



# TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### Boston Scott

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Boston Scott was a native of Virginia who served in a Virginia cavalry unit. About 1875 he moved his family to Northeast Tarrant County, where he lived for a time before moving to Denton County. Later in life he moved for several years to Montague County, and finally to Oklahoma where he died in 1936 and lies buried.

Boston Scott was born June 8, 1847 in Tazewell County, Virginia. When the 1850 census was taken Boston was three years old and living with his parents and siblings in the Western District of Tazewell County. He was a son of Albert J. Scott and his wife, Eleanor Steele, both natives of Virginia. The Scotts were farmers, but they did not own their own real estate.

When the 1860 census was taken Boston Scott was still living with his parents and siblings in the Western District in Tazewell County, Virginia, in the area served by the post office at Maiden Spring, Virginia. Boston was thirteen years old. Albert J. Scott's fortunes had improved in the past ten years. In 1860 he owned real estate worth \$3825 and personal property worth \$1250. The Scotts were not slaveholders.

Boston Scott served as a private in Companies I and H, 22<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Cavalry. His surviving records in the National Archives are very sparse. He enlisted at Tazewell, Virginia on June 1, 1864. The only other papers in his file relate to his pension application in the State of Oklahoma. This regiment was also known as Bowen's Mounted Riflemen.

**Brigadier General Bradley T. Johnson wrote of the 22nd Virginia Cavalry: *"I had about eight hundred, half-armed and badly disciplined, mountaineers from Southwest Virginia, who would fight like veterans when they pleased, but had no idea of permitting their own sweet wills to be controlled by any orders, no matter from whom emanating. They were as brave, and as fearless, and as undisciplined as the Highlanders who had followed Charles Edward of Culloden."* The**

**regiment was a part of General Lee's Army of Northern Virginia until the end, and was quite active in the last months of its service.**

At the time of the 1870 census Boston was living with his parents in District 8 of Claiborne County, Tennessee. Boston's father was farming on his own land. Boston was a single man and was working in a blacksmith shop. They lived in the part of Claiborne County served by the post office at Big Spring, Tennessee.

Boston Scott and his wife, Sarah Louise Shultz, were married in Claiborne County, Tennessee on July 23, 1872. The ceremony was performed by James Carr, a Justice of the Peace. She was born November 11, 1857 in Claiborne County. Family members say she was the daughter of Martin Van Buren Shultz (1832-1864) and his wife, Margaret (Dunsmore) Shultz. Martin Shultz, a Confederate soldier, died in a military prison at Camp Morton, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Data in the 1880 census suggest Boston Scott brought his family to Texas about 1874. He appears in the 1875 tax list in Precinct 3 in Tarrant County. It seems likely he chose the Grapevine area as his stopping point, since many other settlers of Claiborne County, Tennessee moved to that community across the years.

By the time the 1880 census was taken, Mr. Scott and his family were established in Precinct 7 in Denton County, Texas. With him were his wife, Sarah, and four of their children: Claud, Mirtie, Virginia, and Fanny Scott.

Boston Scott appears in the 1880 agricultural census of Denton County. He owned and worked thirty acres of cultivated land. Some of the information connected to his entry is illegible in the available microfilm. His farming implements were worth fifty dollars. His total farm production for the year 1879 was valued at between two hundred and three hundred dollars. He owned two horses. He bought and then sold one milk cow during the past year, from which he made two hundred pounds of butter. He owned twenty chickens, and estimated he had gathered eighty dozen eggs in the past year. He had twelve acres in Indian corn, which had produced seventy bushels, and twelve acres in wheat which had made ninety bushels. He made one bale from his six-acre cotton patch.

He cut twelve cords of wood off his place in 1879.

The family appears in the 1900 census of Precinct 5 of Montague County, Texas. Mrs. Scott said she had given birth to twelve children, all of whom were still alive. The children still at home with them were: Fannie E., Mary A., Charley A., Tinnie E., James T., Grace F., Lillie L., and Frank Scott. We have been unable to locate the family in the 1910 census, though it seems likely they still lived in Montague County.

