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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

John Thomas Scott

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John Thomas Scott was born April 29, 1831 (some family sources say 1845) at Freedonia, Chambers County, Alabama. In 1895 the Scotts lived on the J. R. Doss survey in present-day Euless, west of Euless Main Street, probably in the vicinity of the intersection of Baze Drive and Haydenbend Drive.

Ann Scott Johnson Legendre wrote and submitted an article on Mr. and Mrs. Scott for the Grapevine Area History, published in 1979.

He was a soldier in Co. A, 10th Alabama Infantry, and served for three years. Scott was discharged March 10, 1865 at Fayetteville, North Carolina, and was paroled at New York on June 4, 1865. His pension application also gives his regiment as Co. A, 10th Confederate Regiment. When he joined the Robert E. Lee Camp of United Confederate Veterans in Fort Worth in 1901, Scott stated that most of his time in the army was spent as a scout, but that he did take part in the Battles of Murfreesboro and Pulaski, Tennessee; Holly Springs, Mississippi; Chickamauga and Atlanta, Georgia; and Salt Works, Virginia; "...and in numerous smaller battles." Family sources recall that in all his military time he was injured only once, and that from falling off a horse.



Scott's wife was Catherine Mary "Kate" Thompson, and she was born March 19, 1830 at Columbus, Georgia. She married Scott in May, 1866 in Georgia. They moved to Texas in 1870.

In 1910, Mrs. Scott told the census taker she had given birth to ten children, only four of whom were still alive. In 1912 the Scotts moved to Wilbarger County, Texas. Both Mr. and Mrs. Scott were pensioned by the State of Texas for his Confederate service.

John T. Scott died May 29, 1930 in Wilbarger County. His death certificate says he died of cardio-renal disease at Vernon, and was buried in Vernon Cemetery on May 30. The informant was A. J. Scott of Chillicothe, Texas.

An extensive obituary for Scott, complete with a photograph, appeared in the Vernon Daily Record on May 29, 1930: *“John T. Scott, Confederate Veteran, Dies. Ninety-Nine Year Old Veteran of Two Wars Succumbs this Morning at Family Home on Mesquite Street Following Lengthy Illness. John T. Scott, 99, Veteran of the Spanish American and Civil Wars, and a long-time resident of Vernon and Wilbarger County, died at his home, 2417 Mesquite Street, at 9 o’clock this morning, following a long illness. Funeral services will be held at 4 o’clock Friday afternoon at the First Baptist Church, with Dr. E. F Lyon, pastor, in charge. He will be assisted in conducting the services by L. A. Foster and Rev. E. L. Moore, pastor of the Federated Presbyterian Church. Interment will be made in East View Cemetery on the lot reserved for Confederate Veterans. Mr. Scott was born in Alabama, April 29, 1831, where he was reared and joined the ranks of the Confederates in 1861, serving four years as a private in the Civil War. He moved to Texas in 1870, settling in Tarrant County where he lived before coming to Wilbarger County in 1912. Mr. Scott engaged in farming for a number of years after moving to this county, and later retired at the family home on Mesquite Street. Mr. Scott served in a number of battles under General R. E. Lee and several other great leaders while in the Confederate ranks. Among battles which he took part in and which he enjoyed telling about mostly was the Battle of Chickamauga, which was fought along Chickamauga Creek near Chattanooga, Tennessee on September 19-20, 1863, between 57,000 federals under General Rosecrans and about 75,000 Confederates under General Bragg. In all of his fighting in both the Spanish-American and Civil Wars, Mr. Scott was only injured one time, and that was sustained from falling off a horse. Mr. Scott was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church and has been a faithful member for sixty-five years. Surviving him is a widow who is 100 years old, four children, A. J. Scott, Vernon, Mrs. Emma Rodgers of Vernon, Mrs. Clara Scott of Wellington, and Mrs. Nan McCully of Ft. Worth; one sister, Mrs. Mary Robertson of Alabama, thirty-four grandchildren, thirty-six great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren. The Underwood Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Pallbearers had not been selected this afternoon.”*

An article in the same newspaper the next day names the pallbearers, all six grandsons: Tom Scott, Bill Scott, Marion Mashburn, Ruben Rodgers, Sam Scott, and Otis Scott, all of Vernon, Texas.

Catherine M. Scott survived January 7, 1933. They are buried in the East View Cemetery in Vernon, Texas. The Scotts’ children included Andrew Jackson Scott (1881-1965); Nancy Elizabeth Scott (1870-1935, Mrs. George F. McCully); Emily Louisa Scott (1884-1967, Mrs. Jesse “Jake” Rogers); Clara Jane (first married to a Mr. Williams and later to Carl Scott after Mr. Williams’ death); and Mary A. Scott (1879-1883, who died in childhood)

Several genealogists have posted information on John Thomas Scott and his family at Ancestry.com.



John T. and Katherine Scott's graves at Vernon, Texas