



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

John Henry Basden

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John Henry Basden was born in 1835 in Florida, a son of David and Anna Basden. The family moved to Georgia about 1837, and were living there in Dade County by 1840. In 1860, John was a single man working on the farm of Joel Cross in Dade County.

He enlisted May 21, 1861 at Atlanta, Georgia as a member of Co. B, 6th Georgia Infantry, also known as the Lookout Dragoons. He was wounded at Sharpsburg, Maryland on September 17, 1862, and was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant in October of the same year. He surrendered with his regiment at Greensboro, North Carolina on April 26, 1865.

Basden and his wife, Martha Ann, were married October 25, 1865 in Dade Co., Georgia. They came to Texas about 1874. Basden and his wife were charter members of the Pleasant Hill Advent Christian church on February 7, 1883. He died March 29, 1889.

After Mr. Basden died, Mrs. Basden lived with her daughter and son-in-law, Lillie and Marion White, on a farm adjoining the White's Chapel Church. In 1895, Mrs. Basden was living at her home on the J. T. Bailey survey, in present-day Southlake along the south side of FM 1709, near the north end of Woodglen Court. In 1906 they moved into the town of Grapevine, where they remained until 1912 when they moved into Fort Worth.

Mrs. Basden was pensioned by the State of Texas for his Confederate service. Known as "Aunt Mattie," she died August 28, 1928 at the home of her son-in-law, G. M. White, in Fort Worth. She was buried beside her husband at White's Chapel.

An obituary for Mrs. Basden appeared in the Grapevine Sun on August 30, 1928: "*DIED. Mrs. M. A. Basden, 83, 3112 Hemphill Street, Fort Worth, died Tuesday afternoon at 6:00 o'clock at the residence. Funeral services were held at Whites Chapel Wednesday afternoon, burial was in the Whites Chapel Cemetery. Mrs. Basden was formerly of that community. She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. G. M. White, Fort Worth; Mrs. F. S. Denny, Wardville, Okla.; Mrs. B. J. Hooe and*

Mrs. S. D. Bradley, both of Dallas and three sons, G. F. Basden, Dallas; G. H. Basden, Grand Prairie; and C. W. Basden, Lincoln, Arkansas.”

Their children included Mary Belle (Mrs. Frank S.) Denney, Loula Basden, George H. Basden, Alice Basden, Charles W. Basden, Claud F. Basden, and Lillie O. (Mrs. Marion) White.

