Norvel L. Joyce, a son of James and Miranda (Granberry) Joyce, was born in Mississippi on July 28, 1846. Joyce came to Texas with his parents and other extended family members in December, 1851, and settled quite near the home he occupied in 1916 when he applied for his Confederate pension.

Joyce said he enlisted in Tarrant County and was sworn in at Dallas in January, 1864. He served in Capt. William Hardeman’s Regiment of Texas (also shown as Capt. Welch’s Regiment) Cavalry, which was incorporated into Hardeman’s Regiment “when we got to Arkansas.” He originally served in the cavalry, then was dismounted at Harrisburg, Texas on April 5, 1865, he recalled. “Always a private, never drew a cent of money or a garment of clothing during the war,” he wrote in his application.

Joyce married Lucy Bradley on April 21, 1867. She was born August 27, 1834 and died April 13, 1901. After her death he married a widow, Sarah A. Ellison.

In 1895 he lived on the A. A. Freeman survey in present-day Southlake, along the west side of Peytonville Road about one-quarter mile north of its intersection with Ten Bar Lane. Joyce died at his home between Grapevine and Keller on August 17, 1919. Norvel Joyce had no children. He lies buried beside his first wife and near his parents in Mount Gilead Cemetery near Keller, Texas. There is no obituary for Mr. Joyce in any surviving issue of the Grapevine Sun.
The couple above is Mr. and Mrs. James Joyce, Norvell's parents, both of whom lie buried near him in Mt. Gilead Cemetery in Keller.