



# TARRANT COUNTY

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### Thomas Sprouse

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Thomas Sprouse served in a local Confederate cavalry unit and left the area before the taking of the 1870 census. We have not positively located him in any census before or after the War.

On March 25, 1857, Thomas Sprouse patented the survey of three hundred eighteen acres in Northeast Tarrant County which bears his name...shown online in the General Land Office Archives as Thomas Spronce. In modern-day terms, the survey is located Watauga. Its north line lies along today's Bursey Road. Its west line lies along Indian Springs Drive; its east line corresponds to today's Douglas Drive. Greenleaf Drive follows the south line of the survey for part of its (the survey's) length.

On December 28, 1857, Thomas Sprouse was one of a number of sureties who signed a bond in connection with the estate settlement of John McConkey. On September 24, 1858 he was one of three men who made an inventory of the estate.. His name is also preserved in papers dealing with the estate of William W. Hall, who died in Northeast Tarrant County in 1862.

When the 1860 tax list was prepared for Tarrant County, Thomas owned two hundred thirty-eight acres of the Thomas "Spronce" survey in northeast Tarrant County. Another of our veterans, A. R. Creed, owned the remaining eighty acres of it.

In 1862 he had the same real estate. He owned seventeen horses worth five hundred ten dollars, one hundred cows worth five hundred dollars, and forty sheep worth eighty dollars.

In 1863, while owning the same acreage, Sprouse is shown in the tax list as the owner of twenty-five horses worth two thousand dollars, one hundred cattle worth six hundred dollars, and forty-seven sheep worth two hundred sixty-two dollars.

Mr. Sprouse entered the Confederate service on August 11, 1863. He enlisted in Tarrant County for a term of six months as a private in Co. H, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Cavalry, Texas State Troops. He was allowed the sum of \$57.20 for the use of his own horse. The enlisting officer was Brig. Gen. Nat Terry. Sprouse's name appears on a muster roll of the company for the period August 11 through December 31, 1863. No other record of his service has survived.