



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

John W. Scribner

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John W. Scribner appears in the special 1890 veterans census as a resident of Grapevine and a veteran of Co. E, 4th Kansas Cavalry. Some of the surviving data about Scribner and his wife are conflicting. At the time of this writing, both lie buried in unmarked graves in Grapevine Cemetery.

Scribner's birth date is found in several variations in the records. When the 1910 census was taken, he told the census taker he was born in December, 1845. His death certificate records his birth date as March 25, 1844. His death certificate states he was born in Illinois to a Mr. Scribner (a native of Tennessee); and that his mother's maiden name was Merriman, and that she was born in Illinois.

In 1850, John W. Scribner was living in Becks Creek, Shelby County, Illinois, with the family of his father, James Scribner (born about 1807). Also in the family were a female, (possibly John's mother, born about 1826 whose name is not legible, a daughter Elizabeth, born about 1841, John, born about 1847; a son, James, born about 1849, and a female named Delilah Marryman, born about 1830...probably a relative of John's mother. John's mother was Louisa S. Merryman, and she married James Scribner in Shelby county, Illinois on July 21, 1847... thus the several recorded birthdates for John W. Scribner may be in error. The presence of a nine-year-old girl in the household and James Scribner's age at the time of the 1847 marriage would also suggest that he may have had an earlier marriage in which John W. Scribner was born, and that Louisa Merryman may in fact have been his stepmother.

At the time the 1860 census was taken, the family was living in Potosi, Linn County, Kansas Territory.

Scribner said he served in the Union army as a bugler, and was in the army from August 10, 1862 until August of 1865. He said he incurred diarrhea and lung fever as a result of his service. Official records say he enlisted as a bugler on July 25, 1863, and also on August 21, 1863; they also say he was discharged on June 25, 1865. The official records say he lived at Fort Scott, Kansas at the time of enlistment.

In 1880 in the census at Grapevine, John Scribner appears as the head of a household with one son living with him. His son, Joseph, was born about 1874 in Texas. Joseph was not the son of Nancy Jane Snow, who married Mr. Scribner at some point in the 1880-1883 period. Nancy Jane was a widow with one son when she married Mr. Scribner.

Nancy Jane was born in December 1855 in Iowa to a Missouri father and a Kentucky mother. In 1870, Nancy was living with her parents, John C. Snow and Mary S. Snow, in Sedgwick County, Kansas...this census confirms that she was born in Iowa.

In 1900 John W. Scribner and his wife were living in Precinct 3 of Denton County. He said he was born in December 1845 in Illinois to two parents who were also natives of Illinois. In 1900, Nancy had given birth to five children, all of whom were still alive. These included a son, Jesse, born in Texas in June, 1889; a daughter Clara born in April, 1894; and a son, Edward Lee, born in October 1898. All three of the children were born in Texas. Another daughter, Maud Scribner, was already married by the time the 1900 census was taken. Mr. Scribner's obituary in 1919 mentions that he had a stepson, who is not named. Thus it seems reasonable to assume that Nancy J. (Snow) was a widow with one son when she married Mr. Scribner, at some point between 1880 and 1883. This son is not referred to in the 1942 obituary of Nanny Scribner's daughter, Clara Tatum.

John W. Scribner died at 6 p.m. on October 12, 1919 in Fort Worth at 2220 Chestnut Avenue, at the home of J. Scribner. The cause of death was senility. He was buried in Grapevine Cemetery by the Fort Worth Undertaking Company.

An obituary appeared for Mr. Scribner in the Fort Worth newspaper on October 14, 1919: ***“John W. Scribner. John W. Scribner, 75 years old, who died Sunday afternoon at his residence at 2220 Chestnut street, following an illness lasting for ten months, will be buried at Grapevine today. The body will be sent there for burial and services will be held at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Walter Landrith, Grapevine, this afternoon at 2 o'clock. He is survived by his widow, Nannie Scribner; four sons, Jesse C., Edward L. Scribner, of this city; Joe W. Scribner of Shreveport, La., and John C. Reggs, Berkley, Cal., a stepson, and two daughters, Mrs. Landrith of Grapevine, and Mrs. A. C. Minor of Waxahachie.”***

In 1920, Nannie Scribner was living at 2220 Chestnut in Fort Worth, along with her son, Edward, her son-in-law, Arthur Minor, her daughter Clara Minor, and her granddaughter, Ruth Minor.

Mrs. Scribner's death certificate gives her name as Nannie J. Scribner. She died on April 27, 1926 at 2220 Chestnut in Fort Worth. She was born in Kansas on December 26, 1855. Her parents were John Snow and Mary Smith. The informant was J. C. Scribner of 301 Fahey Street in Riverside, Ft. Worth. She died of influenza after a long term of lung collapse. She was buried at Grapevine on April 29.

Apparently John Wesley Scribner was the father of at least one son in a first marriage; that son was Joseph W. Scribner, who was living in Shreveport, Louisiana in both 1919 and 1942. There were four children in his marriage to Nannie J. Snow: Maud Scribner, Jesse Calvin Scribner, Clara Scribner, and Edward Lee Scribner.

Maud Scribner was born on March 6, 1884. She was first married to Walter Franklin Landrith (1877-1925), with whom she had several children. After Mr. Landrith's death, she married Samuel D. Coursey (1883-1948), and they had at least one child, Samuel D. Coursey, Jr. She died December 21, 1950 in Grapevine, and was buried in Grapevine Cemetery.

Jesse Calvin Scribner was born June 23, 1889 in Grapevine, Texas. He was a retired clerk for the meat packing firm of Armour and Company in Fort Worth. He was a veteran of World War I. He died August 12, 1942 at his home in Fort Worth, and was buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Fort Worth.

Clara Scribner was born in Grapevine on April 22, 1894. She was first married to Arthur Minor, second to George W. Tatom, who died before her. She had children in both marriages. She died March 20, 1941 in Wichita County, Texas. She was buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Fort Worth.

Edward Lee Scribner was born October 5, 1898 in Texas. Edward served in the United States Army from 1918 until 1945. He married Minnie L. Ford. He died at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas on February 11, 1967. He was buried in the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio.

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