



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Samuel Carter

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Samuel Carter, born March 14, 1838 in York District, South Carolina. He came to Texas in January, 1879.

According to statements Carter made years later, he was first in Co. H, 12th South Carolina Infantry for three months, then reenlisted in Co. H, 1st South Carolina Infantry and served in it until the surrender. Official records show that he enlisted on August 13, 1861, and surrendered at Appomattox Court House in Virginia with Lee's army on April 9, 1865. He served as both an infantryman and a sharpshooter. He received a bullet in his side at 2nd Manassas which he carried with him until his death. Carter also fought in the battles of Gettysburg, Sharpsburg (Antietam), Petersburg, and The Wilderness. He was shot in his hand and thigh at Petersburg, Virginia in 1864, and lost most of the use of his right hand permanently.

Carter and his wife, Emma S., were married April 12, 1867 in York Co., South Carolina. When the 1910 census was taken, she told the census taker she had given birth to eight children, only two of whom were still living. She was born September 4, 1843, and died August 4, 1927 at the home of her son, E. C. Carter, near Smithfield. A physician who examined Carter in 1912 found him to be suffering from the effects of four different gunshot wounds, listing additional wounds received at Gettysburg and Sharpsburg. "*...he carries a ball in his left side,*" the doctor wrote in Carter's pension application.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Carter were pensioned. Carter died December 15, 1915, and was buried in White's Chapel Cemetery. No obituaries for either of them are found in any surviving issues of the Grapevine Sun.

