Isaac Thomas Keller was born May 27, 1847 in Bedford County, Tennessee. He was a Confederate veteran. Several researchers have posted material on his family at ancestry.com. According to those family sources, he was a son of Joseph Bartley Keller (1823-1850) and his wife, Elizabeth Ann Couch (1825-1878).

Isaac’s widow, Tennessee Forrest (Haley) Keller, told the pension board he had served in Co. D, 23rd Tennessee Infantry for six months. Mrs. Keller was born in Bedford County, Tennessee on March 16, 1862, and was the daughter of a pioneer settler from Bedford County, Tennessee who settled in Tarrant County, Texas, Edward Taylor Haley (1819-1894). Tennessee Haley married Isaac Keller on March 12, 1882 in Tarrant County. In 1899, Keller owned fifty-four acres of one of the T. Akers surveys.

Keller’s gravestone in Bedford Cemetery gives his death date as November 15, 1924; his wife gave his death date in her pension application as November 15, 1925. No death certificate was filed for him. Keller’s funeral was conducted by Foust Funeral Home in Grapevine. Their records show he died at his home near Grapevine of heart failure complicated by influenza. His funeral was held on November 16 at 2:30 p.m. He was a retired farmer. Milton H. Moore conducted his funeral service. Dr. E. C. Bechtol was the family physician. Mrs. Keller died in Tarrant County on October 2, 1930, and was buried beside him at Bedford.

Isaac and Tennessee Keller were the parents of three children, all born in Tarrant County, Texas: Maggie Keller (b. September 2, 1885), Mamie Keller (b. July 14, 1891), and John W. Keller (b. October 24, 1898). Mrs. Keller told the census taker in 1900 that she had given birth to only three children, and that all of them were still alive. By 1910 she had given birth to no more children.
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