



# TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### Rev. George W. Sawyer

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Rev. George W. Sawyer was born October 14, 1834 in Alabama. According to a biography of his son, Benjamin F. Sawyer, printed in 1895, George W. Sawyer was born in Alabama to B. F. Sawyer, a farmer and millwright of South Carolina. George moved with his father's family from Alabama to Arkansas about 1848.

George W. Sawyer was living with his family in Union County, Arkansas in 1860. His mother, born about 1792 in South Carolina, was living with him in 1860. The 1895 history says, "...Rev. Sawyer served through the late war, part of the time running a mill with which he ground grain for the families of soldiers free of toll." He was first married to Margaret Elizabeth Johnson in Union County, Arkansas on December 20, 1855. She died in Arkansas in 1865.

In 1869 he began preaching, and was ordained by the Missionary Baptist Church in Union County on November 27, 1870. He continued in the ministry for the rest of his life. He came to Texas in 1877, locating on a farm in Tarrant County and taking charge of three churches. On April 7, 1877 Rev. Sawyer became a charter member of Pleasant Run Baptist Church. Also in 1877, Tarrant County tax records show that he owned 160 acres of one of the B.B.B.&C. Railroad surveys (abstract no. 200).

Rev. George W. Sawyer died October 10, 1878 and lies buried in Bear Creek Cemetery in Euless. An obituary appeared for him in the "Texas Baptist", on October 24, 1878: *"Sawyers--Departed this life, on the 12th of October, with congestion of the bowels, Rev. George Sawyers, at his residence near Dunnville, Tarrant county, Texas, leaving a devoted, loving wife and one son..."*

His widow was Mrs. P. M. (Melton) Sawyer, whom he married in Union County on January 30, 1866. She was living with a Melton family in Tarrant County in 1880. She, too, had died by 1895 when Benjamin F. Sawyer dictated his family history information. Rev. Sawyer's son, Benjamin

F. Sawyer, married Emma McKinley, daughter of Pleasant Run Baptist Church charter member Handy H. McKinley.

