



# TARRANT COUNTY

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### Joshua H. Phillips

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Joshua H. Phillips was a Confederate veteran of a Tennessee regiment. He came to Tarrant County after the War, and was living at Bedford at the turn of the century. He was born in Tennessee about 1829.

One of Mr. Phillips' descendants, Robert Stanley Phillips of Cache, Oklahoma, has graciously shared his family records. He reports that Mr. Phillips was born in Bedford County, Tennessee, and was a son of Benjamin Phillips and his wife, Jane Elizabeth Holt.

He and his wife, Elizabeth Ann Wagoner, were married November 27, 1851 in Lincoln County (now Moore County) Tennessee. Phillips and his family are found in District 1 of Lincoln County, Tennessee in the 1860 census. He said he was born in Tennessee about 1828. His wife, Elizabeth, was born October 13, 1832 in Lincoln (now Moore) County, Tennessee, and was a daughter of Frederick and Mary Wagoner. The children with them in that year were: Mary, born about 1853; Candis, born about 1855; Frederick, born about 1858; and Margaret, born about 1859.

Mr. Phillips served the Confederacy as a soldier in Co. E, 23<sup>rd</sup> Battalion of Tennessee Infantry (also known as Newman's Battalion). His official records in Washington say he was thirty-six years old when he enlisted at Lynchburg, Tennessee on October 8, 1862 for a term of three years. He was mustered into the service on November 16, 1862 at Winchester, Tennessee. He appears present on company muster rolls for November and December, 1862, and March and April, 1863. His records say he left the army without permission on July 6, 1863 during the army's retreat from Wartrace to Chattanooga, Tennessee. His residence is recorded as "Lincoln, Tn."

Ten years later, the family was still in District 1 of Lincoln County, but there were several more children: M. J. (a female born about 1852); Candis (born about 1855); Frederick (born about 1857);

Benjamin (born about 1861); Margaret (born about 1863); Joshua (born about 1864); Ed Cooper (born about 1866); and Doll (born about 1869).

Family members recall that Joshua was an intemperate drinker, and around 1879 some of his sons made him leave their home. When the 1880 census was taken in Moore County, Elizabeth Phillips was the head of the family. Joshua was living and working as a farm hand with the family of James N. Stone, not far from his wife and children.

At some point in the early 1880's Phillips moved to Tarrant County, Texas because he had three married daughters living here. He returned to Moore County at least once. Descendants recall meeting an old man in Lynchburg, Tennessee; this man (while a young boy about eight years old) recalled hearing someone say, "Here comes Josh Phillips back from Texas," and seeing an old man riding his horse down the road. He recalled that Josh was rather short.

Mrs. Elizabeth Phillips died in Moore County, Tennessee on March 18, 1884. She lies buried in the Wagoner-Buckeye Cemetery in Moore County.

Phillips applied for a Confederate pension in 1899 while he lived at Bedford. He said he had been in Texas since about 1878. He was seventy years old in 1899, hence born about 1829. He said he served four years. Old Dr. Riley Bell Zachary of Bedford filled out the medical part of his application.

No readable headstone is now standing in any northeast Tarrant County cemetery for J. H. Phillips. He has no death certificate on file. It seems likely that he lies buried in Bedford Cemetery in an unmarked grave. Descendants will have a headstone placed for him in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips were the parents of ten children: Benjamin Robert Phillips, Mary Jane Phillips, Candis Phillips, Frederick Grandville Wilson Phillips, Margaret Catherine Phillips, Joshua H. Phillips, Ed Cooper Phillips, Elizabeth Annie Phillips, George W. Phillips, and a male child whose died before being named. All were born in Lincoln County, or in the portion of it which later became Moore County in 1871.

Mary Jane Phillips was born in Lincoln (now Moore) County, Tennessee on March 21, 1853. She married Amos H. Morris. She died in Bedford, Tarrant County, Texas on November 30, 1888, and was buried in Bedford Cemetery.

Candis Phillips was born in Moore County, Tennessee on October 12, 1854. She married James W. Morris in Moore County on August 12, 1874. She died in Moore County, Tennessee on July 6, 1879 and was buried in Wagoner-Buckeye Cemetery there.

Frederick Grandville Wilson Phillips was born August 13, 1857 in Moore County. He married Cordelia Francis Hastings in Bedford County, Tennessee on September 9, 1880. He died in Bedford County on February 20, 1931, and was buried in Willow Mount Cemetery at Shelbyville, Tennessee.

Margaret Catherine Phillips was born April 28, 1859. She married George Brittain Felps in Moore County, Tennessee on April 7, 1881. She died in Bedford, Texas on May 18, 1937, and was buried in Bedford Cemetery.

Benjamin Robert Phillips was born June 8, 1861 in Moore County, Tennessee. He married Martha Susannah Hastings in Bedford County, Tennessee on February 6, 1882. He died in Bedford County on January 23, 1939, and was buried in Willow Mount Cemetery in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

Joshua H. Phillips was born October 28, 1863 and died September 19, 1876 in Moore County. He lies buried in Wagoner-Buckeye Cemetery.

Ed Cooper Phillips was born May 11, 1866. He died September 20, 1876 and was buried in Wagoner-Buckeye Cemetery.

Elizabeth Annie Phillips was born in Moore County on February 23, 1869. She married Joseph Crigler Farrar in Moore County on August 22, 1888. She died January 7, 1912 in Bedford, Tarrant County, Texas, and was buried in Bedford Cemetery.

George W. Phillips was born June 3, 1871 in Moore County. He was married on November 9, 1893 in Bedford County to Ella Grey. He died April 1, 1950 in Bedford County, Tennessee, and lies buried in Whitworth Cemetery near Shelbyville.



The last child was a boy who was born May 20, 1873 and died May 3, 1874. He was born and died in Moore County, Tennessee, and lies buried there in the Wagoner-Buckeye Cemetery.

Headstone installed in Bedford Cemetery on Saturday, May 9, 2009.