John Stanley Dunn was a Confederate veteran who lived at Grapevine when the War began. He was a son of Grapevine pioneer John Cartwright Dunn. John was born December 12, 1843 in Harrison County, Texas. Irene Dunn Howell wrote the Grapevine book article about John Cartwright Dunn. Some excerpts from it dealing with John’s moves as a child are as follows: “John C. Dunn, Jr. and Nancy Mozelle Stanley [John’s parents] were married in Lawrence County, Alabama on June 8, 1825...prior to October of 1839 when they came to Harrison County, Texas, John and Nancy Dunn had eight children. They moved on west to Grapevine, Texas in December of 1856....”

John’s military service records in the National Archives show that he enlisted October 14, 1861 at Camp Reeves, Texas, for a term of twelve months. He had traveled 150 miles to the regimental rendezvous, and had brought with him a horse worth $90 and equipment worth $18. John was with the regiment at Fort Gibson [Oklahoma] on December 31, 1861. He is shown present on surviving rolls from March 1 through the end of the year in 1862; he was sick in camp at some time during July or August. On rolls for 1863, he is shown present for those covering March 1 through October 31; at some time during July or August he was on a scout ordered by brigade headquarters, and on October 12 was sick in a hospital. He is present on the last surviving roll for the regiment dated May and June, 1864.

When the 1870 census of Tarrant County was taken, John S. Dunn was living as a single man with his parents at Grapevine.

Family sources at Ancestry.com show his death date as May 28, 1881, but no place of death is given. He has no readable headstone in any northeast Tarrant County cemetery.