Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

John H. Havens

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John H. Havens served the Confederacy as a member of J. R. Cummins Company. He appears on a list of the company, raised in northeast Tarrant County, dated April 18, 1861.

John H. Havens was a member of Capt. J. R. Cummins Company of West Fork Guards, a mounted company raised in the neighborhood of Bear Creek and Leonard’s Mill in northeast Tarrant County. His name appears on a muster roll dated June 18, 1861.

Havens is one of those earliest pioneers about whom we know very little. He patented the Jesse Doss survey of one hundred sixty acres in present day Euless on June 15, 1857. He appears in the 1863 Tarrant County tax list.

In this case as in so many others, researchers are hampered by the loss of two key areas of research…the 1860 federal census of Tarrant County and the legal records contained in the Tarrant County court house when it burned in 1876.

One intriguing query appeared in 1999 at the Genforum site hosted by Ancestry.com. Posted by Pat Mims, it said: “I am searching for information on the father of Janie Havens who was born in Tarrant Co. TX on Nov. 29th. 1852. Her father’s given name unknown, was in the army in Texas. He died of pneumonia at the start of the Civil War. Janie and family went to Ky. and there she married John Bratcher. She died in Tarrant Co. TX in 1945/46. I would like to know also where she is buried.” If this query pertains to this John H. Havens, it would explain his absence in the records here after the War.