Jesse Arwine was a Union veteran of the Civil War who lived in Precinct 3 of Tarrant County, south of Big Bear Creek, in 1880. He was the son of one Tarrant County Union veteran and the brother of three others… Daniel, David, and Nicholas Arwine.

Jesse was born March 28, 1838 in Lawrence County, Indiana. He was a son of James and Mary (Martin) Arwine, who came to Tarrant County in 1869. Jesse married Elizabeth Elkins in Brown County, Indiana on January 6, 1860.

Jesse Arwine served as a corporal in Co. H, 82nd Indiana Infantry. He lived at Nashville, Indiana when he joined the Union Army. He enlisted on August 30, 1862 and served until June 9, 1865, when he was discharged in Washington, D.C. He suffered a powder burn in his right eye while he was in service. He received a pension from the federal government.

Jesse and his family appear in the 1870 census of Tarrant County. With him in that year were his wife, Elizabeth (born about 1840 in Indiana); M. M. Arwine (a girl, born about 1860 in Indiana); A. C. Arwine (a girl, born about 1865 in Indiana); and J. W. Arwine (a boy, born about 1869 in Texas). Jesse Arwine appears in the 1879 tax list of Tarrant County; he owned no real estate at that time.

In the 1880 census, Jesse and Elizabeth appear (in this year, Elizabeth said she was born about 1845); and they have with them four children: Amanda Arwine (born about 1867); James Arwine (born about 1870); Eliza Arwine (born about 1872); and John Arwine (born about 1876). At the time the 1890 special veterans’ census was taken, he was living in the town of Arlington.

By 1900, Jesse was a widower with three children living at home. With him were James W. Arwine (born in August 1869 in Arkansas); John W. Arwine (born in July 1878); and Emma E. Arwine...
(born in March 1894). Emma’s age suggests that Jesse’s first wife, Elizabeth, may have died and he may have remarried and lost a younger wife also by 1900.

Family sources at ancestry.com say Jesse Arwine died in Roanoke, Denton County, Texas on January 26, 1915. There is no readable headstone for Jesse Arwine in any northeast Tarrant County cemetery. He does not have a death certificate on file in Texas.