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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Henry Hardisty

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Henry Hardisty was one of the pioneer settlers of Birdville, arriving with his parents before the Civil War. He entered the Confederate Army while he lived at Birdville.

Henry Hardisty was born November 2, 1832 in Henderson County, Kentucky, and was a son of James and Julia A. Hardesty, pioneers of Birdville. When the 1850 census taker visited the family in Henderson County, they owned two slaves, a girl fourteen years of age and a boy ten years of age. Henry Hardisty came to Tarrant County with his parents and siblings in 1854.

Henry married Catherine A. Harper on December 9, 1861 in Denton County. She was born November 24, 1834 in Brown County, Illinois. She came to Texas with her family in 1854.

Henry was a private in Co. B, Scanland's Squadron of Texas Cavalry, which subsequently became Wells' Battalion of Texas Cavalry. Henry enlisted July 1, 1862 at Camp McCulloch for a term of three years, and is shown present on a muster roll of the regiment for the period June 30, 1862 through June 30, 1863. A notation was made on this roll that he owed the Confederate States five dollars.

When the 1870 census was taken, Henry and Catherine were living in Precinct 3 of Denton County, Texas. They had only one child with them at the time, a daughter Hattie, born in November, 1862. Hattie later married H. F. Wilton and moved to Montague County, Texas.

When the 1880 census was taken, Henry and his family lived in District 130 of Precinct 6, Wise County, Texas. At that time, they had only two children living with them: H. A. Hardisty (a female born about 1863), and T. R. Hardisty (a male born about 1871).

Henry Hardisty died in Jack County, Texas on January 30, 1900. He was buried in the Bridgeport East Cemetery in Bridgeport, Wise County, Texas. Within only a few weeks, Catherine went to live with her daughter and son-in-law, H. F. and Hattie Wilton, in Nocona, Montague County, Texas. Catherine Hardisty told the census taker in 1900 that she had given birth to five children, only two of whom were still alive.

Henry's widow, Catherine A. Hardisty, applied for a Confederate widow's pension in 1912. At the time, she was a resident of Rosston, Cooke County, Texas. She said in her application that she had been living at Rosston for nearly two years. She said her husband was detailed as a wagoner near the end of the war, and was stationed at Old Fort Warren (in Bonham, Fannin County, Texas) at the time the War ended. She died near Rosston at the home of her niece, Mrs. H. M. Berry, on July 24, 1917, and was buried beside her husband at Bridgeport. Her mortuary warrant says she died of bilious fever and old age.

