



# TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### Doctor Clayton Gregory

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Doctor Clayton Gregory was a Virginian who, along with two brothers and a brother-in-law and sister, arrived in northeast Tarrant County shortly before the War began. He died in the service of the Confederacy. Oddly, “Doctor” was his first given name, and not an earned title.

Family genealogists at ancestry.com report he was born December 1, 1842 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, a son of John Keatts Gregory (1782-1843) and his wife, Elizabeth Holland Corder (1800-1886).

The Gregory family was a large and comfortable one. In 1830 in Pittsylvania County, the family contained eleven members. They owned four slaves...two males and two females. In 1840 in Pittsylvania County, the family consisted of fourteen members and they owned six slaves...two males and four females.

When the 1850 census was taken, Doctor Gregory appeared as a seven-year-old boy in a large family headed by his mother and made up of a number of his siblings in the Western District of Tazewell County, Virginia. His mother, shown as “Betsy” Gregory in the census, owned five slaves.

In the summer of 1859, Doctor Gregory came to Tarrant County from Tazewell County, Virginia in company with several relatives, including his two brothers, Louis Corder Gregory and family, James M. Gregory and family, and his brother-in-law, Rufus C. Whitley, and family.

A granddaughter of Rufus C. Whitley, Cora Whitley Bertram, has written an account of the move from Virginia to Texas, and it contains several references to Doctor Gregory.. In “Trek to Texas: Gregorys and Whitleys by Wagon,” she wrote in 1988: *“At Tazewell County, Virginia, in the summer of 1859, my grandparents, Rufus C. and Elizabeth Holland Whitley, along with Lewis Corder and “Aunt Bett” Gregory, Dr. Clayton Gregory (single, age 17) and James Madison and*

*Barbara Jane Whitley packed their wagons with provisions and small children and headed for Texas... Dr. Clayton Gregory, "Dock," may have died in Harris County, Texas, near Houston, after 15 Aug 1864 and before 29 Nov 1864. I have letters written on these dates to great grandmother Elizabeth. The first was written by "Dock" himself; the latter by Robert Crews, new husband of Elizabeth's sister-in-law Barbara Jane, referring to the loss of her brother. "Dock" never married..."*

Doctor Gregory was a member of Co. E, McCord's Regiment of Texas Cavalry. His official records, while very sparse, show that he died of disease at Brenham, Washington County, Texas on October 2, 1864.