



# Tarrant County TXGenWeb

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### James Alexander Garrett

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James Alexander Garrett was born February 23, 1847 in Laurens County, South Carolina. He was a younger brother of another of our veterans, Rappley Garrett, and was a son of Benjamin and Sarah Garrett. By the time of the Civil War, the Garretts moved to Walker County, Georgia and settled in the neighborhood of today's Garrett's Chapel.

Garrett vouched for James Autrey's Confederate service in Autrey's pension application. James said he (Garrett) enlisted in 1864, but he did not say in what state or regiment.

Jim Garrett was married four times and had twelve children, six sons and six daughters. He first came to Texas about 1875, but went back to Georgia about 1879 and stayed until 1894. In 1894, he bought a farm in Tarrant County. In Georgia, Jim was a successful businessman supplying land, lumber, seed and equipment to put in crops. Jim was first married in Georgia to Martha (Mattie) Todd, who died July 20, 1870. They had one daughter, who died two months after her mother.

In 1871 he married Neely Tiner, who died about 1878 in Georgia after they had four children: Charles G. Garrett, Estelle Garrett Manley, Benjamin Franklin Garrett, and Eldena Garrett. Jim next married Frances Isabelle Hall, who died in 1894 in Georgia. . They had seven children: James Millard Garrett, Samuel Price Garrett, Alice Ilabar Garrett, Daisie Garrett, William Randolph Garrett, Mollie Garrett White, and Lawrence Garrett. James and his surviving children moved to Texas.

In Texas he raised cotton and corn, and maintained a fruit orchard. Jim was a charter member of the Grand Prairie (now Smithfield) Masonic Lodge, #455, and of the Smithfield Methodist Church. Jim's father, Benjamin Franklin Garrett, died in Georgia in 1885 and his mother, Sarah, then moved to Texas to live with Jim's family. She lived with them until her death in Smithfield in 1911. While back in Georgia on December 28, 1896, Jim Garrett married his fourth wife, Josephine (Josie) Littlejohn LeRoy. They had no children together.

Garrett died April 5, 1921 and was buried in Smithfield Cemetery.



James' mother is buried next to him.