Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Joseph Amos Burgoon

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Joseph Amos Burgoon was a private in Co. A, 9th Texas Cavalry. Mr. Burgoon's Confederate service is confirmed by his service records compiled by the U. S. government from captured records after the War. He lived near Grapevine at the time of his enlistment. Tarrant County tax records show that in 1860 he owned one hundred acres of the Amos Burgoon survey and one hundred twenty acres of the Charles Baker survey.

He was a son of Charles Burgoon and his wife, Ann Maria (Geiger) Burgoon. He was born in Ohio on May 21, 1830. Amos came to Grapevine Prairie in 1853 with his parents and siblings.

Official records in Washington show that "J. Amos Burgoon" of Co. A, 9th Texas Cavalry, enlisted on Jan. 1, 1862 at Camp Slidell, Arkansas. He enlisted for a term of 9 months and 14 days. On or about May 29, 1862 at Corinth, Mississippi, Burgoon was detailed to act as a teamster driving wagons, in which served he remained for more than two years. On October 3, 1863, he was absent sick in the Texas General Hospital at Quitman, Mississippi. Rolls for May and June, 1864, show that he was back with his regiment acting as a teamster. No further official records have survived of his service.

Amos Burgoon married Minerva Milliken in Tarrant County. She was born in Illinois on March 8, 1844 to James and Lucinda Milliken.

Amos died in Tarrant County on December 19, 1889. His wife, Minerva, died in Tarrant County on June 23, 1894. She has a will on file in Tarrant County. Neither she nor her husband has a readable headstone in any
northeast Tarrant County cemetery, but descendants believe them to be buried in Grapevine Cemetery.

The children of Amos and Minerva Burgoon included Ann Eliza Burgoon (born December 14, 1866), Laura Pricilla Burgoon (born September 30, 1869), Sarah Vashti “Sallie” Burgoon (born December 26, 1870), Sena Elizabeth Burgoon (born February 10, 1874), Jesse Clarence Burgoon (born June 8, 1877), Genner Elonzo Burgoon (born January 20, 1880); Minnie Ola Burgoon (born October 20, 1882); Gicela Burgoon (born July 15, 1884), and Lillie Mae Burgoon (born December 23, 1887).

An article entitled "Amos Burgoon" appeared in the Grapevine Area History in 1979, but it seems to confuse many of the details which actually apply to Amos’s brother, Henry.

A great deal of information about Amos and his descendants has been posted by family researchers at Ancestry.com.