



# TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### Jacob Lyon Morehead

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Morehead's service is confirmed by his application for a Confederate pension, as well as several affidavits he made for fellow soldiers and their widows who were trying to obtain Confederate pensions from the State of Texas.

Most of this article was researched and written by a descendant, Eloise Pendery Smith, and printed in the Grapevine Historical Society's Grapevine Area History (1979).

Jacob Lyon Morehead was born May 22, 1843 in Virginia, and was a son of James Tracy Morehead and his wife, Susanna Miller Lyon. In 1845 Susannah died, and the Morehead children lived with their grandfather for three or four years. Jacob's father moved to Saltville, Virginia where he married Sally Shannon, a school teacher, in 1848...his third wife. In September of 1852 the family started by wagon to Texas, with Jacob riding horseback. It was at Jacob's father's suggestion that their home community in Texas came to be called Grape Vine.

Jacob enlisted in 1861 in Co. A, Ninth Texas Cavalry, commanded by William Quayle. They went into winter quarters at Horse Head Bottom, Arkansas, then down the White River by steamer, and up to Memphis, then to Corinth, Mississippi, where one of the Morehead's old neighbors, Richard M. Cano, requested that Jacob be transferred to Company A, Gano's Squadron. This squadron reported to John H. Morgan's company at Knoxville, Tennessee. About one thousand men were recruited, and became known as the Third Kentucky Cavalry. Jacob served as a scout for Morgan for one year. He saw fighting at Lexington and Bowling Green, Kentucky. Jacob's horse was shot from under him at Horse Shoe Bend on the Ohio River, where he was captured and held prisoner for eighteen months near Chicago. He was released in 1865, and returned to Grapevine on foot, by steamer, and by train. He stopped at Paris, Texas, where a cousin loaned him a horse and saddle. He finally reached Grapevine in August of 1866.

A year later, September 3, 1867, he married Eliza Harriett Jenkins, who was born September 4, 1849. She was a daughter of Grapevine pioneers Eli Mathis Jenkins and his wife, Charlotte Ellender

Dunn. Jacob and Eliza Morehead had thirteen children, two of whom were still living in 1978. Of the thirteen, only six survived to adulthood. Three of those who died in childhood were Mary Virginia (1868-1877), Susanah E. (1871-1872), and an unnamed infant (1875-1876). If the remaining four who died in childhood are buried beside their parents in Grapevine Cemetery, they do not now have headstones. The six surviving children included: Ellen (who married Eugene N. B. Henley), Maud (who married William Eugene Yancy), Jenkins Tracy, (who married Julia Proctor), Hetta (who married Clarence Allen Pendery), Clara (who married Thomas G. Shultz), and Fannie (who married Charles Jerome Ashley).



Mr. and Mrs. Jacob L. Morehead

Jacob applied to the State of Texas for a Confederate pension in 1922. He said he was 80 years old, born in Virginian, and had been in Texas since 1852, and in Tarrant County ever since then. At the time he applied, his address was 1811 Hurley Avenue in Fort Worth. In his application he said he was captured in Morgan's Raid in to Ohio, and was held prisoner for the rest of the war. He enlisted August 30, 1861 in Co. A, 9th Texas Cavalry, and was transferred to the 3rd Texas Cavalry at Corinth, Mississippi. J. L. Tinsley made an affidavit for him, saying they enlisted October 14, 1861 at Camp Reeves, Texas. They were transferred to the 3rd Texas at Corinth on May 17, 1862, captured at Syracuse, Ohio, July 20, 1863, paroled at Camp Douglas, Ohio Feb. 20, 1865, and forwarded to Point Lookout for exchange.

Jacob Morehead had a cotton gin and grist mill in Grapevine for thirty-seven years. He later retired and moved to Fort Worth. Eliza died November 12, 1927. Jacob died March 20, 1933. His death certificate says he died at 7 a.m., probably from coronary thrombosis and arteriosclerosis. No copy of the issue of the Grapevine Sun in which his obituary would have appeared has survived.

Both Jacob and Eliza are buried in Grapevine Cemetery. Several articles about him and his family appeared in the Grapevine Historical Society's Grapevine Area History (1979). In an affidavit he made for his sister, Martha C. Quayle, Morehead said he had entered the Confederate army after the

battle of Shiloh, serving in Co. A, 3rd Kentucky Cavalry. The family name is preserved on Morehead Branch, which flows south to north in the residential area just west of the old business district of Grapevine.

An obituary for Mrs. Morehead appeared in the Grapevine Sun on November 17, 1927: *"PIONEER TARRANT WOMAN BURIED HERE SUNDAY. RESIDENT OF GRAPEVINE FOR MANY YEARS. Mrs. J. L. Morehead, age 77 years, a resident of Tarrant County for 67 years, a number of years a resident of Grapevine, died at 4:30 p.m. last Saturday at her home 1811 Hurley Avenue, Fort Worth. She came to this county from Louisiana before the Civil War with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Jenkins, settling near this place. The funeral services were held at the Grapevine Baptist Church last Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Boyd P. Milburn. Interment was in the Grapevine Cemetery. She is survived by her husband, one son, J. T. Morehead, Oklahoma City; five daughters, Mrs. E. N. Henley, Mrs. W. E. Yancy, Mrs. C. A. Pendry, Mrs. T. G. Shultz, all of Fort Worth; and Mrs. C. J. Ashley of Dallas; also two brothers, Mr. Zeb Jenkins of this place; Mr. T. J. Jenkins of Dallas; four sisters, Mrs. Minnie Hamilton of Birdville, Mrs. S. F. Davis of Pueblo, Colorado; Mrs. J. E. M. Yates and Mrs. V. A. Wall both of this place. Pallbearers were her grandsons: Maurice Pendry, Morehead Henley, Roe Henley, Eli Hendley, David Ashley, Paul Yancy and Ralph Yancy."*

Mr. Morehead's obituary appeared in the evening edition of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram on March 21, 1933: *"Morehead. Eight grandsons who were pallbearers at the funeral Tuesday afternoon of J. L. Morehead, 89, were Morehead Henley, Rowe Henley, Eli Henley, Paul Yancy, Ralph Yancy, Maurice Pendery, David Ashley and Donald Ashley. Services were at the Grapevine Baptist Church with burial in the Grapevine Cemetery. Rev. W. R. White of Fort Worth officiated. Mr. Morehead died Monday morning at the home of a daughter, Mrs. C. A. Pendry, 2819 May Street. Coming to Texas when he was 9 years old, Mr. Morehead served in the Confederate Army and for two years was held as a prisoner of war in a camp of the Union Army. After the war he was a cotton ginner at Grapevine for 37 years prior to coming to Fort Worth in 1909."*

