



# TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### Robert Russell Stewart

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Robert Russell Stewart was a Confederate veteran who suffered financially more than most with the defeat of the Confederacy. He came to this community in the 1870's and lies buried at Grapevine. Several articles about his family appeared in the Grapevine Area History, published in 1979.

His descendants, Clara Bess Stewart Shelton and Margaret Stewart Cross, authored the article on Mr. Stewart: *“Robert Russell Stewart (1822-1895) was born in middle Georgia. He came to the Lone Star State with his family, wife Elizabeth (Willis) (1832-1907) and son, William Robert (1856) about 1857 or 1858, taking up is abode in Cass County in the eastern part of Texas. His earlier days were devoted to agricultural pursuits. While here, sons Clarence Emory (1860) and Wilbur King (1865) were born.*

*“In 1871, Robert Russell Stewart moved his family to Dallas County, and made his home there until 1874. He then moved to the farm that he had purchased in the northwestern part of the county, adjoining Tarrant County, about four miles east of Grapevine. Here he continued to make his home until his death. Robert Russell and Elizabeth (Willis) Stewart are both buried in the Grapevine Cemetery. Also buried in the same lot is son Wilbur King (Willie), accidentally killed in 1888. It is believed that the accident occurred as he tried to crawl through a fence while hunting.”*

Robert R. Stewart was born in 1822 in Georgia. He said both his parents were native Virginians. Circumstantial evidence presented at ancestry.com suggests that his parents may have been Thomas Stewart (1786-1870) and his wife, Nancy Jane Russell (1796-1893), of Macon County, Georgia. Nancy Jane Russell's father was named Robert Russell. They had a son named Robert R. Russell, born about 1825 in Georgia. This is not presented as proof of Robert Russell Stewart's parentage; it is merely given to help future family members in their search.

When the 1860 census was taken, Robert, his wife, and his son, Robert, were living in Beat No. 18 in Cass County, Texas. In that year, he owned twenty-three slaves, all between the ages of eighteen and twenty...thirteen males and ten females.

In 1870 the Stewart family was in Precinct 3 of Davis County (later renamed Cass County), with children William R. Stewart (born about 1856 in Alabama), Clarence Stewart (born about 1861 in Texas), and Willie Stewart (born about 1865 in Texas). By the time the 1880 census was taken, they had moved to Precinct 8 of Dallas County, and their family included three children: Clarence, Willie, and Cora. Their next-door neighbors were their son, Robert, and his family.

Mr. Stewart's Confederate service is confirmed by his membership in the Robert E. Lee Camp of United Confederate Veterans in Fort Worth, which he had joined by 1884. We have been unable to document the regiment in which he served, and he apparently left no records of it with the veterans group.

The 1900 Tarrant County census of Precinct 10 lists Mrs. Elizabeth S. Stewart as a widower living alone. She was born in March 1832 in Georgia to two Georgian parents. She said she had given birth to eight children, three of whom were still living. Mrs. Stewart did not apply for a Confederate pension based upon her husband's service.

An obituary for Mrs. Stewart appeared in the Grapevine Sun on August 24, 1907: *"DIED. Mrs. E. S. Stewart departed this life August 23 at 4:30 a.m. at the home of her son, C. E. Stewart, from a complication of diseases. The funeral services were conducted at the home of Mr. Stewart at 2:30 August 23rd, and the remains placed to rest in Grapevine cemetery beside her husband, who had preceded her several years. A large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends followed her remains to their final resting place. Mrs. Stewart was the mother of 8 children, three of whom survive her: two sons, W. R. Stewart, living on his farm a few miles east of town, C. E. Stewart living on East College Street, a daughter, Mrs. Carra House of Georgetown. The Sun tenders sympathy to the bereaved family and friends."*

Robert Russell Stewart's children included William Robert Stewart (1856-1918) who married Mattie E. Giddens and founded a large farming family in the Grapevine area. Another son, Clarence Emory Stewart (1860-1946), married Anna V. Lipscomb, and served three terms in the Texas Legislature. He later moved to California where he died. A third child, Cora, was born about 1875 and married a Mr. House.





WILBUR K.  
STEWART.  
BORN  
JAN. 8, 1865.  
DIED  
APR. 6, 1933.

N. S. O'NEILL-MORTUARY

STEWART

