Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Jabez B. Andrews

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Jabez B. Andrews was a Confederate veteran who lived the last years of his life at Grapevine. He lies buried in Grapevine Cemetery.

J. B. Andrews was born in Macoupin County, Illinois on December 15, 1837. He was a son of John Andrews (1795-1856, who was born in Timberland, Lincolnshire) and his wife, Hannah A. Andrews (born in England in 1797, died in Birdville, Texas in 1860). The family is shown in the 1850 census of Macoupin County, Illinois.

In 1860, J. B. Andrews owned one hundred acres of the J. C. McCommas survey. It was valued at $5 per acre. When Mr. Andrews registered to vote in Tarrant County on August 9, 1867, he said he had been a resident of Texas and Tarrant County for sixteen years, and of Precinct 1, in Tarrant County for one year. He was a native of Illinois. Thus Mr. Andrews must have come to Tarrant County with his parents about 1851.

Mr. Andrews served the Confederacy in Co. A of Gano’s Squadron of Texas Cavalry. His official records for his time in Gano’s Squadron say enlisted March 6, 1862 at Witt’s Mill in Dallas County for a term of twelve months. He brought with him a horse worth eighty dollars and equipment worth fifty dollars. He was twenty four years old at the time. No other records from his time in Gano’s Squadron have survived. He continued to serve with Gano after the squadron became parts of both the 3rd Kentucky Cavalry and the 7th Kentucky Cavalry. During the summer of 1862 Gano’s two companies were assigned to the 7th Kentucky Cavalry.

Andrews was married about 1860 to Anna M. Burgoon, a daughter of Tarrant County pioneers Charles and Mary Burgoon. She was born in Iowa on April 25, 1840, and died at Grapevine on August 18, 1886. She lies buried beside her husband in Grapevine Cemetery. J. B. Andrews was a member of the Grapevine Methodist Church.
Jabez Andrews died at Grapevine on July 26, 1892 and is buried in Grapevine Cemetery. Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Andrews lived long enough to apply for a Confederate pension from the State of Texas. The Grapevine Area History contains a large, clear photograph of his home.