



# TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### John Franklin Weddle

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John Franklin Weddle served in the Confederate Army, according to family descendants. He was born in Indiana about 1818. He married Priscilla Ponder. The family was living in Dade County, Georgia in 1850, at which time Mrs. Weddle's name is shown as Mercilla.

They had arrived in northeast Tarrant County from Georgia in the old Spring Garden neighborhood by the time the 1870 census was taken. In that year, he owned a tract of land in present-day Colleyville and Euless which had its southwest corner at present-day Cheek-Sparger Road and Martin Drive. It is roughly bisected south to north by Heritage Drive. Most of it today is still undeveloped and is in the hands of the heirs of his daughter, Mrs. William B. Cheek. John Weddle was a member of the Grapevine Masonic Lodge, #288.

He died on March 13, 1876, and lies buried beside his wife in an unmarked grave in Spring Garden Cemetery, along present-day Cheek-Sparger Road about one-quarter mile east of Jackson Drive in Bedford. Priscilla (Ponder) Weddle died November 25, 1884.

John and Priscilla Weddle had several children, including William Lee Weddle, Mariah Carolyn (Mrs. William B.) Cheek; Andrew J. Weddle; Ephraim Benjamin Weddle; Sarah A. Weddle, and John Franklin Weddle, Jr.