



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Gustavus C. Pickett

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Gustavus C. Pickett was born October 5, 1842 at Van Buren, Crawford County, Arkansas. He was a son of George Calhoun Pickett (1802-1855) and his wife, Catherine Barbara McClellan (1816-1854). One of Gustavus's great-grandfathers on his mother's side was John Sevier, a Revolutionary War hero and the first governor of the State of Tennessee. Not long after his father died, the four Pickett brothers probably came to Texas to live with John and Mary Gregg, where they were living in Rusk County when the 1860 census was taken. When applied for a pension in 1914, he said he'd come to Texas about 1855, and had lived in Tarrant County at Smithfield from 1880 onward.

G. C. Pickett said he enlisted on May 1, 1861 (his official records say June 13 at Dallas, Texas) and was paroled on May 3 or 4, 1865. A company muster roll for Nov. and Dec. 1861 shows that he "joined for duty and enrolled" on June 3, 1861 in Rusk County for a term of twelve months. He traveled to the rendezvous in Dallas, bringing with him a horse worth \$30 and personal equipment worth \$5. He served in Co. B, 3rd Texas Cavalry, Ross's Brigade. R. W. Poe and S. Pickett, also of Tarrant County, vouched for his service from their own personal knowledge. He is shown present on the regimental rolls for May through August, 1862.

On September 27, 1862 he was sent to the Texas Regimental Hospital in Quitman, Mississippi, where he remained as late as August 28, 1863. The company muster roll for September and October, 1863 shows him "on furlough in Texas by Genl. Johnson." He was also "absent on furlough" in July and August 1863. For January through August, 1863, he was shown as "sick at Quitman Hospital." One record shows him back with his regiment on December 23, 1863. On a regimental return for May and June, 1864, he is shown as "absent on sick furlough."

He probably lived with one or both of his brothers at Smithfield; in 1910 they owned a portion of the J. C. McCommas survey along the west side of present-day Smithfield Road in the heart of the old town. Throughout most of his life he seems to have used only his initials, "G. C."

Records at the Confederate home in Austin show him to have been a railroader who came to Texas in 1856. He was admitted on July 15, 1911 and was discharged at his own request on July 13, 1917. He was shown as a Methodist. His next of kin were shown as Sevier Pickett of Smithfield, Texas and Mattie Templeton of Texarkana, Texas. His disability was shown as general debility. He was readmitted to the home on January 19, 1923, and lived there until his death.

He died November 6, 1926 of pylitis and old age in the Confederate Home in Austin, Travis County, Texas, and was buried in the State Cemetery later that day. His wife, whose name has not been discovered, predeceased him.



This stone is in the Confederate section of the State Cemetery in Austin

G. G. Pickett