



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Benjamin Joseph Valentine

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Benjamin Joseph Valentine was born in Franklin County, Missouri on March 23, 1835, a son of Eli Valentine. In 1850, Benjamin appears in his father's family in the census of Franklin County. Benjamin married Martha J. Childers in Franklin County, Missouri on December 10, 1857. She was born about 1839 in Missouri. By 1860, they had two children and were living near his father's family in the same county.

Benjamin served the Confederacy as a member of Co. I, 4th (Bridges') Missouri Cavalry Regiment. He and several other members of the Valentine family became pioneers of northeast Tarrant County, settling in the Bedford and Southlake areas before 1880. Benjamin settled near Bedford about 1865. Mrs. Valentine was still alive as late as 1880. Valentine was one of the original directors of the Bedford College, chartered on June 24, 1882.

In 1895, his home was in present-day Bedford along the south side of Bedford Road where it intersects with Murphy Drive. Valentine lived for a time before his death in Clarendon, Donley County, Texas. When he attended the 1902 reunion of Confederate veterans in Dallas, he registered there as a resident of Clarendon. Mr. Valentine died in Tarrant County on April 19, 1904. His death certificate says he died about 9 p.m. of peritonitis of five days duration, with abscess of the liver as a contributory cause.

He lies buried in Bedford Cemetery near several of his children.

The following are their known children obtained from census records: Ellen/Eller L. Valentine, John E. Valentine, Annie M. (Mrs. Charlie) Howard, Allice J. Valentine, and Francis Valentine. There are gravestones at Bedford Cemetery for Benjamin's daughters named Auran, Lula, Josephine, and Vera.



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Headstone of
Mrs. B. J. Valentine