James Barnett Jack was born June 8, 1845 in Webster County, Georgia, the son of Patrick C. Jack (born. S.C.) and Emily Hanson (b. Ga.). When the 1850 census was taken, James was living with his parents in District 19 of Stewart County, Georgia.

He came to Texas in May, 1866, and to the White’s Chapel community about 1901. In 1910, he was living in the area served by the Bransford Post Office.

He applied for a Confederate pension in 1911. In his application he said he served two years in Co. B, 2nd Regiment Georgia State Troops, and was “attached to the main army when the enemy crossed into the state at Chattanooga.” He said he was discharged at Columbus, Georgia about April 10, 1865. His application originally showed Grapevine, Texas as his residence, but that was later lined out and Olney, Texas was substituted. He wrote a letter to the pension board dated November 13, 1912 from Polytechnic (Fort Worth), but the “Polytechnic” was also later lined out and replaced with “Olney.”

One man who made an affidavit for Jack said he had known him before the war in Webster County, Georgia. When the 1920 census was taken, Jack was living with his brother in District 7 of Young County, Texas.

James B. Jack died in Tarrant County on November 8, 1929, and lies buried beside his younger brother, John Walter Jack (1854-1934) in White’s Chapel Cemetery. His death certificate says he died at 825 Chandler Street in Fort Worth. He was a retired teacher. He died at 1:25 a.m. of pellagra (from which he had suffered for twelve months) and senility. The informant was J. W. Jack of the Chandler Street address. No obituary for him is found in any surviving issues of the Grapevine Sun.