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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

James Thompson Nash

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James Thompson Nash came to Texas with his parents and siblings from Kentucky in the 1850's. He was a brother of the two Nash pioneers at Grapevine who built and lived on the lately-refurbished Nash Farm in the western part of old downtown Grapevine. James served in a Texas cavalry unit, and spent the rest of his life in and near Grapevine.

James T. Nash was born November 8, 1833 in Kentucky. According to family historians, he was a son of Joseph B. Nash (1796-1866), who died in Denton County, Texas, and his wife, Fannie Skinner Nash (c1797-c1840), who died in Kentucky. Joseph B. Nash appears next-door to his father, Thomas Nash, in the 1840 census of Marion County, Kentucky. When the 1850 census was taken, James was living with his parents and siblings in District 2 of Marion County.

In 1860 James T. Nash lived in Dallas County, Texas in Precinct 1. He was working as a farm laborer and living with the family of Daniel Miller.

Mr. Nash's official records in the National Archives are very scant. His name appears on a roll dated June 24, 1862 at Camp Stonewall Jackson, Headquarters of the 19th Texas Cavalry, at Dallas County, Texas. Mr. Nash had enlisted on May 19, 1862. Several other area men, including Robert Bruce Merrill, also served in Co. B of the 19th Texas Cavalry.

When the 1870 census was taken, Mr. Nash was living in Precinct 4 of Dallas County. Also in his household was his first wife, Nancy Nash, who was born about 1850 in Kentucky. She was a daughter of John T. Saunders, whose biography appears in the Lewis Publishing Company's 1892 Memorial and Biographical History of Dallas County, Texas... Nancy came to Texas with her parents and siblings and settled in Dallas County in 1852. Her father was a Confederate soldier. There were no children living with Mr. and Mrs. Nash in 1870.

By 1880 James T. Nash had moved to Grapevine to be nearer the many relatives he had there. He was living there in the household of his niece, Mrs. Bailey P. Payne. He was farming. He was a widower and had no Nash children living with him there.

Mr. Nash married Amanda Green in Tarrant County on November 5, 1896. They had their own household in Grapevine when the census was taken in 1900. Amanda said she was born in Arkansas in July of 1848 and had given birth to three children, none of whom were still living. Amanda Nash has no standing readable headstone in Flower Mound Cemetery, where Mr. Nash lies buried, or in any northeast Tarrant County cemetery. *She may be the Amanda Nash who died in the Harris Sanitarium in Fort Worth on August 18, 1921. Her death certificate shows she was born in Arkansas in July 1847, and that her last permanent address was 1628 Sixth Avenue in Fort Worth. She was divorced at the time of her death. She was buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Fort Worth, and has a death certificate on file.*

Mr. Nash applied for a Confederate pension on January 11, 1907, at which time he gave his address as Grapevine, Denton County, Texas. He said he was sixty-five years old, and had been living at his present home for three years. He was a soldier in Co. B, 19th Texas Cavalry. He owned fifty acres of land worth \$475, one cow and calf worth twenty five dollars, one horse worth thirty-five dollars, one mule worth fifty dollars, one wagon worth twenty dollars, and household and kitchen furniture worth twenty-five dollars. A doctor stated Mr. Nash was suffering from senility and chronic osteomyelitis. An affidavit made by Marion Mouser of Dallas County said he knew Mr. Nash had served as stated and that they were boys together in Kentucky.

Mr. Nash is buried in Flower Mound Cemetery under stone with dates November 28, 1833 and January 24, 1908. No obituary appears for him the Grapevine Sun.

Mr. Nash's death certificate confirms that he died four miles north of Grapevine in Tarrant County at 1 p.m. on January 24, 1908. His death was caused by heart failure due to pneumonia and lagrippe. He had been ill for eight days.

