



# TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### Charles Hoaglin

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Charles Hoaglin was a Union veteran of the Civil War who lived his last years in Grapevine. He was one of the last, if not the last, survivor of the Union army in Texas.

Hoaglin was born October 22, 1849, probably born in the town of Hector, in Tompkins County, New York, where his parents and siblings are listed in the 1850 census. Charles is shown as a five-month-old child, the census taker having visited their home on August 4, 1850.

He served in the Union army. He enlisted in the Union army at Elmira, New York in November 23, 1863 in Co. E, 147<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry, claiming to be eighteen years old. He was transferred to Co. I, 91<sup>st</sup> New York Infantry on June 5, 1865, and

later also served in Co. K, 11<sup>th</sup> U. S. Infantry as a sergeant 11<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry.

When the 1870 census was taken, Charles was still living with his parents, John and Fanny Hoaglin, and his siblings in the town of Alma in Allegany County, New York. The family worked on a farm which they owned there.

When the 1880 census was taken, Hoaglin and his wife, Cordelia A., were living at Tuscarora, Steuben County, New York. Charles was a farmer. Cordelia was born about 1849 in New York to two native New Yorkers.

Charles Hoaglin filed for a federal pension based upon his Union Civil War service in 1900 while living in Arkansas. His pension application also indicates service in another regiment, but the handwriting is illegible. The research staff at the National Archives in Washington claims he was not pensioned, but the index card to his file is easily available online. It will probably be necessary to hire a paid non-government-employed researcher at the National Archives if a copy of the pension file is to be obtained Buried at Grapevine.

When the 1910 census was taken, Charles and his wife, Cordelia, were living in the town of Gentry, Benton County, Arkansas. They said they had been married forty-four years, and so were married about 1866. They only other person in their household was one granddaughter, Eula Hoaglin (born about 1898 in Pennsylvania). Charles was working as a house carpenter.

When the 1920 census was taken, he and his wife, Fannie, were living on Patterson Street in the town of Sulphur Springs, Benton County, Arkansas, where Charles was working as a carpenter.

When the 1930 census was taken, Charles and his second wife, Fannie, were living in Grapevine in a home they owned on West College Street. Their home was worth \$900. They owned a "radio set." Hoaglin said he was born in Pennsylvania to two native New Yorkers. Mrs. Fannie Hoaglin was a daughter of Grapevine-area pioneer Francis Kinkaid Daniel.

Jimmy Reynolds of Haltom City remembers seeing Mr. Hoaglin in Grapevine once during the 1940's. Hoaglin was so tall that he had to lean over to keep from hitting his head on the top of the door frame as he entered the room.

Charles Hoaglin died at his home in Grapevine on January 20, 1946. Dr. Allison certified that he died at 7 a.m. of apoplexy of seven days duration. No obituaries appeared for him in the Fort Worth or Dallas newspapers, in spite of his seeming celebrity status as one of the last survivors of the Union army here. He was a retired carpenter. He was buried at Grapevine Cemetery by Foust Funeral Home.

An obituary for Mr. Hoaglin appeared in the Grapevine Sun on January 25, 1946: "*CHARLES HOAGLIN DIES AT AGE 96. Charles Hoaglin, age 96, died at his home in Grapevine at 7 a.m. Sunday. Funeral services were conducted at the Grapevine Methodist Church, Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. by Rev. Wayne Reynolds assisted by Rev. J. S. Abernthy. Military interment in Grapevine Cemetery. J. E. Foust & Son Funeral Home in charge. Mr. Hoaglin was Sergeant of Capt. Mason Jackson's Company I, 11th Regiment of U. S. Infantry of the Civil War. Besides his widow he is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Eula Daniel of Gladewater.*"

Mrs. Hoaglin's death was reported in the Grapevine Sun on July 31, 1958: "*Last Rites Held for Mrs. Mary Hoaglin. Mrs. Mary Francis Hoaglin, 90, of Gladewater, former resident here, died Thursday morning in a Dallas convalescent home after a long illness. She was born in Tennessee*

*and spent a number of years in Grapevine before moving to Gladewater in 1952. Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Saturday at the First Methodist Church. Rev. Ross Smith officiated assisted by Rev. T. Lynn Stewart. Burial was in Grapevine Cemetery with Foust Funeral Home in charge of the arrangements. Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Ollie Stone of Grapevine and Mrs. W. L. Pardue of Wasco, Calif.; a brother, Isaac Daniel of Grapevine, and several nieces and nephews.”*



Charles' headstone in Grapevine Cemetery