



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

George Washington Rogers

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George Washington Rogers was a Grapevine pioneer and a Confederate veteran. He and his wife were among the charter members of the First Baptist Church of Grapevine. Several articles about Mr. Rogers and his family appeared in The History of Jack County, Texas, compiled by the Jack County Genealogical Society in 1985. Much of this biographical sketch was taken from that work, especially from an article written by Martha Gilbreath.

George was born May 16, 1837 in Butler County, Kentucky, and was a son of William Madison Rogers and his wife, Seanna (Borah) Rogers. When the 1850 census was taken, in Butler County, Kentucky, George was living with his parents and siblings there. Their next-door neighbors were Lee and Catherine Borah, pioneers of the Bear Creek neighborhood in Tarrant County. George and his brothers grew up in a slave-owning family...in 1850 their father owned two slaves, a forty-six-year-old male and a fourteen-year-old female.

George came to Texas with his parents in 1858. Some family sources say the move took place in 1853, when George was sixteen. The trip from Kentucky to Texas took seven weeks.

George W. Rogers served in Co. A, Gano's Squadron, and later in Co. A, 7th Kentucky and 3rd Kentucky Cavalry, to which Gano's men were assigned. He enlisted in Gano's Company A on March 6, 1862 at Witt's Mill in Dallas County, Texas. He was twenty-three when he enlisted. He brought with him a horse worth \$150 and equipment worth \$25.

Mr. Rogers married Mary Ann Jenetta (Mollie) Granberry, who was born September 5, 1842 in Rankin County, Mississippi, a daughter of Hiram Granberry and his wife, Elizabeth Joyce Granberry. Mollie came to Tarrant County with her parents and siblings in 1852, according to the Jack County history book.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers were married February 5, 1861; other sources give other dates. Their first child, Eusebia Jane Rogers, was born December 11, 1861. After the War, Mrs. Rogers gave birth to Jimmie Rogers in 1866 and May Rogers in 1869.

When the 1870 census was taken at Grapevine, George Rogers and his family were shown as next-door neighbors to Grapevine pioneer John Cartwright Dunn. In 1870, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers had three children living with them: E. J. Rogers (a female born about 1862); James J. Rogers (a male born about 1866); and Mattie M. Rogers (a female born in December 1869).

In 1872, George and his immediate family, along with several members of his extended family, moved to Jack County, Texas. There more children were born to them: Rosa Rogers in 1875 and Georgia Rogers in 1878.

When the 1880 census was taken, George and his family were listed in Jack County, Texas, where they lived in Precinct 2, District 159. Listed on the same page are several other members of George's family, including his parents and the family of his brother, Jonathan Judson Rogers. By the time of this census, they had two more children: Rosey Rogers (a female born about 1874), and Georgia Rogers (born about 1878).

George Washington Rogers died of pneumonia in Jack County, Texas on January 25, 1884. He lies buried there in Springdale Cemetery. Not long after his death his widow moved to Lebanon in Collin County, Texas, probably to be near the family of her brother, Norvell Granberry, who had earlier moved there from northeast Tarrant County. An obituary for him appeared in The Rural Citizen on Thursday, January 31, 1884: "*Obituary. George W. Rogers was the son of James M. and Seeanna Rogers, was born 16 May 1837 in Butler County, Kentucky. He professed faith in Christ and joined the Baptist Church at Salem, Butler County, Kentucky in the summer of 1852. In 1858 he emigrated with his parents to Tarrant County, Texas, where he was married to Miss Mary A. Granberry, on 6 February 1869 by Elder Benjamin Terrell.*

"In 1872 he removed to Jack County, where he lived at the time of his death, 25 January 1884. Aged 46 years, 8 months, 9 days; Survived by wife; 1 son, 4 daughters, father, 1 sister and 2 brothers."

His widow, Mollie Ann Rogers, applied for a Confederate widow's pension in 1899. She said she would be fifty-six years old on September 5, 1899. She said she had lived at Lebanon in Collin County for fourteen years as of December, 1899. She was the widow of George Washington Rogers, whom she married on February 6, 1860 [sic] in Tarrant County. During the last years of her life, she lived with her daughters, Jennie and May. She died May 17, 1931, in Shamrock, Texas, and is buried there with a readable headstone in Shamrock Cemetery.