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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Jerome Bonaparte Edens

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Jerome Bonaparte Edens was born at Lynchburg, Tennessee. Family researchers report he was born in 1831, and that he was a son of Archibald Edens and his wife, Elizabeth Peak Edens. Archibald Edens was born November 12, 1794 in Pendleton Co., SC. In 1850 they lived in McMinn County, Tennessee. Jerome had settled here in northeast Tarrant County by the time of the Civil War.

Official records show him to have been a 4th Corporal in Co. F, Waller's Texas Cavalry in late 1862. He enlisted August 17, 1862 at Vermilion, Louisiana for a term of three years. He furnished his own horse, worth \$165, and his own equipment worth \$20.

On September 9 and 10, 1864, J. B. Edens was a purchaser at the estate of Alfred D. Johnson, deceased, of Tarrant County. He owned real estate in northeast Tarrant County in 1870. In that year, his wife, C. B. Edens, is shown as born about 1825 in Arkansas. Family sources say her maiden name was Caroline Johnson. They had living with the a daughter, C. J. Edens, born about 1862 in Texas, and a son, E. C. (or C. C.) Edens, born about 1865 in Texas.

There is a J. B. Edens survey of one hundred sixty acres, which he patented on September 12, 1873. In modern terms, it sits in North Richland Hills, north of Amundson Drive and south of Rumfield Road. Much of the survey's eastern boundary is now marked by Eden Road, and part of its western boundary follows Davis Boulevard. The survey's southwest corner is at about the end of Brookview Drive (or Court). Its northwest corner is at about the intersection of Davis Boulevard and Oak Court (which enters Davis Boulevard from the west only). The northeast corner is along Eden Road about halfway between Rumfield Road and Everglade. The southwest corner is along Eden Road about halfway between the railroad and Jason Court.

In 1880 he is shown as J. Bonypart Edens; his wife was Caroline B. Edens. According to their ages shown in this census, they were born about 1835 and 1844, respectively. Children with them in that year were Charles C. Edens, born about 1866; and Adah Edens, born about 1873.

Edens was still alive in the Birdville area in 1900. In that year, he is shown as an widowed inmate (at the county poor farm?), born in Tennessee to a South Carolinian father and a Kentuckian mother. He did not apply for a Confederate pension. He does not have a readable headstone in any northeast Tarrant County cemetery. He does not appear in the 1910 Tarrant County census. There are no death certificates on file in Tarrant County for either Mr. or Mrs. Edens.