George W. Lutes was a Union veteran who came to Tarrant County from Indiana in the 1880’s. He lies buried in Arwine Cemetery in Hurst.

George W. Lutes was born October 28, 1830 in Jackson County, Indiana. Family sources at ancestry.com report that his parents were George Thomas Lutes (1797-1865) and his wife, Nancy (Mitchener) Lutes, (1798-1872). Photographs of the headstones of George’s parents and paternal grandparents, John and Catherine Lutes, may be found on the internet at: http://www.ingenweb.org/injackson/cemeteries/saltcreekstones.htm

Mr. Lutes was married twice, both times in Brown County, Indiana. He was married first to Mary Noblelett on November 10, 1853. She was born in 1835 in Brown County, Indiana to Levi Noblelett (1799-1872) and his wife, Catherine Owley. Mary died in February of 1879 and was buried in Starnes Fleetwood Cemetery in Jackson County, Indiana.

When the 1860 census was taken, George and Mary Lutes and two of their children were listed living in Salt Creek Township in Jackson County, Indiana. The children were Julia Ann, born about 1857; and Wesley, born about 1859.

Mr. Lutes served as a Union soldier in Co. K, 145th Indiana Infantry. After moving to Texas in the 1880’s, he applied for and was granted an invalid’s pension in 1888. After his death Mrs. Lutes was also pensioned.

In 1870 George and his family were still in Salt Creek Township. Julia Ann Lutes was no longer with the family. The children in the family in that year were Wesley, born about 1860; John, born about 1861; and Howard, born about 1863. George’s mother, Nancy Lutes, was also living with them in 1870.
George was married second to a widow, Mrs. Martha S. Anderson, on May 1, 1879. She was born November 4, 1842. A year later, in 1880, the Lutes family was still in Salt Creek Township. Two of George’s children from his first marriage, John Lutes, and Sarah Lutes (born about 1872) were with them. Mrs. Martha Lutes told the census taker she was born in Virginia to two native Virginians. Four of her Anderson children were with them as well.

Family sources at Ancestry.com report that Lutes died on Christmas Day in 1888 and was buried in Arwine Cemetery in Hurst. He has a headstone.

By the time the 1900 census was taken, Mrs. Martha Lutes was living in Fort Worth in Precinct 1 with the family of her son, Edward N. Anderson. Mrs. Lutes told the census taker she had given birth to eight children, five of whom were still living. No death certificate was filed for Mrs. Lutes. She does not appear in the 1910 Tarrant County census. Her headstone at Arwine Cemetery contains her birth date but has no death date inscribed.

This is a photo of the first Mrs. George Lutes’ headstone before they came to Texas.