creek along the Whitt-Garner road and the Whitt-Mineral Wells road. James Harvey lived near Whitt.*

*“In 1879 they received word that their mother, Syntha Louisa McCain-Lamkin and their younger brother, David Waggoner Lamkin, were ill at the old home on Big Bear Creek in Tarrant County. James Harvey went to them and brought them to live with the children in Parker County. In 1879 David Waggoner married Nancy Elizabeth Edwards, sister to James Harvey’s wife, Arminda Jane Edwards; they settled in the same area.*

*“In Parker County, James Harvey engaged in farming, ranching, and horse trading. Horses and mules being scarce in the area, he would often go south and bring back horses to sell.*

*“James Harvey, his brother, John Hill, and brothers-in-law John Ladd and Henry (Bud) Carr, took part in the capture of the Bennett gang on Pennel Prairie. John Ladd was wounded in the fight.*

*“James Harvey and Arminda Jane had other children born in Parker County: Rosia Ellen, Feb. 6, 1879, Susa Melvina on Dec. 15, 1881, Charlie Walter on March 1, 1891, and Marion on Sept. 21, 1899.*

*“Rosia Ellen married Daniel Pheolin Humphries on Oct. 31, 1895. Louisa (Lou) Jane married William Breton Clark; they who two daughters, Lois and Cassie, who taught school in Whitt and Perrin for many years. On Nov. 11, 1900, John Harvey married Lillian Iris Gaines and Susa Melvina married Ben J. Emanuel in a double wedding ceremony.*

*“John Harvey was killed in 1933, by three escaped convicts; he was Deputy Sheriff in Nolan County at the time.*

*“James Harvey, in the early spring of 1900, after being told by doctors that he had T. B. and only a year to live, left Parker County and traveled by covered wagon throughout much of West Texas*

*and into New Mexico. He returned in the fall of 1900. In 1901 he sold his Parker County property and moved to Nolan County where he died on January 27, 1927 at the age of 82.*

*“James Harvey joined the Masonic Lodge in 1875, was a charter member of the Whitt Lodge, received his 50-year pin in 1925.”*

Mr. Lamkin’s death certificate reveals that he died of senility at 12 p.m. on January 27, 1927 at Blackwell in Nolan County, Texas, and lies buried in Blackwell Cemetery. He has a readable headstone there.

