



# TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### Benjamin Franklin Knight

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Benjamin Franklin Knight was a Georgia infantry veteran who spent the last part of his life in the Grapevine area. He lies buried in Minter's Chapel Cemetery on the Dallas-Fort Worth airport land. According to his headstone, Mr. Knight was born November 2, 1840 in Georgia.

When the 1860 census was taken, B. F. Knight was a single man working as an overseer on a farm belonging to Benjamin F. Gullett in the 1143<sup>rd</sup> Georgia Militia District in Terrell County, Georgia.

Ellen Barr and Benjamin F. Knight were married in Terrell County, Georgia on September 11, 1864. Her death certificate shows her to have been a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Barr, both of whom were born in Georgia. According to the same document, she was born in Florida on July 1, 1835.

Mr. Knight served the Confederacy in Co. E, 5<sup>th</sup> Georgia Infantry. He enlisted May 11, 1861 at Macon, Georgia for a term of one year. At some time between the end of October 1861 and the end of April 1862 he was absent from the regiment sick in a hospital at Bridgeport, Alabama. On a regimental return for June 1862 it says he was sent from Chattanooga sick. He was still there in July and August 1862. On July 1, 1862 he was assigned duty as a nurse at the Empire Hotel Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia. On August 23, 1862 he received a payment of one hundred sixty-three dollars for bounty, pay, and clothing allowance, for which the receipt, signed with an "X," is still in his file. On September 26, 1862 he received a payment of twenty-two dollars, which was for two month's pay. He is shown present on one muster roll for the period November through December 1864. He was paroled at Greensboro, North Carolina on May 1, 1865.

The census taker in 1880 found B. F. Knight and his family living in the Grapevine area of northeast Tarrant County. Mr. Knight said was born in Georgia about 1841. His wife, Ellen, said she was born about 1835 in Georgia. The children with them included Saphronia E. Knight (born about 1868 in Georgia) and Mary A. Knight (born about 1870 in Louisiana). The family apparently moved from Georgia to Louisiana between their two births. Also with the family in that year were a sister of Mr.

Knight's, Julia Hunt, born about 1836 in Georgia, and Mrs. Knight's son, Thomas T. Hunt, born about 1869 in Florida.

In 1880 the Tarrant County tax list does not indicate that the Knights owned any real estate, but they had one carriage or wagon worth five dollars, farming implements worth five dollars, three horses or mules worth sixty dollars, two cows worth twenty dollars, and personal property worth five dollars.

In her pension application, Mrs. Knight said her husband died on March 19, 1884, but the application does not say where. His headstone in Minter's Chapel Cemetery says he died March 19, 1885.

When the 1900 census was taken, Mrs. Knight was living in Dallas, Texas at 127 Caddo Street in the home of her son-in-law, Joseph Coram. Mrs. Knight said she had given birth to three children, two of whom were still alive.

When Mrs. Knight applied for a pension on April 30, 1901, she lived at 127 Lafayette Street in Dallas, Texas. She said she was sixty-five years old, and had lived in Dallas for twelve years.

An affiant for Mrs. Knight said he had first known her in Terrell County, Georgia in 1866. He said Mr. Knight enlisted in the first or second year of the War at Dawson, Georgia, and served until the end of the War. He served first under A. S. Johnston, then under Beauregard, then under Bragg. The affiant said he married Mr. Knight's niece in 1868.

Mrs. Knight died on March 17, 1910 at 710 Washington Street in Dallas, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery there. She had been living in Dallas County since about 1889. She died of chronic endocarditis and old age.

One of the children was Saphronia Coram, who was born November 3, 1867 in Georgia. She was the wife of Joseph Coram. She died at her home in Dallas at 3314 McKinney Street on July 27, 1944. She was buried in Oakland Cemetery in Dallas. On her death certificate, her mother's birthplace is shown as Florida.

One of the children was Mary Alice Dickerson, who was born May 23, 1870 in Louisiana. She is shown in death records as the daughter of Ben Knight and Ellen Barr. In 1900 she lived along with her mother in the home of her sister's husband, Joseph Coram. Mrs. Dickerson died at her home in Dallas at 3314 McKinney Street on March 7, 1947. She was buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Dallas.

