



# TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### John Grimes

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John Grimes was a Confederate veteran who lived in the Keller area at the time the Civil War began. He lies buried in Mount Gilead Cemetery near Keller.

John Grimes was born January 20, 1842 at Cumberland Gap, Lee County, Virginia. He died March 25, 1879, and was buried in Mt. Gilead. He was a son of Thomas Grimes (1814-1879) and his wife, Lucinda (Hoskins) Grimes, pioneers of northeast Tarrant County. When John was still a small boy, Thomas Grimes moved the family to Grundy County, Missouri. Later, when John was in his teens, the family moved again, settling in Tarrant County, Texas.

Like many other northeast Tarrant County men, John served the Confederacy as a soldier in Co. A, 9th Texas Cavalry. He enlisted at Camp Reeves, Grayson County, Texas on October 14, 1861 for a term of one year. He traveled one hundred fifty miles to the regimental rendezvous, and brought with him a horse worth \$90 and equipment worth \$12. He was present with the regiment at Fort Gibson [Oklahoma] on December 31, 1861. He is present on all the surviving muster rolls for the regiment for the year 1862; at one point in May or June he was shown serving daily guard duty. He was left near LaGrange, Tennessee after being wounded there on December 21, 1862, and was taken prisoner at Davis Bridge on the same day. At some point in early 1863 he was in a parole camp at Jackson, Mississippi. He appears present on all the other surviving muster rolls, the last of which was dated May and June, 1864.

When John Grimes registered to vote in Tarrant County on August 31, 1867, he said he had lived in Precinct 3 of Tarrant County for nine years, thus he must have settled here about 1858. Since it is positively known that Joseph White and his family also moved here from Grundy County, Missouri in 1858, it seems possible that the families may have made the trip together.

According to family sources at Ancestry.com, John Grimes married A. J. Williams (1856-1880), and they had at least one child, Mary E. Grimes (1876- January 1954 in Phoenix, Maricopa Co., Arizona), who married George R. Underwood.

This compiler placed military headstones at Mount Gilead for John Grimes, his brother, and his father during the 1970's or early 1980's.