Boston Scott applied for a Confederate veteran's pension on June 23, 1915, at which time he was a resident of Ryan, Jefferson County, Oklahoma. He said he had lived there about two and one-half years. He confirmed that he was a native of Tazewell County, Virginia. He said his general health was fair, but his eyesight was faulty. He claimed to own no real estate, but owned personal property worth three hundred fifty dollars. He said he had served from April 1864 until April 1865 in Co.

I, 22 Virginia Cavalry. His original application was rejected, but was finally accepted on July 3, 1917 after he had submitted two affidavits from old comrades who lived in Cedar Bluff, Virginia.

Mrs. Sarah L. Scott died July 9, 1918. She was buried in Grady Cemetery in Jefferson County, Oklahoma.

When the 1920 census was taken, Boston Scott was living with the family of his son, Frank Scott, in Blackburn Township, Jefferson County, Oklahoma. He was a widower. We have been unable to locate Boston Scott in the census of 1930.

Boston Scott died in Jefferson County, Oklahoma on October 6, 1936, according to his headstone. Oklahoma's online Confederate pension site shows his death date as October 5, 1936. He lies buried there in Grady Cemetery. Both he and his wife have readable headstones.

The identities of all twelve of Boston Scott's children seem straightforward. Many family genealogists have placed information on them at ancestry.com and other sites, and much of the data is conflicting. As far as possible in the following short accounts, we have relied on public documents and headstone information whenever possible.

Carrick Cager "Claud" Scott was born May 9, 1873. He married Sallie Ann McElroy (1877-1951) on December 9, 1896 in Montague County, Texas. He died October 18, 1963 in Elk City, Beckham County, Oklahoma.

Myrtle E. "Mirtie" Scott was born November 11, 1874. She married Frank C. Marmaduke (1863-1958). She died at her home at 2801 Lawrence Road in Wichita Falls, Texas at 4 a.m. on August 31, 1964. She was buried in Waurika Cemetery in Waurika, Oklahoma.

Virginia Scott was born November 18, 1878 (her death certificate and headstone say 1876). She married John Holt Grimsley (1875-1959) on December 2, 1894 in Montague County, Texas. Her last permanent residence was in the south part of Lakeview, Hall County, Texas. She died September 22, 1969 in the Hall County Hospital at Memphis, Texas. She was buried in Union Hill Cemetery in Lakeview, Texas.

Fanny Elizabeth Scott was born April 7, 1880. About 1903 she was first married to W. R. Talley, who died in 1919. Later she married Mack Neak Riddle (1872-1955) who lies buried in Hope Cemetery in Henrietta, Clay County, Texas. She died at 9:45 p.m. on July 8, 1971 in the Evergreen Manor Nursing Home at Burkburnett, Wichita County, Texas. She was buried at Nocona, Texas. Her last permanent address was 104 Kirk Street in Burkburnett.

Laura Bell Scott was born February 10, 1882. She married William Preston Jones (1871-1951). Her last permanent address was 305 East Walnut Street in Nocona.

She died at 1:15 a.m. on March 1, 1976 in Nocona General Hospital in Nocona, Montague County, Texas. She was buried in Nocona Cemetery.

Mary A. Scott was born April 6, 1884. She died in 1971 in Ryan, Jefferson County, Oklahoma.

Charles Albert Scott was born May 11, 1886. He married Mary A. McDonnall about 1903. He died March 3, 1971 in Farmington, San Juan County, New Mexico.

Lana A. Scott was born March 23, 1888. She married Charlie Black (1888-1946) in Montague County, Texas on August 26, 1908. She died July 18, 1980 in Nocona, Montague County, Texas.

James Lewis Scott was born March 6, 1890. He married Cora Q. Batey (1895-1963) in Montague County, Texas on December 24, 1914. He died October 12, 1967 at Roswell, Chavez County, New Mexico.

Grace F. Scott was born February 18, 1892. She married Lon McClendon in Montague County, Texas on November 10, 1911.

Lillie Lou Scott was born February 16, 1894. She married Jess McClendon in Montague County, Texas on November 10, 1911. She died March 7, 1983 in Childress County, Texas, and is buried in Childress Cemetery.

Frank Scott was born in March 1900. He married Anna Lee Reynolds (1898-1956) about 1920 in Jefferson County, Oklahoma. He died December 25, 1975 at Walters, Cotton County, Oklahoma. He was buried at Healdton, Oklahoma.