



# TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### Elisha B. Bobo

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Elisha B. Bobo was a Confederate veteran and a member of one of the founding families of Bedford. He was living in Missouri when the War began. Later he moved to Arkansas, and finally settled at Bedford in Tarrant County, Texas. He lies buried in Bedford Cemetery.

Elisha was born April 28, 1838 in Bedford County, Tennessee, a son of Weldon Wiles Bobo (1813-1884). Descendants who have posted family information at ancestry.com say Elisha's mother was W. W. Bobo's first wife, Dorothy K. Proby (1813-1859). Weldon Wiles Bobo is generally regarded as one of the founders of modern-day Bedford, keeping the post office in his house for several years.

About 1843, W. W. Bobo moved his family to Lawrence County, Missouri, where they were living in District 47 when the 1850 census was taken. Elisha B. Bobo was with them, a boy of twelve years old. The Bobos were not slave owners.

When the 1860 census was taken, Elisha was working as a merchant in Mountain Township, Barry County, Missouri; his father and two brothers were living in adjacent Lawrence County. Elisha was living with the family of John Carney, a farmer and slaveholder.

Elisha B. Bobo served in the Confederate Army as a private in Co. F, 11<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry. His records in the National Archives show that he enlisted at Cedar Creek, Arkansas on July 19, 1862 for a term of three years. He was appointed to the rank of 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant on July 15, 1863. On November 1, 1863 at Camp Bragg, he was transferred to the Engineers Corps. On a muster roll for the month of November, Bobo was shown as a sergeant in Captain A. C. Dickinson's Company of the Fourth Confederate Engineers. During February of 1864 he was acting orderly sergeant of his company. With many of his comrades, he was surrendered at New Orleans, Louisiana on May 26, 1865 and was paroled at Shreveport, Louisiana on June 7, 1865. He gave his residence at the time as Franklin County, Missouri.

By the time the 1870 census was taken, Elisha and his family were living in Cornie Township in Union County, Arkansas. With him were his wife, Mary J., born in Alabama, and three daughters, Lucy Bobo (born about 1861 in Arkansas); Kate Bobo (born about 1867 in Louisiana) and Irella E. Bobo (born about 1869 in Arkansas.)

Family sources at Ancestry.com say Elisha married Mary Jane McKinley and that they were the parents of four children: Lucy Bobo (born about 1861 in Arkansas); Kate Bobo (born about 1867 in Louisiana); Joel Elisha Bobo (born in July 1869 in McMinn County, Tennessee and died in Tarrant County in 1914) and Carrie Bobo (born April 25, 1872-September 6, 1873 in Tarrant County, Texas). The last two named have readable headstones in Bedford Cemetery.

Mary Jane McKinley was born in 1841 and was the daughter of Handy H. McKinley and his wife, Ann G. (Stanley) McKinley, who came to Tarrant County and settled first in the north part of present-day Bedford. Later they moved nearer to the Arlington community and are buried in the old Arlington Cemetery. After Elisha's death, Mary Jane was remarried to James C. Tipton. She died in 1898, and is buried near her parents in Arlington Cemetery.

Elisha B. Bobo died at Bedford on November 21, 1875, and was buried in Bedford Cemetery where many more of his family members would eventually lie.



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Mrs. Mary J. McKinley Bobo Tipton