



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Henry George Grimes

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Henry George Grimes was a Confederate veteran who lived near Keller when the War began. Less than a year after the South's surrender, George was dead. He lies buried in Mt. Gilead Cemetery with a military headstone.

George Grimes was born March 16, 1837 in Tennessee, according to the 1850 census. He was a son of northeast Tarrant County pioneers Thomas Grimes (1814-1879) and his wife, Lucinda (Hoskins) Grimes. When George was still a small boy, Thomas Grimes moved the family to Grundy County, Missouri. Later, about the time when George turned twenty-one, the family moved again, settling in Tarrant County, Texas.

George served the Confederacy with his father as a soldier in the 20th Brigade of the Texas Militia. His name appears on a roll certified by Captain William W. McGinnis on July 30, 1861, as part of the 20th Brigade of Texas Militia. This company was described in a handful of pension applications submitted by some of the men who served in it, or their widows. An affidavit made in 1931 by B. R. Wall of Grapevine in one application said, "...*Col. McGinnis lived between here and Roanoke, Texas and died when I was a small boy. I have often heard the people speak of this organization as a cavalry troop which chased bushwhackers and deserters...*"

Another statement in a pension application by a Grapevine man said: "...*I am a Confederate veteran, went to the Confederate Army from Grapevine, Tarrant County Texas, and was in the service in and around the City of Dallas, Dallas County, Texas from the time of my enlistment until the close of the war... We served in Co. "A" being a troop of Cavalry, a part of Col. McGinnis Regiment. We wore the Confederate uniform and drew our rations from the Confederate government. Our duties consisted principally of rounding up deserters...*"

Family sources at Ancestry.com say George Grimes married Lucretia White, a native of Indiana. She and George had two children: Lilly J. Grimes (born about 1861), and Mary Ann Grimes November 30, (1865-February 22, 1948, who married James Lacy Jones, she died in Mountainair, Torrance County, New Mexico).

Henry George Grimes died in Tarrant County on January 8, 1866 and was buried in Mount Gilead Cemetery. This compiler erected military headstones for him, his brother, and his father in the late 1970's or early 1980's.

