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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Rappley Garrett

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Rappley Garrett, a son of Benjamin Franklin Garrett, was born in Laurens County, South Carolina on March 24, 1842. By the time of the Civil War the family had moved to Walker County, Georgia and settled in the present-day area of Garrett's Chapel. B. F. Garrett died and was buried in Georgia, but his widow and several of his children eventually settled in the Smithfield area of Tarrant County, Texas.

Rappley Garrett served several different organizations within the Confederate army, including [1st] Co. H, 26th Tennessee Infantry and J. C. Gordon's Co. of the 3rd Tennessee Infantry. After his escape from the fall of Fort Donelson, he joined Capt. R. L. Barry's Co. of Tennessee Light Artillery, in which he spent most of his service.



Rap and Jane Garrett

Garrett married Louisa Jane Sparger, born in present-day

Sequatchie County, Tennessee on June 12, 1843, the daughter of Samuel Sparger of Walker County, Georgia. They came to Tarrant County, Texas about 1896, and lived in the southwest corner of the present-day intersection of Cheek-Sparger Road and Bedford Road in Colleyville.

Garrett died on February 4, 1901. Mrs. Garrett died December 27, 1912 at the home of her son, Richard Garrett, which stood in the southeast corner of the intersection of Highway 26 and Cheek-Sparger Road in Colleyville. Mrs. Garrett was buried beside her husband at the southeast corner of Smithfield Cemetery.

They had only two children: Richard Garrett and Mary Garrett, who was first married to Thomas Pinckney Pirkle and then to Isaac Newton Daniel.



Rappley Garrett



Rap's mother, Sarah Garrett who is also buried at Smithfield



Rap Garrett's original headstone



Jane Garrett