



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

William Ross Byas

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William Ross Byas, a son of Abram L. Byas, and a brother of Joseph L., Richard L., and Thomas H. Byas, was born June 25, 1838 in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana. In 1850 Byas was living with his parents and siblings in Bienville Parish, Louisiana (Bienville Parish being formed from a part of Claiborne Parish in 1848).

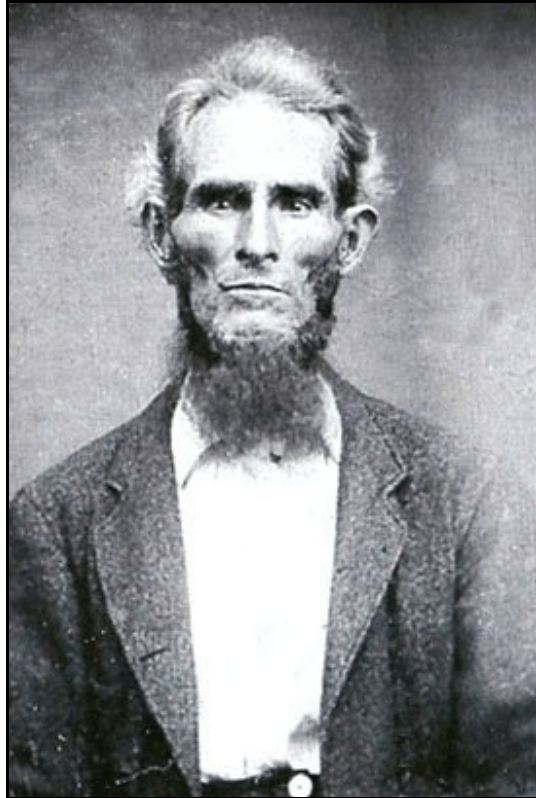
The Byases came to northeast Tarrant County about 1857. When the Civil War began Byas was living with his parents on the W. A. Doty survey southwest of Bransford; which survey sat generally in the northeast corner of today's Precinct Line Road and West Glade Road

William enlisted in the Confederate Army as a private in Co. A, 34th Texas Cavalry, on January 15, 1862 at Grapevine, Texas. He was in the Confederate General Hospital at Shreveport, Louisiana on March 23, 1864 with rheumatism.

By 1880, William R. Byas, his wife (shown as Anna C. Byas in the census), and their children had moved to Comanche County, Texas. He returned to Tarrant County, and served as postmaster of Bransford from December 15, 1884 until November 9, 1886.

William R. Byas died December 5, 1889. Byas's wife, Dizanna Kate Throop, was born May 12, 1848 and died February 6, 1915. They lie buried beside William's brother, Thomas H. Byas, and his wife at Lonesome Dove.

W. R. and Kate Byas had four children: Ada Icyphene "Icy" (Mrs. Fifer) Newton; Constance Ann "Tan" (Mrs. James A.) Henderson; Jimmie Ellen (Mrs. James W.) Heffington; and Charles Thomas Byas.



Abram Byas was the father of four Confederates, all of whom returned home after the War. They were Thomas, Richard, Joseph, and William. Abram Byas lies buried in Mt. Gilead Cemetery.

