Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

John Harvey Lamkin

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John Harvey Lamkin was born January 29, 1819 in Franklin County, Alabama. He was a son of Ezekiel Lamkin and his wife, Elizabeth (Couch) Lamkin.

He married Synthia Louisa McCain, who was born November 16, 1821 in Lawrence Co., Alabama. During the war he was detailed to drive freight wagons from Fort Worth to Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Family sources say he spent time in Tippah Co., Mississippi in the early 1840’s, and he appears in the Upshur County, Texas census for 1850. Census records suggest he probably arrived in Texas about 1848 or 1849. Family sources say he was in Wise County by 1856. Lamkin was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

He died August 18, 1870 in Tarrant Co., Texas, and was buried in Mount Gilead Cemetery near Keller. Mrs. Lamkin died in Parker County, Texas on March 19, 1917, and lies buried in Bethesda Cemetery there.

John Lamkin’s tombstone was recently moved from Mount Gilead to Bethesda Cemetery and was placed beside his wife’s grave there, with an engraved notation about his true burial place.

The Lamkins had at least seven children, including John Hill Lamkin, Ezekiel Elijah Lamkin, James Harvey Lamkin, Mary Louise Lamkin, Nancy Jane “Nan” (Mrs. James Henry “Bud”) Carr, David Waggoner Lamkin, and Susan Elizabeth Lamkin.
Replacement marker for J. H. Lamkin in Keller's Mt. Gilead Cemetery placed by E. W. Taylor Camp SCV #1777 on August 8, 2015. New information discovered on his service is reflected on his marker.