Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

David C. Rogers

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David C. Rogers was born January 11, 1824 in Tennessee. He settled in Tarrant County about 1853, and told voting officials he was a native of North Carolina when he registered to vote here in 1869.

He served as a Confederate soldier in Gano’s Squadron. He enlisted on March 6, 1862 at Witt’s Mill in Dallas County, for a term of twelve months. He appears on a roll dated April 6, 1862, having furnished his own horse worth $100 and equipment worth $20.

In 1865, he owned two hundred acres of land in the J. Barnett survey, southeast of present-day Euless and north of the West Fork of the Trinity River. His property was worth two dollars per acre.

In 1870 he is shown in the Tarrant County census as a landowner. In his family were Sarah C. Rogers, born about 1849 in Missouri; James William Rogers, born about 1857 in Texas; Lucretia A. Rogers, born about 1860; and Mary E. Rogers, born about 1865. One of his daughters was Sarah (Rogers) Nelson-Smith.

When the 1880 census was taken, he was living in Precinct 3 south of Big Bear Creek. He told the census taker that year he was born in Tennessee to two natives of South Carolina. Also living with him that year were a daughter (Lourettia, born about 1860… probably the Lucretia seen in other census records) and a granddaughter, Mary J. Rogers, born about 1877). This census lists Lucretia’s mother’s birthplace as Kentucky.

His home is shown on the 1895 Sam Street Map of Tarrant County, probably inside the rectangle formed by modern-day Trinity Boulevard, a southward extension of Amon Carter Boulevard and Cottage View Lane, Statler Boulevard, and Breezewood Drive. This is between the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport property and the West Fork of the Trinity River, a short distance west of the Dallas-Tarrant County line. He was still living in that area as late as 1900. This was on the J. Barnett survey, and was possibly the same homesite he occupied in 1865.
He died June 19, 1909 and is buried in the Mansfield Cemetery with a readable headstone. He has no death certificate on file in the Texas Vital Statistics Office. He did not apply to the State of Texas for a Confederate pension.