



# TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### George Washington Neely

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George Washington Neely was a Confederate veteran who lived in the Euless area prior to his death in 1918. He and his wife lie buried in Calloway Cemetery in Euless.

George W. Neely was born August 18, 1840. Family sources at ancestry.com report that he was born in Polk County, Missouri, and was the son of Pallas Neely (born 1815) and his wife, Lucinda Hopkins (1808-1908, died in Dallas County, Texas). The elder Neely moved his family from Polk County, Missouri to Cedar County, Missouri in the late 1840's. Family sources which give the names of his siblings with their dates and places of death lead to speculation that George may have had two brothers who died in service during the Civil War.

George W. Neely was living with his parents and siblings in 1860 in Linn Township in Cedar County, Missouri. A statement in Mrs. Neely's pension application says that George served in the Confederate Army for four years as a member of Company C, 10<sup>th</sup> Missouri Cavalry. The official records in the National Archives say he enlisted November 24, 1862 at Dutch Mills, Arkansas for a term of three years. He was present on a roll for September 1, 1863 to February 29, 1864. Federal prisoner records show him paroled at Shreveport, Louisiana on June 7, 1865, and list him as a resident of Dallas County, Texas.

In 1870, George W. Neely was working as a farmer in Precinct 2, of Dallas County, Texas; he was living with the family of J. W. Hopkins.

Family sources also record two marriages for George W. Neely, both in Dallas County, Texas, and both to ladies surnamed Hight. Census evidence would suggest that they were sisters. The first was to Elvira J. Hight on December 21, 1871.

The 1880 Dallas County, Texas census shows George as a widower with no children, working as a farmer and living alone in District 68, Precinct 7. There are three Neely grandchildren living in

Dallas County in the household of Martha A. Hight, and in that same household Louisa Hight is also living. The three grandchildren, presumably George W. Neely's, are Martha L. Neely (born about 1873); Mary E. Neely (born about 1875); and Ella Adley Neely (born about 1876).

George's second marriage was to Louisa Pethinia Hight on December 28, 1881, also in Dallas County, Texas. This second marriage is borne out in G. W. Neely's widow's Confederate pension application.

The 1900 census taker found the family in District 145, Oak Cliff, Dallas County, Texas. Mrs. Neely said she had given birth to eight children, five of whom were still living. The children with them in that year obviously included some from Mr. Neely's first marriage to Louisa Neely's sister. They included: George W. Neely (August 25, 1883-December 10, 1918, buried in Calloway Cemetery); Pearl L. B. "Fannie" Neely (October 14, 1885-August 28, 1926, buried in Calloway Cemetery); Eula L. Neely (born February 1888); L. Anna Neely (born July 1890); Shaw Neely (born May 1894); James Elmer Neely (born January 1896); and twins, John H. Neely and Thomas Neely (born November 1897).

In the 1910 census the family appears in Precinct 3 of Tarrant County, Texas. With them were five children and Mrs. Neely said she had given birth to nine children, only five of whom were living at that time. This would suggest that she had another child after the taking of the 1900 census. All five of the children in the 1910 census are also present in the 1900 census.

His widow, Louisa P. Neely, applied for a Confederate pension in 1929, and said her address was RFD 3, Arlington. She said they were married December 28, 1881 in Dallas County. George W. Neely died in Tarrant County on March 4, 1918. She was born in Dallas County on Nov. 29, 1863. She had moved to Tarrant County about 1909. Her husband served in Co. C, 10<sup>th</sup> Missouri Cavalry. He enlisted about June 8, 1861 and served until June 8, 1865. Both Mr. and Mrs. Neely lie buried in Calloway Cemetery. No death certificate was filed for Mr. Neely.



Mrs. Louisa Neely survived until February 29, 1960. She died at 8:10 a.m. that day at her home at 407 Huffman Drive in Euless, where she had made her home for forty years. She was born in Dallas County, Texas on November 29, 1863, the daughter of Robert Hight and his wife, Martha (Jordan) Hight. She died on gastric hemorrhage, senility, and inanition. She was buried beside her husband in Calloway Cemetery.

