



# TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### John Franklin Toland

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John Franklin Toland was a Confederate veteran of an Alabama regiment who lived near Birdville for many years. He died in 1931 and was buried in Fort Worth. Several of his descendants have placed material at [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com).

Family researchers say John F. Toland was born at Coffeyville, Alabama on December 21, 1847. He was a son of John Toland (c1813-1866) and Mary Elizabeth Coate (c1827-1862), both of whom died in Clarke County, Alabama.

Mr. Toland appears as a three-year-old boy in the family of his father in the 1850 census of Clarke County, Alabama. Ten years later, the family is still found in Clarke County, in the area served by the post office at Grove Hill. John F. Toland's paternal grandparents, Joseph and Mary Toland, were their next-door neighbors in 1860. Joseph owned nine slaves. John F. Toland's father, John Toland, owned eleven. The family was obviously financially ruined by the Civil War.

Mr. Toland's records in the National Archives are very sparse. He enlisted at Dalton, Georgia on May 5, 1864, and became a private in Co. A, 22<sup>nd</sup> Alabama Infantry. He was paroled at Greensboro, North Carolina on May 1, 1865.

Census records suggest Mr. Toland was probably married twice. He appears in the 1870 Clark County, Alabama census with a wife named Mary (who was born about 1844 in Alabama) and six Toland children, ranging in age from eighteen to three. It seems likely most of these were his siblings.

Family sources at [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) say he married Harriet Fredonia Hutchinson in Clarke County, Alabama on June 13, 1871. She was born November 18, 1852 in Clarke County, Alabama, and was a daughter of William C. Hutchinson and his wife, Elizabeth E. (Toland) Hutchinson.

Mr. Toland told pension officials he and his family came to Texas in January of 1875. We have been unable to find them in the 1880 census enumeration. The death certificate of one of his children suggests the family was living in Falls County, Texas during the 1870's.

An article appeared in the Waco Morning News on Sunday, April 21, 1895, in which the members of the Pat Cleburne Camp of United Confederate Veterans at Waco were listed. John F. Toland of Co. B, 22<sup>nd</sup> Alabama Infantry was included.

When the 1900 census of Texas was taken, Mr. Toland and his family were living in Ward 4 of the City of Waco in McLennan County, Texas. Mr. Toland was a carpenter. Mrs. Toland said she had given birth to thirteen children, eleven of whom were still living. The children with them in that year were Alice (born in February 1876), Pat (a boy born in October 1889), and George (born in July 1895). Also with them were Mr. Toland's son-in-law C. Sawyer and his wife, Millie (Toland) Sawyer, who was born in June 1882 in Texas.

In the 1910 census, Mr. and Mrs. Toland were enumerated in Precinct 4 of Tarrant County. In this census, Mrs. Toland said she had given birth to six children, all of whom were still alive. Only their son, George, was still with them. Mr. Toland said he was a Confederate veteran.

Mr. Toland applied for a Confederate pension in 1916, giving his address as Rt. 1, Box 68B in Fort Worth. He said he surrendered at Greensboro, North Carolina in April 1865. He said he was sixty-two years old, and was born in Coffeetown, Clark County, Alabama. He said he came to Texas in January of 1875, and to Tarrant County on July 4, 1909. He worked as a carpenter. He enlisted in February 1864 in Co. B, 22 Alabama Infantry. He claimed to have spent time at the Rock Island prison in Illinois. His file contains affidavits by H. T. Wilson (age sixty-four) and John McCoy (age seventy-eight).

Ten years later, in 1920, they were still in the same area, but George was no longer living with them. By this time, Mr. Toland had given up carpentering and was working as a truck farmer.

Harriet F. Toland of Route 1, Box 164, Fort Worth, died at home at 7 p.m. June 14, 1929 of hypostatic pneumonia. Her death certificate says she was a daughter of William C. Hutchinson of Alabama. She was buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Fort Worth on June 16.

Mr. Toland's death certificate shows that he was born in Alabama in 1847. His occupation is given as retired Confederate veteran. He died of uremia at Austin, Travis County, Texas in the Confederate Veterans home on April 13, 1931. His body was sent back to Fort Worth for burial in Greenwood Cemetery.

An obituary appeared in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram on April 19, 1931: "*J. F. TOLAND. The body of J. F. Toland, 84, former resident of Fort Worth, who died in Austin yesterday morning, was received here last night for funeral ceremonies at 3 o'clock this afternoon at Spelman-Secrest-Weiler Funeral Home. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery. Pallbearers will be L. P. McDonald, R. K. Davis, J. P. Toland, Richard Sawyer, Jackson Sawyer, and T. W. Hollingsworth. Rev. H. P. Watkins of Riverside Methodist Church will officiate at the funeral. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.*"

Mattie Toland was born August 24, 1872 at Coffeyville, Alabama. She married. R. W. Davis, and was living in Waco by 1917. She died in Waco at 1915 Franklin Street on November 6, 1918. She was buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Waco.

Alice Toland was born February 2, 1875. She was married to William Kearns. Her last permanent address was 3645 East First Street in Fort Worth. She died at 3132 Frazier Street in Fort Worth on July 29, 1957. She was buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Fort Worth.

Ella T. Toland was born in Falls County, Texas on October 5, 1878. By 1917 she was married to B. McDonald of Fort Worth. She died in Colonial Manor in Fort Worth on July 5, 1965. She was buried in West Oakwood Cemetery.

Millie (or Mellie) Toland was born June 13, 1882. She was first married to Calvin Sawyer, who died July 7, 1916 when he was run over by a boxcar in the Fort Worth and Denver Railroad Yard in Fort Worth. She later married William Bassham, and was married later still to a Mr. Hightower. Her last permanent address was 921 Cannon Street in Fort Worth. She died in Fort Worth in the Howard Sanitarium on November 30, 1969. She was buried in East Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth.

John Patrick “Pat” Toland was born in 1889 in Waco (according to his death certificate). He died on the morning of December 29, 1917, and a notice of his death appeared in the Fort Worth newspaper two days later. The article said he had been a post office clerk in Fort Worth for twelve years. He was buried in Greenwood Cemetery.

George K. Toland born in July of 1895. He was still living in Fort Worth in 1917.

