



# TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### David Sylvanus Harris

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David Sylvanus Harris moved to Tarrant County in 1871 and lived for many years in the Pleasant Glade Community. His home, in modern terms, sat on the south side of Glade Road about one block east of present-day State Highway 121. Until developers dozed it in 2006, the site was still marked by a huge old post oak tree. In later years, the site was the home of Jesse Rogers.

Harris was born in Kentucky, and came to Texas in 1853, settling first in Dallas County. He was married in Dallas County on November 4?, 1855 to Nancy J. McDowell, a daughter of Hamilton McDowell, one of the Peters Colonists. She was born in 1839.

Harris enlisted May 14, 1862 in Dallas in Co. G, 31<sup>st</sup> Texas Dismounted Cavalry and served to the end of the war. He was shot through the body at Bayou Fordouch on September 29, 1863. A photocopy of his discharge is in his file in Austin, the original having been returned many years ago to his granddaughter, Mrs. R. L. Emerson, in Fort Worth.

On July 14, 1885, Harris was a presiding officer at the election of the school trustees for the Pleasant Glade School. In 1900, Harris and his wife were still living in the Pleasant Glade Community. In that year, Mrs. Harris said she had given birth to three children, only one of whom was still alive.

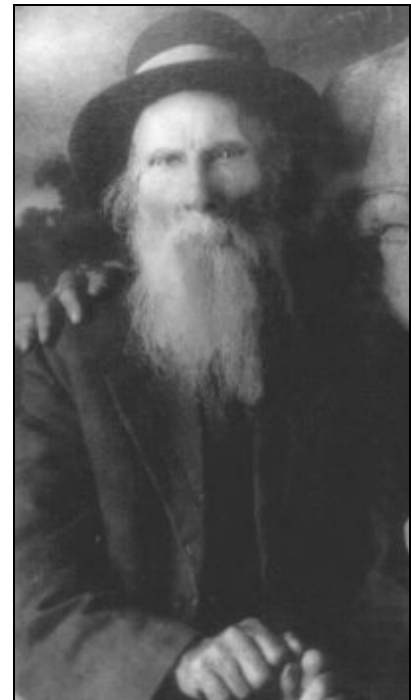


Nancy J. and David S. Harris

By 1910, Mr. and Mrs. Harris moved to Fort Worth and were living at 1225 Boulevard Street. Mr. Harris last lived at 1227 Clinton Avenue in Fort Worth. He died in Tarrant County on February 10,

1915. Mrs. Harris lived until 1917, and they lie buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery in north Fort Worth.

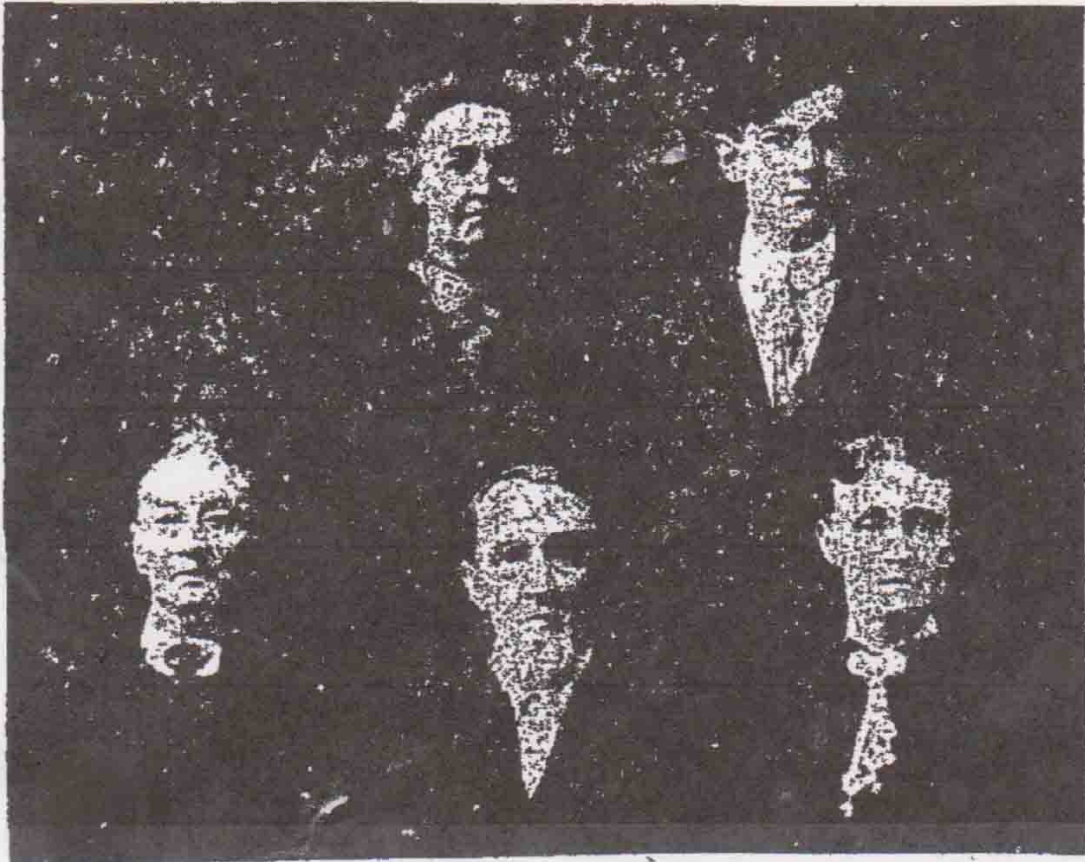
His obituary appeared the day after his death in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram: “*The funeral of Davis S. Harris, 80, who died Wednesday night at his home, 1225 Boulevard, North Side, was held at 3:30 p.m. Thursday from the Church of Christ, Fourteenth and North Houston Streets. A native of Kentucky, he came to Texas at the age of 20, spending twenty years on a farm near Dallas before he came to Tarrant County forty years ago. He is survived by his widow, Nancy Jane Harris, and one living child, who is Mrs. Bettie Witten of Santa Anna. He is also survived by nine grandchildren and twenty-four great-grandchildren.*”



Hamilton McDowell  
(1815-1891)

Father of Mrs. D. S. Harris. He lies buried in Grapevine's Parker Memorial Cemetery.

## Four Generations in This Picture



Four generations of the family of D. S. Hays, 1223 Boulevard, north side, are shown in this photograph. Mr. Hays, 78; his wife, 73; Mrs. P. L. Witten, 54, Santa Anna, Texas, their only living child; Mrs. J. E. Cavender, 27, their granddaughter, and Earl Cavender, 19, Fort Worth, their great-

grandchild.

Mr. and Mrs. Hays celebrated their golden wedding anniversary seven years ago, but despite their advanced ages, are remarkably active and appear much younger than their years. They have eight grandchildren and twenty-two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Hays is a native Kentuckian, having been born in Simpson county,

that state, in 1835. He came to Texas in 1853, settling in Dallas county, where he married Miss Jennie McDowell in 1835. He served throughout the Civil war as a Confederate and shortly after his return from the war moved to Tarrant county, settling on a farm near Grapevine, in 1871. There the family lived until four years ago, when they came to Fort Worth.