



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

George Hamilton Guess

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George Hamilton Guess began life as George Hamilton Gass, but changed his name later in life after he moved to Tarrant County, Texas. George was born about 1842 in Dade County, Georgia, a son of Milton Gass and Malinda Farmer. Some family sources say his name was George Henry Guess. He grew to manhood in Dade County, Georgia.

George served in Co. A, 3rd Confederate Cavalry. W. R. Austin and H. H. Austin vouched for his service, saying they were in the same regiment with him. George was married first to Malinda Parisada Tinker in Dade County on October 26, 1865, a daughter of Abraham Tinker and Sarah (Steele) Tinker.

According to his records in the National Archives, Guess served in the Confederate Army as "George Gass." He enlisted at Running Water Bridge, Tennessee on May 8, 1862 for a term of two years and five months. He was mustered into the service at Camp Kirby, Tennessee on June 19, 1862. Another record says he enlisted on May 7, 1862 at "Whitesides." There January 18, 1863. He was surrendered with Johnson's Army in North Carolina on April 26, 1865, and was paroled at Hillsboro, North Carolina on May 3, 1865.

Guess and his family came to the White's Chapel area about 1875. Malinda Guess was still alive at the time the 1880 census was taken. She told census takers she was born in Alabama to a Tennessean father and a Kentuckian mother. George was married second to Amanda Jones, the widow of Jim Cross.

In 1895 George Guess, was living on the R. Eads survey in present-day Southlake on the east side of Carroll Lane at about its intersection with Southlake's Main Street. He died October 17, 1911, and was buried in White's Chapel Cemetery.

An obituary for Mr. Guess appeared in the Grapevine Sun on October 21, 1911: "*A SUDDEN DEATH. Mr. G. H. Guess died last Tuesday morning about 8:00 o'clock very suddenly from*

hemorrhage of the lungs, caused from chronic la grippe. The attack struck him while he was in his field, and after walking something over a hundred yards he fell dead. Justice Hollis was notified and went out and held the inquest and returned a verdict in accordance with the facts above stated. Mr. Guess was 71 years of age; he came from Georgia a good many years ago. He leaves a wife and several children and the Sun extends sympathy to the bereaved in this sad hour."

His widow, Amanda, was born in Dade County, Georgia . She applied for her pension as Amanda Gass, but her tombstone says Guess. Her application says her husband died November 17 instead of October 17. She said was 63 years old when she applied, and had lived in the Grapevine area for 38 years. She and George were married January 19, 1883 in Tarrant County. Mrs. Guess died October 30, 1915.

George and Malinda Guess had six children: Joseph Lafayette (who spelled his name "Guest" in later life), Adolphus Abraham Guess, Minus Guess, Noah Guess, Mary A. Guess, and Laura J. Guess. In his marriage to Amanda, George was the father of four children: George Guess; Thomas J. Guess, Annie May (Mrs. Fred Jones); and Dena (Mrs. George Loyd Corbin).

