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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

James Cinatus Hudgins

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James Cinatus Hudgins (some sources also give his middle name as Cincinnatus or Cincinnati), a son of northeast Tarrant County pioneers El Nathan Hudgins and his wife, Sarah (Proctor) Hudgins, was born in Jackson County, Alabama on April 25, 1845 (some family sources say 1846). He came to Texas from Belfant, Alabama with his parents in 1854. They settled first for a time at Birdville before moving permanently to the Grapevine area.

James served as a private in Co. A, 34th Texas Cavalry. James enlisted on Grapevine Prairie in Tarrant County on July 16, 1863. His records which survived the war are quite sketchy, but one roll survived for January and February, 1864, on which he is shown present for duty. Two of his brothers also served in the Confederate army but died in service. In a statement he made to the R. E. Lee Camp of United Confederate Veterans in Fort Worth, James said he "... was in all the battles of my command, the most important of which was Mansfield and Yellow Bayou [Louisiana]. The command was disbanded in Texas between Houston and Round Rock."

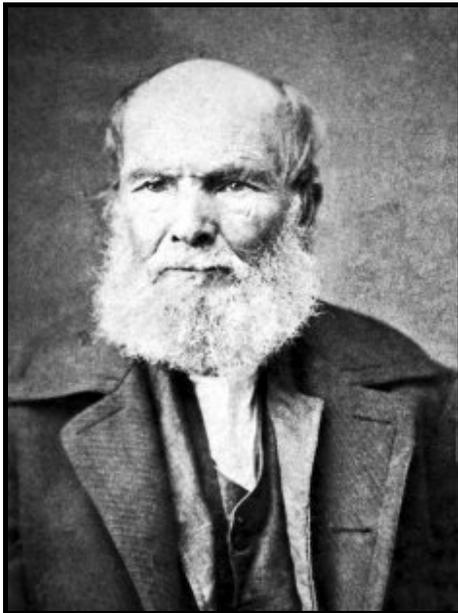
Hudgins' wife, Electra (Gideon) Hudgins, said she and her husband were married in Parker County, Texas on December 5, 1872. She was born in Georgia on January 14, 1854, and came to Texas with her parents about 1857. In her 1913 pension application, she said her husband enlisted in 1862 and served until the end of the war in 1865.

James Hudgins died April 17, 1908, and was buried at White's Chapel Cemetery. An obituary for him appeared in the Grapevine Sun on April 25, 1908: "*DIED. Mr. J. C. Hudgins was born in Jackson County, Alabama, April 26, 1845. He died at his home near Grapevine April 19, 1908. He was buried in the White's Chapel Cemetery Monday, April [illegible]. Besides a devoted wife he leaves six children. We can only remind these mourners that he is not dead, he is only asleep — resting after a long and well spent life here; he cannot and would not if he could return to us. We can, if we will, go to him. Behind the story clouds always lurks the rainbow and when the storm is*

past it weeps upon the flowers of the land and the pearls of the sea. Darkness precedes the dawning and out of the blackness of night comes the sunshine and joy of the day.”

By 1913 Electra Hudgins was living in North Fort Worth at 2220 Ross Avenue. She died in Fort Worth at the home of her daughter, Eunice Hudgins, on March 2, 1932. She was buried beside her husband at White’s Chapel. No obituary for her has been found in any surviving issue of the Grapevine Sun from that period.

James C. and Electra Hudgins were the parents of eight children, including John Nathan, Molly, Lucian Gilbert, Clarence, Charlie, Eunice, Reagan, and Thomas Berry. They have many living descendants in northeast Tarrant County.



J. C. Hudgins

El Nathan Hudgins (1814-1901) was the father of four Confederate soldiers, two of whom did not return from the War. They were John P. Hudgins, Franklin L. Hudgins, James C. Hudgins, and William D. Hudgins. E. N. Hudgins lies buried at Grapevine.