



# TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### Eli Allen Hill

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Eli Allen Hill was born June 3, 1839 in Lawrence Co., Alabama, a son of John Thomas Hill (1806-1880) and Nancy (McCain) Hill (1806-1860). John H. Hill moved with his parents from Mississippi to near Daingerfield, Titus County, Texas about 1850. From there they moved to near Kentucky Town in Grayson County. They finally moved to Denton County, near Elizabethtown, in 1859.

When the 1860 census was taken, Eli was living with his parents and siblings in Denton County, Texas in the area served by the post office at Valetta Ranch, Texas.

Eli served in the Confederacy in Captain A. Faulkner's Co. of the 15<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Texas Cavalry. He enlisted at Denton, Texas on February 8, 1862 for a term of one year. He was mustered into the Confederate service at Clarksville, Texas on March 25, 1862. He brought with him a horse worth \$162.50 and equipment worth \$25. This company subsequently became Co. G. He is shown present on most of the surviving muster rolls of the regiment. He was captured by Union forces at the fall of Arkansas Post, Arkansas on January 11, 1863. By February 8, 1863 he was at the military prison in Camp Douglas, Illinois. He was paroled from Camp Douglas on April 2, and was released from captivity at City Point, Virginia on April 10, and by April 20 was in the Medical Director's Hospital at Petersburg, Virginia for remittent fever. He was released from the hospital on May 9, 1863.



Hill was left sick on the marching route between Wartrace and Tullahoma, Tennessee on June 17, 1863 while the Confederate forces were falling back from Wartrace. He was again captured on August 27, 1863 along the Duck River in Tennessee, and was sent to the military prison at

Louisville, Kentucky, from where he was discharged on September 1, 1863. At the end of October, the regiment had not heard from him further. He entered the Rock Island prison on January 24, 1864. Finally, he signed an oath of allegiance to the United States government and was released from the Rock Island Barracks in Illinois on June 16, 1865.

His release documents show his place of residence as “Valletarand” Denton Co., Texas. He was twenty-six years old, was five feet, eight inches tall, had a fresh complexion, auburn hair, and hazel eyes.

Family researchers at Ancestry.com list three marriages for E. A. Hill. The first was in Tarrant County on December 5, 1865 to Amanda Josephine Neace, a daughter of Peters Colonists and Keller pioneers Iraneous and Lucinda Neace. Those sources say Amanda died in 1867.

Eli and his second wife, Cynthia Catherine Edwards, were living near the Mount Gilead Church in Keller when the 1870 census was taken. They had no children living with them. She was born December 19, 1848 and died January 27, 1874. She lies buried at Mount Gilead near her father, A. J. Edwards. Family sources give their marriage date as February 20, 1870. Eli and Catherine Hill had at least the following children: Thomas Andrew Hill (1870-1932); Amanda Jane Hill (1872-1912); and David Eli Hill (1873-1951).

A third marriage is shown for Mr. Hill to Sarah Ann Manring (1846-1899). Sources say they had four children: Grace Esther Hill (1877-1936, who married Thomas Monroe Dennis); Nancy Catherine Hill (1879-1971, who married William Taylor Prather); William Washington Hill (1881-1938); and Elmer Allen Hill (1883-1954).

Eli Hill was church clerk of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church for a time in the late 1870's. In 1880 he owned some of the Daniel Barcroft survey. Eli Allen Hill died July 12, 1886 and is buried beneath a well-crafted handmade sandstone grave marker in Mount Gilead Cemetery.

