Charles E. Barcroft was a Confederate veteran and the son of Peters Colonists and northeast Tarrant County pioneers Daniel Barcroft and his wife, Mary Ann Allen. Thomas was born in Cole County, Missouri about 1838, and came to Tarrant County with his father’s family about 1846. They settled northeast of Keller in the Mount Gilead Baptist Church neighborhood.

Charles E. Barcroft served in Co. K, 7th Texas Cavalry. His compiled military service records in the National Archives say he enlisted October 26, 1861 in Tarrant County under Thomas O. Moody of Mansfield. Charles was mustered in November 21, 1861 at Camp Pickett, near San Antonio. He brought with him a horse worth $150 and equipment worth $25.00. He is shown as on furlough from the start of December 1861. A muster roll for January and February 1862 shows that he enlisted at Mansfield, Texas. A muster roll for January and February 1864 shows that he had been AWOL for the past five months; in Confederate records many times this is indicative of a soldier being captured by the Union forces and his own forces being unaware of it.

We have found no further records of Charles E. Barcroft after 1864.