

## TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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## **Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County**

## William N. Starr

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William N. Starr was a Confederate veteran who lived at Grapevine when the War began. He was a son of Grapevine pioneer Daniel Starr (born 1813) and his wife, Angeline (Levicee) Starr (born 1812). William was born in Monroe County, Illinois on October 14, 1833. When the <u>Grapevine Area History</u> was published in 1979, it contained an article about Rev. Daniel Starr and his family, researched and written by Vonnie Looper Munnerlyn. It said, in part: "...Stories of the vast prairie of Texas must have attracted the Starrs. In about 1854 they loaded their wagon and headed south, southwest, unloading for the last time in Grapevine. Soon came their last child, Rachael Angeline, Oct. 27, 1855..."

William served the Confederacy as a private in Co. A, 34<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry, in which many other northeast Tarrant County men served. He enlisted January 15, 1862 at Grapevine, Texas under Captain M. W. Deavenport for a term of twelve months. He is shown present on a roll for February 29 through June 30, 1863, and was at that time due for the use of arms eleven dollars through December 17, 1862, and was due an additional sum for mileage of one hundred ten miles of travel to the rendezvous. He is shown present on a roll for January and February 1864. He appears on a list of prisoners of war captured by the Union army near Yellow Bayou, Louisiana, on May 18, 1864. He was received at New Orleans on May 21, 1864, and appears on a roll of prisoners at New Orleans on July 7, 1864. He was sent to Red River Landing for exchange on July 22, 1864.

We have found no further record of William N. Starr after the Civil War. Descendants of the family in Grapevine say the family there lost track of him many decades ago.



The older lady seated on the porch is Angeline Starr, the mother of soldiers John D. and William N. Starr. She is shown seated with her younger son, Barton H. Starr, who was Grapevine's first mayor. This old home, located on West Wall Street in Grapevine, stood until the 1990's.