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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Isaac A. Caruth

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Isaac A. Caruth was born in Wilson County, Tennessee on January 17, 1835. In 1850 he was living with the family of his father, Eli S. Caruth, in Wilson County, Tennessee, where the family was still living as late as 1880.

Caruth's wife, Lucy J. Chandler, was born in May, 1836 in Tennessee. They were married in Wilson County, Tennessee on September 9, 1856.

According to official records in Washington, D. C., Isaac Caruth served first in Co. F, 7th Battalion (Bennett's) Tennessee Cavalry, and later in Co. G, 9th Tennessee (Ward's) Cavalry. He enlisted in the 7th Cavalry on December 10, 1861 at Camp Sandy Baines, Tennessee for a term which was to end on October 19, 1862. He enlisted in the 9th Cavalry on September 1, 1862 at Hartsville, Tennessee for a term of three years.

He was captured near Lebanon, Tennessee on April 5, 1863, and was forwarded to Nashville on April 7, and on to Louisville, Kentucky on April 19. On April 14, 1863, he was sent from Louisville by train (via Baltimore, Maryland) to City Point, Virginia for exchange, but a notation on his record says simply "not sent."

He was apparently captured again near Buffington Island, Ohio on July 19, 1863, and was forwarded to the prison at Camp Douglas, Illinois from Camp Morton, Indiana on August 17, 1863. He remained in the prison camp until he signed the oath of allegiance to the Federal government on May 12, 1865, more than one month after General Lee surrendered in Virginia. At the time of his release, he gave his place of residence as Lebanon, Tennessee. He had a fair complexion, light hair, blue eyes, and was 5'10" tall.

Caruth was considered to be an old settler of the Tucker's Cross Roads community in Wilson County, about 7.5 miles east of Lebanon on the Trousdale Ferry Pike. When the 1900 census was

taken, Caruth was working as a stock dealer in Wilson County. His wife, Lucy, told census takers she had given birth to four children, three of whom were still living.

In 1905, Caruth applied to the State of Tennessee for a Confederate pension. In his pension application, Caruth gave the following account of his service. He said he served in Co. G, Bennett's Regiment of Tennessee Cavalry, under General John H. Morgan. He enlisted about October 1, 1861. He was discharged in May 1862 at Corinth, Mississippi and reenlisted in October 1862. He fought in battles at Hartsville, Tennessee, Snow Hill, Tennessee; Milton?, Munfordsville, Elizabethton, Muldrow Hill, and Lebanon, Kentucky, and in other skirmishes until he was captured at Buffington, Ohio in May, 1863. At one point he was discharged for having the measles, and was out of service about six months while he recovered. He then re-enlisted and stayed until the end of the war. He said he was at Camp Douglas, Illinois at the war's end, had been there about two years.

He said his wife was 69 years old in 1905, and that all his children were boys. Caruth said Bennet's Regiment was also known as the 15th Tennessee Cavalry.

Caruth bought three pieces of property in the Pleasant Run area on the Hale survey in 1907, and lived there for some time afterward. He told the 1910 census taker that he was a Confederate veteran. Mrs. Caruth said in that year that she had given birth to four children, three of whom were still living.

Caruth's death is not recorded in the Texas death records, and there are no readable Caruth headstones in northeast Tarrant County.