Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Nicholas J. Arwine

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Nicholas J. Arwine was a Union veteran who lived for a few years around 1870 in the area of present-day Hurst. He was the son of one Tarrant County Union veteran, James Arwine, and the brother of three others—David L., Daniel, and Jesse Arwine. He is found in various records as James Arwine, James N. Arwine, Nicholas Arwine, and Nicholas J. Arwine.

Nicholas Arwine was born in Brown County, Indiana on February 13, 1842. He was a son of James Arwine and his wife, Mary (Martin) Arwine, who came to Tarrant County in 1869.

Nicholas served in the Union Army in Co H, 82nd Indiana Infantry. He lived at Nashville, Indiana when he enlisted as a corporal on August 30, 1862. He was mustered out of the service at Washington D. C. on June 9, 1865. He filed for an invalid’s pension on May 9, 1878, and it was granted by the federal government.

He married Eliza J. Robertson in Brown County, Indiana on May 13, 1866. She was born in Brown Co., Indiana on March 24, 1847 and died there on June 13, 1899. She was a daughter of William Robertson and Rebecca Sutfin.

When the 1870 census was taken, Nicholas and his family lived in Tarrant County, probably in the present-day Arwine Cemetery area. With him were his wife, Eliza J. Arwine, and two children, William Arwine (born about 1867 in Indiana), and Jesse Arwine (born about 1869 in Texas). John Sexton from Indiana was also living with them. Their next-door neighbor was Robert Morrow, a veteran of both the Mexican War and the Confederate Army.
By 1880, Mr. Arwine (using the name James N. Arwine) had moved back to Brown County, Indiana and was living with his wife and children there. The children with them in that year were: William Arwine (born about 1866 in Indiana); Jesse Arwine (born about 1868 in Indiana); Tenie? Arwine (born about 1871 in Texas); Rebecca T. or F. Arwine (born about 1872 in Texas); Daniel Arwine (born about 1874 in Texas); Mary E. Arwine (born about 1876 in Texas); and Sarah Arwine (born in September 1879 in Indiana).

When the 1900 census of Brown County was taken, Mrs. Arwine said she had given birth to ten children, all of whom were still living. With Mr. and Mrs. Arwine in that year were Tesie? Arwine (born in January 1882); Belle Arwine (born in January 1884); and Lena Arwine (born in May 1886).

When the 1910 census of Johnson Township of Brown County, Indiana was taken, the census taker found Nicholas living with a widowed daughter Lena Arwine (born about 1888 in Indiana) and two of Lena’s children. Ten years later, in 1920, the family makeup was the same, Nicholas, Lena, and the two grandchildren.

As James Nicholas Arwine, he died in Brown County, Indiana on December 28, 1921. He and his wife lie buried in Elkinsville Cemetery in Van Buren Township, Brown County, Indiana. Quite a number of the Arwine descendants have posted information about him and his family at Ancestry.com.