



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

John Henry Cook

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John Henry Cook was a Confederate veteran who enlisted in this community and spent the rest of his life here. Generally known in this community as Henry Cook, he lies buried at Lonesome Dove.

John Henry Cook's headstone says he was born April 22, 1831. Several census records say he was a native of Illinois. Numerous family genealogists have posted information about him at ancestry.com, and several suggest he was born in Greene County, Illinois, a son of John Cook (1804-1894) and his wife, Rebecca Finley (1811-1870), both of whom died in Collin County, Texas.

Cook's wife was Rachel Jane (Martin) Cook, who was born July 19, 1834 in Union County, Illinois. She was a daughter of one of Southlake's earliest pioneers, Urias Martin (1795-1855). She died August 18, 1903. She and Mr. Cook lie buried near several of their relatives in Lonesome Dove Cemetery.

John H. Cook served the Confederacy in Co. A, 34th Texas Cavalry, as did many other northeast Tarrant County men. His records in the National Archives show him to have been a 1st Corporal. He enlisted at Grapevine, Texas on March 4, 1862 under M. W. Deavenport for a term of twelve months. He traveled one hundred ten miles to the regimental rendezvous, and was given \$9.50 for the use of his own arms. He was still with the regiment on February 12, 1864, when he resigned his rank and became the regimental harness maker. A regimental return for April 1865 shows him on furlough under General Order no. 17 at departmental headquarters.

When Mr. Cook registered to vote in 1867, he said he was born Illinois, and said he'd been in Texas since 1849 and in Precinct 3 of Tarrant County since 1853. In 1900 owned thirty acres of the R. D. Price survey, seventy-five acres of the J. Dowthitt survey, and thirty acres of the A. H. Chivers survey.

The Cooks appear in the 1870 Tarrant County census. In that year, they had six children with them: Cordelia, William, Amanda, Lucy, John, L. H., and an older lady named C. Martin (born about 1803 in Kentucky).

Mr. Cook and his family were listed in the 1880 Tarrant County census. Mr. Cook said he was born about 1830 in Illinois to two Illinoisans. Mrs. Rachael J. Cook was born about 1834 in Illinois to two Kentuckians. They had four children with them in that year: William H. (born about 1857); Lucinda (born about 1863); John H. (born about 1864); and Lemuel H. Cook. J. H. Cook's son-in-law, James Chancellor was also living with them. Chancellor's wife...Cook's daughter...was recorded but was then marked through and the note "dead" was added.

When the 1900 census was taken, J. H. and Rachael J. Cook were listed in Denton County, possibly by mistake since their home sat so close to the county line. In that year, Mrs. Cook said she had given birth to seven children, only three of whom were still living. If this was correct, then the list at the end of this sketch is complete.

A short notice of Mr. Cook's death appeared in the Grapevine Sun on June 15, 1901: "*We regret to learn of the death of Mr. Henry Cook, who lived near the Dove. He died last Sunday. He had been in bad health for a long time.*"

Using a variety of sources, the following list of children for Mr. and Mrs. Cook has been compiled: Cordelia A. Cook (married L. J. Chivers, she died June 14, 1884, aged 27 years, 9 months, and 13 days, and was buried at Lonesome Dove); William H. Cook (1856-1913); Amanda M. Cook (married James F. Chancellor, she died January 24, 1880, aged 21 years, and was buried at Lonesome Dove); Lucy Cook (born about 1862); John H. Cook (Jan. 10, 1864-Nov. 29, 1917); Lemuel Haven Cook (Feb. 21, 1866-Oct. 27, 1924) and S. Holley Cook (died Sept. 10, 1878, aged 4 years, 8 months, and 13 days, and was buried at Lonesome Dove).

