Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

David L. Arwine

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David L. Arwine was a Union veteran who lived for several years in northeast Tarrant County before moving to Wise County. He died in Lubbock, Texas, and was brought back to Bridgeport, Wise County, Texas for burial.

David L. Arwine was born April 24, 1844 in Brown County, Indiana. He was one of at least eleven children born to James Arwine (1799-1879) and his wife, Mary (Martin) Arwine (c1803-1886). James Arwine was a veteran of the Mexican War and of the Union Army. James was the father of six Union soldiers, four of whom spent part of their later lives in Tarrant County, Texas. James and Mary came to Tarrant County and are buried in Arwine Cemetery in Hurst.

David served in the Union Army in Co. K, 145th Indiana Infantry. He said he was a corporal, and had served from February 7, 1864 until February 1, 1865.

David came to Tarrant County with his parents in 1869. When the 1870 census was taken, David was living in northeast Tarrant County with his mother and father. In 1879, David owned eighty acres (one-fourth of the total survey) of the Terrell Jasper survey. In modern-day terms, that survey is located in the City of Euless. It is one mile east-west by one-half mile north-south. Its north line runs approximately in the center of State Highway 183. Its northwest corner is about where Forum Parkway and Dock McGinnis drive meet Highway 183 from the north and south, respectively. The survey’s northeast corner is at the center of the intersection of FM 157 (Industrial Boulevard) and the Airport Freeway (State Highway 183). The survey’s east line follows FM 157 south for one-half mile from that point. No modern-day streets appear to lie along the survey’s south boundary.

When the 1880 census was taken in Tarrant County, David and his family lived in Precinct 3, south of Big Bear Creek. In the 1890 special census of Union veterans, David Arwine is listed in Wise County. He was pensioned for his Union Civil War service.
David and his wife, Amanda E. Elkins, were married March 26, 1893 in Wise County, Texas. She was born in Indiana on November 26, 1866. They had a son named Joseph Arnold Arwine (born September 9, 1894, died in April 1982 in Lubbock, Texas) and a daughter Lottie Arwine, born about 1903.

As late as 1920, David was living at Bridgeport. In that year, he had a sister named Kate Murphy living with him. In 1930 was living in Lubbock Co., Texas with his daughter and son-in-law.

David Arwine died at Lubbock, Lubbock County, Texas on October 26, 1930 of uremia and general arteriosclerosis. Much of his death certificate was left blank. His body was brought back to Bridgeport, Wise County, for burial in the old cemetery on the east side of town.