



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Thomas L. Barcroft

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Thomas L. Barcroft was a Confederate veteran and the son of Peters Colonists and northeast Tarrant County pioneers Daniel Barcroft and his wife, Mary Ann Allen. Thomas was born in Cole County, Missouri about 1840, and came to Tarrant County with his father's family about 1846. They settled northeast of Keller in the Mount Gilead Baptist Church neighborhood.

When the 1850 census of Tarrant County was taken, Thomas was living with his maternal grandmother, Permelia Allen, and probably helping to care for her. She lived in the same neighborhood as Thomas's parents.

Thomas L. Barcroft was a Confederate soldier in Co. A, 9th Texas Cavalry. His records in Washington are more extensive than most of those for Confederate soldiers. He enlisted Oct. 14, 1861 at Camp Reeves for a term on twelve months. He said he was 21 years old, hence he was born about 1840. He had traveled 150 miles to the rendezvous, and was riding a horse worth \$85 and had brought equipment with him worth \$15. He was at Fort Gibson [Oklahoma] on December 31, 1861. On a muster roll for March and April, 1862, he was shown as present, but sick in camp. He was present on the rolls for May and June, 1862. For July and August, 1862 he was present, but sick in a hospital. He is shown present on surviving rolls for September through December, 1862. He is shown present on the rolls for March through October, 1863, but was sick in camp part of that time. He was with the regiment during May and June of 1864. He surrendered with his regiment at Citronelle, Alabama on May 4, 1865 and was paroled at Jackson, Mississippi on May 13, 1865.

Thomas returned to Tarrant County after the War. He registered to vote on August 17, 1867, saying he had lived in Precinct 3 of Tarrant County for nineteen years. He said he was a native of Missouri.

By 1870 Thomas L. Barcroft had moved to Illinois Township in Pope County, Arkansas, where he lived in the part of the county served by the post office in Dover, Arkansas. With him were a twenty-three-year-old female named Celia S. Barcroft, born in Tennessee; a seventeen-year-old

female named Hetty Coots; and a five-year-old boy named James Fleming. Both Coots and Fleming were born in Texas. Thomas owned no real estate nor personal property in that year.