



# TARRANT COUNTY

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### David Hamilton Cate

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David Hamilton Cate was born September 8, 1845 in St. Joseph, Buchanan County, Missouri. He was a son of Peters Colonist and Tarrant County pioneer James Cate. David came to Dallas County, Texas in November, 1845 with his father's family. David's mother, Mrs. Sidney Adams, was a widow when she married James Cate in Buchanan County, Missouri; she died in Dallas County on March 14, 1846. David's stepmother was Elvira Minter, the daughter of Green W. Minter, for whom Minter's Chapel was named.

In the fall of 1851, James Cate moved his family across the line into Tarrant County. Like many other men in the community, David joined the Confederacy as a member of Co., A, 9<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry. He enlisted at Grapevine, Texas on September 26, 1862 for a term of three years. He was wounded at Davis Bridge near Lagrange, Tennessee on December 21 or 22, 1862, and was left there. After his wounding, he was taken prisoner, exchanged, and ultimately furloughed. For a time he was confined in the federal prison known at the Gratiot Street Military Prison in St. Louis, Missouri.

Union records show he was admitted to the Branch 1, USA General Hospital on December 22, 1862 with a wound to the right shoulder. He was received at the prison camp in Alton, Illinois on February 27, 1863. His records there indicate he was captured at Davis Mills, Mississippi. He was later exchanged at City Point, Virginia.

In his pension application, Cate said his command was disbanded near Vicksburg at the time of the final surrender. He was a member of the Robert E. Lee Camp of United Confederate Veterans in Fort Worth. He told camp members he went home the day before the surrender at Vicksburg, Mississippi. He also gave the Camp a written statement in which he said he fought in the Battles of Shiloh, Iuka, and Corinth, and served through the Georgia Campaign with General Forrest. He never surrendered.

In 1877, David Cate owned portions of the J. B. Fay and William Bradford surveys south of old downtown Grapevine. The Fay and Bradford surveys are adjacent, with the Fay being on the west and the Bradford on the east. The north boundaries meet (and the boundary between them stretches south from) a point about the present-day intersection of South Ball Street and Bellaire Drive. Much of both surveys are now owned by the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport, and Highways 114, 26, and 121 cross through them where those three highways come nearest to each other along the southwest side of downtown Grapevine. When the 1880 census was taken, David and Ann E. Cate and their children lived in Precinct 3 of Tarrant County, north of Big Bear Creek.

David married Ann Eliza Boles. They had nine children. A list compiled from several primary documents and internet sources is as follows: Virginia R. Cate (1866-1950); Florence May Cate (March 1874-1956), Mary Cate (August 1879-); Emma F. Cate (1870-); Maude Cate (January 1884-); Lee Cate (1876-1943); Sidney Frank Cate (1871-1936); John Cate, and Charlie Cate.

By 1900 they had moved to Denton, where they appear in that year's federal census. In that year, Mrs. Cate said she'd had nine children, and seven were still alive. In 1910, Mrs. Cate said she had given birth to nine children, six of whom were still alive. Mr. and Mrs. Cate were living in Precinct 4 of Denton County at the time the 1910 census was taken. Both received Confederate pensions from the State of Texas.

David Cate died on January 13, 1926 and is buried in Justin Cemetery in Denton County. Ann E. Cate applied for a widow's pension in 1926. She said she was 76 years old, and a native of Christian County, Missouri. She and Mr. Cate were married May 11, 1865 in Tarrant County, Texas. She said she had been living in Texas since about 1859, and in Denton County since about 1891. Ann Cate survived until April 14, 1940, and was buried beside her husband in Justin Cemetery.

An obituary for David Cate appeared in the Grapevine Sun: *"D. H. Cate, age 80 years, died at his home in Justin, Wednesday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Cate was reared in this community, his father, James Cate, being one of the early settlers in this country, coming here in 1845. Mr. Cate is survived by his wife, three sons, and three daughters. He was buried by the Masonic Lodge of Justin and Denton at Justin, Thursday afternoon, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>."*



*David H. Cate*

David H. Cate headstone at Justin, Texas