



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

John David Prather

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John David Prather was born about 1841 in Adair County, Missouri, and was a son of pioneer gospel preacher, Jeremiah Prather.

John D. Prather probably left his mother's farm to enlist in Co. F, Terrell's Co., Waller's Texas Cavalry. He entered the Confederate service on August 27, 1862 at Vermilion, Louisiana for three years. He was detailed to help in caring for the horses by order of General Magruder on a roll dated February 29, 1864.

In 1864 he owned 294 acres of the Thomas Akers survey. This survey sits in present-day Hurst, with its western boundary present-day Precinct Line Road, and its northwest and southwest corners being about one-quarter mile north and south of State Highway 26 (Grapevine Highway) respectively. From those two corners the survey stretched east for one mile.

Prather was married twice, first to Sarah Jane (Bennett) Akers, the widow of Thomas Akers. His second wife was Mollie Jo Scott. Family sources record that he had three children with his first wife: Sarah (Mrs. Balis A.) Bates; Mary Ellen (Mrs. Martin C.) Racer, and John Hamilton Prather. With his second wife he had at least two children: Marinda and Ada Prather.

According to family sources, Prather died in Tarrant County in 1871. No readable headstone for him is now standing in northeast Tarrant County.