

TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Dr. Garlington Coker Dial

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Dr. Garlington Coker Dial was born in South Carolina on February 11, 1832. He was a son of Isaac Madison Dial and Mary Jane (Patton) Dial. Dial said in his Confederate pension application that he came to Texas about 1848. Dial lived for many years in northeast Tarrant County before moving further west.

He served as a private in Co. A, 34th Texas Cavalry, along with many other men in the Grapevine-Southlake area. His official records in the National Archives say he enlisted at Grapevine, Texas on June 16, 1862 under M. W. Deavenport for a term of three years. His surviving records are relatively sparse. He was present on a regimental muster roll for the period February 28 through June 30, 1863. He appears on a regimental roll for January and February, 1864, and show that he began serving as a regimental hospital steward on February 17, 1864. A regimental return for the month of April, 1865, shows that he was still working as a hospital steward at the end of the War.

Dial and his wife, Mary Jane Wright, were married on March 25, 1858 in Rusk County, Texas. She was born January 9, 1842 in Lincoln County, Tennessee.

In 1870 he owned 68 acres of the J. G. Allen survey, worth \$176.00. This original survey of 640 acres lies in modern-day Southlake with its boundaries corresponding, quite closely, to Davis Boulevard and Randol Mill Road on the east, Union Church Road on the south, Pearson Lane on the west, and Johnson Road on the north. The Dials would have lived somewhere within that



Dr. and Mrs. Garlington C. Dial

rectangle. During that year, the Tarrant County census shows him to still be working as a farmer.

When the 1880 census was taken, Dr. Dial and his family were living in District 35 of Comanche County, Texas; by this time he had become a physician.

Dr. Dial and his family moved to Leuders in Jones County, Texas about 1897. He and his family are found there in 1900 census. He applied for a Confederate pension in 1913 while a resident of Leuders, Jones County, Texas. Another of our soldiers, B. F. Martin of Grayson County, Texas made an affidavit for him.

His widow, Mary Jane Dial, said he died January 17, 1917 in Jones County, Texas. He died at Stamford, Jones County, and is buried near there in Spring Creek Cemetery near the town of Avoca on January 18. His death certificate says he died of senility and arteriosclerosis. He was a retired physician. The informant was Jack Dial of Stamford.

The following list of children has been compiled from census, cemetery, and family sources at Ancestry.com: Bell Dial (born about 1859, who appears with the family in the 1870 census); Isaac M. Dial (born about 1861); Willie Dial (born about 1861, who appears in the 1870 census...could this have been Isaac's nickname?); Buddy Dial (born about 1865, who appears in the 1870 census...could this have been Jackson's nickname?); Jackson Dial (born March 1866); an infant (who was born and died in 1867, and who lies buried at Lonesome Dove Cemetery in Southlake); Arthur R. Dial (born June 1871), Elbert Roy Dial (born July 1873), Garlington C. Dial (July 1877-1970), Mary J. "Mollie"Dial (born January 1880), and Amy Dial (born January 1885).

Much information on Dial's ancestry may be found at Ancestry.com.

