



# TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### Levin Moody

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Levin Moody was born about 1828 in South Carolina, a son of Arvin and Margaret Moody. By 1850 Levin, his parents, and siblings were living in Choctaw County, Alabama.

Levin Moody, his wife, and children had settled in northeast Tarrant County by November, 1858. In 1860, Moody owned one hundred sixty acres of the Israel Cox survey and sixty acres of the Thomas Allen survey, in present-day Bedford, in the area south of the intersection of present-day Cheek-Sparger Road and on both sides of Central Drive. His widow later sold the property east of Central Drive to another of our veterans, Marcus D. Arthur.

He enlisted in 1861 in the West Fork Guards, Tarrant County, 20<sup>th</sup> Brigade, Texas militia. Moody was one of the founders of the Spring Garden school just after the Civil War. He made his will in Tarrant County on May 19, and died on May 22, 1866.

He has an interesting handmade tombstone in the old section of Birdville Cemetery. Moody's estate files were among the few papers which survived the disastrous court house fire in Fort Worth in 1876, and the inventory of his estate gives us an interesting look into the lives of settlers here just after the Civil War.

In the late 1880's Levin's widow, Margaret, and children moved into Fort Worth. His widow died of typhoid in Fort Worth on October 8, 1888, at her residence at 1112 Jennings Avenue.

One of Levin Moody's sons was James Frank Moody, a founding member of Oak Grove Methodist Church in Bedford in 1886. Levin and Margaret had a number of other children, including Margaret A. Moody, Barney B. Moody, and Arvan L. Moody.



Who departed this  
Life May 22<sup>nd</sup> A.D.  
1866 aged 38 Years  
Behold by stranger  
passing by  
My grave now so  
dark and  
I am not so  
I must be  
The only one that  
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