Felix Grundy Cavins was born in Indiana on June 7, 1836, a son of Augustus Hubbard Cavins. He is probably the Felix J. Cavins who was a Union private in Co. C, 25th Indiana Infantry. While a resident of Evansville, Indiana, he enlisted on August 19, 1861. He was discharged on July 17, 1865 at Indianapolis, Indiana.

He was married in Posey County, Indiana on May 30, 1867 to Mary Frances Farmer. She had one earlier marriage to a man whose first name was Ewin, and whose last name may have been Price. Her gravestone at Mt. Gilead Cemetery shows her name as Mary M.; she was born February 13, 1849 and died December 31, 1892.

According to census data recorded for some of his children, Cavins had arrived in Texas by about 1882, and was in Tarrant County by 1890. While most Union veterans listed in the 1890 census gave some details of their service, at least their company and regiment, Cavins gave no information at all.

One Felix J. Cavins of Texas, who may be this soldier, was pensioned by the U. S. Government for his service. Family sources say he died February 11, 1908 at Roanoke in southern Denton County, however he only appears in the Tarrant County censuses, and it seems much more likely he died in the White’s Chapel-Keller area. He lies buried in Mount Gilead Cemetery near Keller, Texas.

Cavins was the father of at least eight children: James Cavins, Martin Cavins, Taylor Cavins, twins Nora and Dora Cavins, Albert “Cap” J. Cavins, Augustus Cavins, and a son O. L. Cavins who died in 1889 in childhood and was buried at Mount Gilead.
F. G. CAVINS
BORN
June 7, 1836
DIED
Feb. 11, 1908

No parting the bonds
Of his bosom

MARY M.
Wife of
F. G. CAVINS
BORN
Feb. 13, 1849
DIED
Dec. 31, 1899

He passes the tomb
In his bosom