



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

John Driskill

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John Driskill was born about 1813 in Illinois, a son of Elias Driskill and Christina (Eaton) Driskill, and a brother of Grapevine-area pioneer William Franklin Driskill.

John was married in Illinois about 1838 to his wife, Catherine “Kate,” who was born about 1818 in Kentucky. The Driskills moved from Illinois to Pulaski County, Missouri about 1842. It is interesting to note that in the year 1850 in Pulaski County, Missouri, John Driskill and his family were close neighbors (appearing on the same census page) of Lilburn H. Colley and his family, for whom the town of Colleyville was named decades later.

By the beginning of the War, John Driskill had arrived in northeast Tarrant County. He, along with his brother, William F. Driskill, served in Captain William W. McGinnis’s Co., 20th Brigade, Texas State Militia.

After the War, Driskill and his family moved to Round Prairie Township, Benton County, Arkansas, where they were living when the 1870 census was taken. By 1880 Mr. and Mrs. Driskill had returned to Tarrant County, where they lived with a married daughter, Mary P. Thomas, and three of her children.

There are no readable headstones for either John or Catherine Driskill in northeast Tarrant County. John and Catherine had several children, including: William Driskill, Eliza J. Driskill, Mary Parilla Driskill who married a Mr. Thomas, James R. Driskill, John W. Driskill, George Driskill, and Eliza Driskill.



Headstone of John’s mother in Parker Memorial Cemetery, before the stone was destroyed by vandals.