George W. Farris was born in Tennessee about 1831. According to information he gave when he registered to vote in 1867, he arrived in northeast Tarrant County about 1854.

Farris’s wife, Mary, was born June 2, 1828 in Alabama. In 1858 one of their children died and was buried in Bear Creek Cemetery; that marker is now the oldest readable marker in the cemetery.

In 1860, Farris owned one hundred sixty acres of the Levi Franklin survey, which survey sits north of Little Bear Creek and south of Glade Road; its eastern and western boundaries are today’s Euless North Main Street and FM 157, respectively.

Farris enlisted January 15, 1862 at Grapevine, Texas under Lt. Crowley for twelve months. He was a Confederate soldier in Co. A, 34th Texas Cavalry. He was left sick at a convalescent camp near Alexander, Louisiana on September 25, 1863. He was in the Confederate General Hospital at Shreveport for debilitis from March 2 through March 4, 1865.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Farris were still living in Tarrant County at the time the 1880 census was taken. Farris’s wife, Mary, died March 8, 1884; she had a marker at Bear Creek which was readable decades ago when the local D.A.R. chapter inventoried the cemetery.

He probably lies buried in an unmarked grave at Bear Creek. The Farrises’ two sons buried at Bear Creek, neither of whom reached adulthood, were Hiram Jackson Farris and James Isaac Farris.