

TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Rev. Joseph Glenn Milburn

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Rev. Joseph Glenn Milburn was a veteran of a Texas cavalry regiment who lived in the Grapevine/Minter's Chapel area after the War. He later moved to Navarro County and finally to Limestone County, Texas where he died in 1903.

Mr. Milburn was born February 18, 1842. Family genealogists at Ancestry.com say he was born in Green County, Missouri, and was a son of John Prelim Milburn and his wife, Margaret (Robinson) Milburn.

Family sources also say that Joseph's first wife, Mary Allen, died in Fannin County, Texas. Joseph's older brother, Samuel R. Milburn, is listed with his wife and family in Fannin County in the 1860 census. There is one "Jasper" Milburn living with the family, born about 1842 in Missouri. It seems possible that "Jasper" may in fact be Joseph Milburn.

Joseph's second wife, Mrs. Sarah Ann (Cate) Milburn, was born April 24, 1844 in Missouri. She came to Texas about 1857 with her parents, William Cates and his wife, Matilda A. (Martin) Cates. Joseph and Sarah were married in January of 1867 in Tarrant County.

According to his widow, Mr. Milburn served the Confederacy as a private in Co. M, Martin's Regiment of Texas Cavalry. The regiment was organized in Fannin County, Texas, and he was discharged at war's end. Mrs. Milburn's file includes an affidavit by C. M. McCuistion of Knox County, Texas who served with him. No records of Mr. Milburn's or Mr. McCuistion's service have survived with the records of Martin's Regiment. The files do contain the service records of one J. G. Milburn who entered the service from Fannin County and who served in Companies B and E of Burnett's First Battalion of Texas Sharpshooters.

When the census of 1870 was taken in Tarrant County, J. G. Milburn and his family were recorded in Precinct 2. Judging from the names of their neighbors, they were living in or very close to

Grapevine. Mr. Milburn said he was born in Missouri. His wife, S. A. Milburn, was born in Missouri. They had three children with them: J. E. (a son, born about 1867), William (born about 1868), and M. L. (a daughter, born about 1869). All three of the children were born in Texas. The family next-door was headed by his older brother, Samuel R. Milburn, who was born about 1825 in Tennessee. Samuel's wife was a sister of Thomas and Daniel Buck, Union veterans who also settled at Grapevine.

In 1871 Mr. Milburn owned thirty-four acres of the William Bradford survey and twenty acres of the J. B. Fay survey. His acreage was worth a total of three hundred fifty dollars. He also owned three horses or mules worth one hundred dollars and seven cows worth thirty-five dollars.

In modern-day terms, this property is located south and southwest of downtown Grapevine. Mr. Milburn probably lived one and one-half miles or less in one of those two directions from the heart of old Grapevine.

When the 1900 census of Navarro County, Texas was taken, the Milburn family was listed in Precinct 1. Mrs. Milburn said she had given birth to twelve children, all but one of whom were still alive. Five children were with them in that year: Joseph, Effie. John, Melissa, and Earnest Milburn. Their married son, O. W. Milburn, and his family were living nearby.

Mr. Milburn died May 4, 1903 in Limestone County, Texas. He has no Texas death certificate on file. He did not apply for a Confederate pension. He lies buried in Tehuacana Cemetery in Limestone County, where he and his wife have readable headstones. Mrs. Milburn said she had moved to Limestone County about 1903.

Mrs. Milburn applied for a Confederate widow's pension on May 6, 1927. Her death certificate says she died of nephritis at 11 p.m. on May 7, 1930 at Tehuacana, Texas. She was buried in Tehuacana Cemetery the next day. Her death certificate says she was born in Arkansas.

The records are contradictory about the names and vital statistics of the Milburn children. Most of the birth dates are those shown on the children's death certificates.

W. L. Milburn was born on January 30, 1869. He died at Bryson in Jack County, Texas on September 26, 1930. He worked as a farmer and trader. He was buried at Mexia, Texas. His name may have been Lafayette W. Milburn.

Matilda Lodusky Milburn was born at Grapevine, Texas in February 1869. She married a Mr. Grice. She died at her home along Route 5, Waco, on September 3, 1943. She was buried in Waco in Oakwood Cemetery.

Charles W. Milburn was born June 7, 1870 and died September 3, 1934 in Precinct 2 of Limestone County. He is buried beside his wife, Ida L. Milburn (April 2, 1877-May 15, 1966), in Tehuacana Cemetery.

Jesse Levi Milburn was born March 25, 1874. He married Stella Summer, and worked as a merchant. He died in the Provident Sanitarium in Waco, McLennan County, Texas on August 15, 1935. His last permanent home was in Waco on North Sixteenth Street. He was buried in Rosemound Cemetery in Waco.

Obie Wade Milburn was born January 25, 1875. He died September 10, 1965 in the Nelson Nursing Home in Mexia, Limestone County, Texas. He was a retired minister. His last permanent home was in Tehuacana, Texas. He was buried in the Mexia Cemetery.

Lewis R. Milburn was born November 7, 1876 and died November 15, 1919. The foregoing is found in the funeral home records of Banks Sutherland Funeral Home in Corsicana. There is a death certificate for one C. L. Milburn, a son of J. G. Milburn and a Miss Cates, born November 7, 1878 and died November 25, 1919. He was buried in Black Hills Cemetery.

Joseph Ramey Milburn was born at Grapevine on December 6, 1876. He died at Tehuacana, Texas on June 9, 1954, and was buried in Tehuacana Cemetery. He is buried beside his wife, Hallie A. Milburn.

Effie Milburn was born in March 1881. She was still alive and unmarried when the 1900 census was taken.

John Milburn was born August 8, 1883. He died in Navarro County, Texas eight miles north of Corsicana on December 9, 1918 of influenza. He was buried in Black Hills Cemetery, five miles west of Corsicana.

Melissa Milburn was born in 1885 and Earnest Milburn was born in 1887. Both were still alive and living with their parents in 1900. Some family sources at ancestry.com also list a son named Samuel L. Milburn.

