



# TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### George Washington Himes

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George Washington Himes was a Confederate veteran who served in a Tennessee infantry regiment. He later moved to Tarrant County and lies buried in Calloway Cemetery. George W. Himes was born in Tennessee about 1844, possibly in September, which he told the census taker in 1900. He was a son of Nathaniel Himes (born about 1810) and his wife, Susan (born about 1817).

George Himes was a five-year-old boy at the time the 1850 census taker found him with his parents and siblings in District 25 of Bedford County, Tennessee. Ten years later, when the 1860 census was taken, George and his parents and siblings were still living in Bedford County's District 25. Two of his brothers shown with him in this census, Andrew J. Himes and Samuel Dee Himes, also later moved to Tarrant County and lie buried in Calloway Cemetery. By the time of this census, Nathaniel Himes's wife is listed as Lucinda Himes, with a different age and different birthplace from Susan Himes in 1850.

G. W. Himes served the Confederacy as a soldier in Co. A, 37<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Infantry. His military records in the National Archives say he was eighteen years old on August 15, 1861 when he enlisted at Knoxville for a term of twelve months. He had traveled two hundred three miles to the regimental rendezvous. His name appears on a company muster roll dated August 15, 1861 at Camp Hays, Tennessee. One record says he deserted on June 7, 1862 at Baldwin, Tennessee, but he was back in the regiment during the period January 1, to October 31, 1863.

Mr. Himes was captured at the Battle of Missionary Ridge, Tennessee on November 25, 1863, and was forwarded from Union General Thomas's army at Nashville to Louisville, Kentucky on December 7, 1863. He was received at Louisville, Kentucky the next day, and on the following day, December 9, he was forwarded to the Rock Island Prison in Illinois. His name appears on a roll of prisoners of war who had enlisted in the U. S. Navy at Rock Island Barracks, Illinois, and were transferred to naval "renden" at Camp Douglas, Chicago, on February 5, 1864. Another record says the transfer was made on January 25, 1864.

George W. Himes married Jane Elizabeth Brumfield on May 24, 1866 in Bedford County, Tennessee. Her headstone says she was born in 1837; she told the 1900 census taker she was born in March, 1840 in Tennessee to two Virginian parents. Her father was David Brumfield, of Bedford County.

In 1870, Mr. and Mrs. Himes were living in District 7 of Franklin County, Tennessee. With them were David M. Himes (born about 1858 in Tennessee) and two of Mr. and Mrs. Himes's children, Nancy L. Himes (born about 1868) and Margaret Himes (born about 1869).

George Himes and his family moved from Tennessee to Missouri about 1872. The 1880 census taker found George W. Himes and his family living in Birch Tree Township in Shannon County, Missouri. With him and his wife, Elizabeth J. Himes, were six children, the eldest three of whom were born in Tennessee, while the youngest three were born in Missouri: Nancy L. Himes (born about 1868); Margaret E. Himes (born about 1870); Samuel D. Himes (born about 1871); Joseph E. Himes (born about 1873); George H. Himes (born about 1875); and John M. Himes (born about 1876). There are no readable headstones in Calloway Cemetery in Euless which appear to mark the graves of any of their children who died young.

Mr. Himes was a member of the Robert E. Lee Camp of United Confederate veterans in Fort Worth. He had joined the camp by 1884, in which year he told them he lived at Bedford.

G. W. Himes's home is shown on Sam Street's 1895 Map of Tarrant County. In modern-day terms, it sat along the south side of Calloway Cemetery Road and just south of the Euless city limits, in an area annexed by the City of Fort Worth. It must have sat very near, and possibly just east of, the Calloway Cemetery.

When the 1900 census of Tarrant County's Precinct 3 was taken, Mr. and Mrs. Himes had only one of their children living with them, Samuel D. Himes. In that year, Mrs. Himes said she had given birth to seven children, but only six were still alive.

The census taker in 1910 found Mr. and Mrs. Himes living between the Fort Worth and Dallas Road and the Trinity River in Precinct 3 of Tarrant County. Mrs. Himes's name is shown as Elizabeth J. Himes, and she said she had given birth to eight children, six of whom were still living. Mrs. Himes said she was born in Tennessee to a Virginian father and a Tennessean mother. Their next-door neighbor was their son, John M. Himes (born about 1877 in Missouri).

It seems likely that George W. Himes's headstone in Calloway Cemetery shows both his birth and death dates incorrectly. While his stone shows he died in 1932, a newspaper note about his death would seem to prove he died on April 26, 1929. Printed in The Arlington Journal on May 3, 1929, page 9, in a column of "Euless News" by Sally Ferris, the following is found: *"...We were very sorry indeed to hear of the death of our old friend, Uncle George Himes, who passed away last Friday morning. He had lived in this community for some time and had been confined to his bed for the past five years. He was living with his son, John Himes, at the time of his death. He was nearing the age of eighty-five. He had belonged to the Masonic lodge for a good many years, and he lived a clean Christian life. Funeral service was held at the Calloway Cemetery where his body was laid*

*to rest. Rev. Curry from Mansfield conducted the funeral service. He is survived by three sons and two daughters. Besides these he leaves to mourn his death several other relatives and a host of friends...*

Mr. Himes's death certificate confirms the death date of April 26, 1929. The cause of death is shown as apoplexy of five years duration, and diabetes miletus of four years duration. The informant for the death certificate was J. W. Himes.

Mrs. Jane Himes's headstone says she was born in 1837 and died in 1916. She lies buried beside her husband in Calloway Cemetery. Mr. Himes did not apply to the State of Texas for a Confederate pension. Mrs. Himes has no death certificate on file in the Texas Vital Statistics office.

Descendants of Mr. Himes report that he was the father of six children: Lucinda Jane (Lou) Himes, who married John Isom Reaves; Margaret Allen Himes, who married William Lewis Reaves; Joseph Edmond Himes, who married Mary Blackman; Samuel Dee Himes, who was unmarried; George Harrison Himes, who married Susan Daughety; and John M. "Fat" Himes, who married Della Uselton.

