



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Joseph Hutchins Travis

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Joseph Hutchins Travis was a Virginia cavalry and artillery officer who came to Texas about 1898. He and his wife lie buried in Bourland Cemetery in Keller. Many active genealogists have placed material on this family at ancestry.com. Mr. Travis was a descendant of many prominent Virginians, several of whom were influential during Revolutionary times.

Joseph H. Travis was born in Brunswick County, Virginia on September 28, 1847 (some sources say September 26, 1846). He was a son of Edward Llewellyn Travis (1805-1888) and his wife Ariana Adeline Stith (1813-1852). When the 1850 census was taken, Joseph appears as a three-year-old boy in his father's family in the southern district of Brunswick County. His father owned forty-seven slaves.

The Travis family's prosperity continued to grow in the 1850's. Joseph H. Travis was a thirteen-year-old in his father's family in 1860 in Brunswick County. His father owned \$23,488 in real estate and \$116,000 in personal property, most of which was bound up in his one hundred ten slaves.

Mr. Travis's records in the National Archives are quite sparse. Without the statements he made to pension officials it might have been impossible to identify him. Pvt. Jo. H. Travis of Co. C, 44th Virginia Battalion appears on a register of patients of the General Hospital at Petersburg, Virginia. He was admitted for treatment of scabies on December 4, 1863, and was returned to duty on December 14. Private J. H. Travis of Neblett's Artillery, Smith's Battalion of Virginia State Troops, was paroled April 9, 1865 at Appomattox Court House.

Mr. Travis and his wife, Helen S. Drummond, were married January 16, 1867 in Brunswick County, Virginia. She was born in Virginia on September 21, 1848, and was a daughter of John and Harriet R. Drummond. When the 1870 census was taken, Joseph H. Travis and his family were living in

Meherrin District of Brunswick County. They had two children with them, Adaline and Hattie Travis.

Ten years later when the 1880 census was taken, Mr. Travis and his family were still living in the Meherrin District. He and Mrs. Travis had four children with them: Adaline A., Hattie B., Mary M., and William R. Travis.

By the time of the 1900 census, Mr. Travis and his family were listed at Keller, Tarrant County, Texas. Their next-door neighbors were the family of Harmon Cook, another Virginian Confederate veteran. Mr. Travis said he was born in September, 1847. They had three children with them, all born in Virginia: John S., Joseph H. Jr., and Edward Travis. Hellen said she had given birth to ten children, eight of whom were still alive. The Travises were farming on rented land.

Mrs. Helen Travis died at her home near Keller on February 12, 1904. She was buried in Bourland Cemetery. She died of dropsy and erysipelas. She has a Texas death certificate. Her headstone says she died on February 13.

Mr. Travis was a resident of Smithfield, Texas on November 24, 1913 when he applied for a Confederate veteran's pension. He said he left the service on April 9, 1865 at Appomattox Court House. He said he came to Texas in 1898. He claimed to be in Wiley Coleman's Company of Virginia Heavy Artillery. He had stopped farming, he said, about 1909. He enlisted first in A. B. Morrison's Company at Petersburg, Virginia, where he served twelve months on provost duty. He was then transferred to Hunton's Company of Dearing's Regiment of Virginia Cavalry for three months. His transfer was found to be improper and he was sent back to Morrison's Company. After a few days we was transferred to Capt. Coleman's Company of Heavy Artillery. He was stationed at Drewry's Bluff until he surrendered. He also served some time as commissary of Morrison's Company.

Joseph H. Travis died at his home near Keller in 1918. His headstone records his name, birthplace, years of birth and death, and the fact that he was a veteran of the Civil War.

The following list of the Travis children and their vital statistics was compiled from family records posted on the internet, census records, and Texas vital statistics records.

Adaline A. Travis was born February 11, 1868. She died in 1900 at Keller, Texas.

Hattie B. Travis was born December 29, 1869. She married Timothy W. Clary in 1886, before the family came to Texas. She remained in Virginia, and died February 13, 1942 in Brunswick County, Virginia.

Mary Minerva Travis was born in January, 1873. Family sources say she died in Brunswick County, Virginia on June 9, 1874, but she is present with the family in the 1880 census.

Emmer B. Travis was born June 16, 1875, and died in Virginia in 1880.

William Randolph Travis was born October 7, 1877. He died in Los Angeles, California on August 8, 1958.

There was a Travis child who was born July 3, 1880 who did not survive long enough to be named.

John Stuart Travis was born August 23, 1882. He died in Tarrant County on September 13, 1942 and was buried in Bourland Cemetery in Keller. He married Lily Evaline Blevins (1882-1966) at Keller in Tarrant County on January 8, 1905.

Joseph Hutchins Travis, Jr. was born April 23, 1886. His last permanent address was in Fort Worth at 2513 Columbus Street. He died in Saint Joseph's Hospital in Fort Worth on October 25, 1951 from complications of burns he received in a chemical explosion. His first wife's name was Ophelia. She died in 1918 and lies buried beside him in Bourland Cemetery. Descendants report he was married a second time.

Edward Lewellyn Travis was born April 25, 1888. He died in 1920.

