



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Rev. Vincent James Hutton

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Rev. Vincent James Hutton settled in northeast Tarrant County in the 1840's and was a leader in the establishment and early building of the county. He served in the Confederate Army, and spent his last years in Grayson County, Texas.

A sketch of Vincent J. Hutton's life appeared in The History of Grayson County, Texas, by the Grayson County Frontier Village, published in 1979. The Hutton family material was researched and submitted by V. J. Hutton's great-granddaughter, Ruth Henry. The entire text of the article on Mr. Hutton follows: *"Vincent James Hutton was born in 1811 in Indiana, a son of George and Lydia (Downing) Hooton, being of Scotch-Irish descent. He spent his youth and young manhood days along the Ohio River. In 1838 he married the beautiful young daughter of Abram and Sarah Barnard in Conway county, Arkansas.*

"In 1842, V. J. and Louisa started "west" with their two sons. They spent a short time in Dallas county, but made their permanent settlement in Tarrant county, Texas, where he took up a grant from the Peters Colony Company near Grapevine, Texas. They remained on this 640 acres until after the Civil War. V. J. was the first Tax Assessor and a Commissioner of Tarrant county. In 1849 he was converted to Christianity and became a member of the Lonesome Dove Baptist church. He was licensed to preach by the West Fork Association and helped to organize many Baptist churches in Tarrant, Denton and Cooke counties. He usually kept his pistols in the pulpit, in case unruly Indians or other trouble makers should invade the meeting house.

"The 1850 census lists several children in this family, and it is known that one little one died and was buried under the house to prevent the Indians from scalping her. V. J. and his two elder sons, John Wilson and Jonathan, enlisted in the C.S.A. in 1862. He was also a Texas Ranger and with the group that took Cynthia Ann Parker from the Indians. He brought his family to Cooke County after the War and bought land on Red River. His next move was to Whitesboro where he was in the

mercantile business for a short time. In about 1869 he bought land on Spring Creek, east of Collinsville, and built a large comfortable house.

“In 1879, Louisa Hutton died and was buried in the Collinsville Cemetery. Later, V. J. married Mrs. Annie S. Everett, “a scholar and a scribe.” They made an arrangement that they would both be buried in the orchard. When V. J. died in January, 1892, his children wanted to bury him beside their mother, but Judge Shores, his attorney, told them that their father’s last will and testament would be violated, so he was “buried ‘neath the old apple tree.” Later, Annie married Mr. Kinzey and was buried at Collinsville.

“ J. W. Hutton returned to his family after the War, but Jonathan was believed to have been captured by the enemy and died in a Federal prison. Other children of V. J. and Louisa Hutton were all born in Tarrant county and were: George and Lydia, twins; George married Ann Hunton but later went west “to the tall and uncut” and here in Real County, married Julia Edwards; Lydia married Joshua Miller; Margaret married Isaac Wiley; James V. married Anna Kezia Patton; David, the youngest never married. He died young and was buried at Collinsville.

“V. J. Hutton was a strong and courageous pioneer. He was regarded by some as being rough with bushy eyebrows and a stern expression that could scare a little kids as well as any one else who got in his way, but blazing a path through the wilderness and fighting for ones life was not easy. People had to be able to endure the rigors of those early days in Texas. Women marched along side the men, helping with the load. Without their fortitude and determination, we could not have it so good in Grayson County today.”

When the 1860 tax rolls were prepared for Tarrant County, V. J. Hutton was assessed taxes on a total of eight hundred thirty-seven acres of land in the surveys bearing the names of J. M. Baker, I. Neace, Daniel Barcroft, W. D. Barnes, W. Trimble, and two surveys in the name of V. J. Hutton. Most of this land was in northeast Tarrant County. Surviving public records from the 1850’s and 1860’s show most of his dealings to have been with settlers known to have lived in the northeast section of the county.

V. J. Hutton was a member of Col. William W. McGinnis’s Company of Mounted Volunteers, raised in Precinct 3 of Tarrant County in July, 1861. V. J. Hutton appears as a private in the company, in which one of his sons was Second Lieutenant and another was Third Corporal.

Family sources at Ancestry.com report that V. J. Hutton was born November 15, 1811 in Harrison County, Indiana. He and Sarah L. Barnett were married in Conway County, Arkansas on January 18, 1838. Mr. Hutton died on January 13, 1892. His gravestone does not appear in an extensive compiled list of Grayson County headstones available on the internet. There is extensive information on V. J. Hutton and his family at Ancestry.com.