



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Joseph T. Potts

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Joseph T. Potts, a Confederate veteran, lived in present-day Euless from at least 1880 until 1910, part of the time with the family of another of our veterans, his brother George W. Potts, and part of the time with another of our veterans, John Thomas Scott, to whom he was not related. Potts was born about 1839 in Tennessee. His service is confirmed by the statement he made to the 1910 census taker that he was a Confederate soldier.

Family sources at ancestry.com say his parents were Joseph and Mary (Huffman) Potts. Joseph was born in South Carolina about 1780; Mary was born in South Carolina about 1794. One Joseph Potts appears in the 1840 census of Wayne County, Tennessee who may be this Joseph Potts, judging from the ages of himself, his wife, and his children.

When the 1850 census of Itawamba County, Mississippi was taken, Joseph Potts and his family were living there in District 6. His wife, Mary, reported her age as fifty-eight. They had five children living with them: George W. Potts (born about 1826), Eviline Potts (born about 1828); Joseph T. Potts (born about 1831); Levi A. Potts (born about 1836); and Mary C. Potts (born about 1838). All the children were born in Tennessee.

At the time the 1860 census was taken, Joseph T. Potts was living with his parents and two of his siblings in Itawamba County, Mississippi.

He may be the Joseph T. Potts who was a member of Co. G, 43rd Mississippi Infantry.

By 1870, many members of the family had moved to Colbert County, Alabama, and were living there in Township 4 Range 14. Joseph and his younger sister, Mary, were living with their mother, Mary. Their next-door neighbors were Joseph's older brother, George W. Potts, and his family.

By 1880 he was here in Tarrant County, living with the family of his brother, George W. Potts, south of Big Bear Creek in Precinct 3. He is listed next-door in the census to David S. Harris, who lived in the present-day southeast intersection of State Highway 121 and Glade Road.

In 1910 Scott lived only a short walk from there with another of our Confederate veterans, John Thomas Scott, on the J. R. Doss survey in present-day Euless, west of Euless Main Street, probably in the vicinity of the intersection of Baze Drive and Haydenbend Drive. Potts and Scott were not close relatives, if indeed they were related at all. The census merely reflects that they were longtime friends.

Potts has no death record in Texas vital statistics files. He has no readable headstone in northeast Tarrant County.