



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Benjamin F. Wall

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Benjamin F. Wall, a Confederate veteran, lived in the town of Grapevine when the 1880 census was taken. He was born in Alabama about 1845 to Richard W. Wall and his wife, Ann Elizabeth (Gilbert) Wall. He was an older brother of Grapevine pioneer merchant Zachary Wall.

Benjamin grew up in very comfortable surroundings. His father, a prominent Montgomery County farmer, owned thirty-eight slaves in 1860.

Benjamin Wall served the Confederacy as a private in Co. G, 7th Alabama Cavalry. He appears on a muster roll for the period July 22 to October 31, 1863. He enlisted July 22, 1863 at Montgomery, Alabama for the period of the War, and was at that time promised forty cents per day for the use of his own horse. He appears on a bounty roll dated December 18, 1863 at Dog River ____, near Mobile, Alabama. His name is found on the regiment's muster roll for the period November 21 through December 31, 1863. On January 10, 1864 he was shown on a roll of soldiers in Ross Hospital at Mobile, Alabama; he was being treated for rubeola (measles) and was sent back to duty on January 27, 1864. He was paroled by the Union army on June 3, 1865 at Montgomery, Alabama. An original signed parole is still in his file in the National Archives. At the time, he was described as having auburn hair, and a fair complexion, with blue or black eyes (the color is unreadable on the original document).

An article in the Grapevine Area History (1979) by Zenona Wall Buchanan McKamy ways that Benjamin and Zachary Wall came to Texas together in 1871 and stopped first in Lancaster, Dallas County, Texas. In 1872 they came to Grapevine, where Zachary opened a drug store and Benjamin opened a grocery store.

Wall was a member of the R. E. Lee Camp of United Confederate veterans in Fort Worth. In the year 1880, he owned some town lots in Grapevine, and was living in "hotel," possibly in the Minter's

Chapel area, run by William P. Sims. He was apparently single in 1800, and was working as a grocer.

Wall applied for a Confederate pension in 1909 while he was a resident of Sherman, Grayson County, Texas. At the time, he said he was 65 years old, and was born in Montgomery County, Alabama. He said he had been in Texas since 1871 and in Grayson County since about 1884. He said he enlisted in 1863, and left the service at Macomb, Georgia about 1865. He was a soldier in Co. G, 7th Alabama Infantry, transferred from the Gulf Department to the 3rd Tennessee in Forrest's Cavalry.

Benjamin F. Wall has no Texas death certificate, and no mention of his death has been found in any surviving issue of the Grapevine Sun.