



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Thomas Hardisty

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Thomas Hardisty was a Confederate veteran who came to Tarrant County with his parents and siblings in 1854. They settled at Birdville when it was still the county seat. For fuller information about Thomas's earlier life and family history, please refer to the biographies of John Hardisty and Charles Hardisty in this series.

Thomas Hardisty was born March 2, 1846 in Henderson County, Kentucky, and was a son of James and Julia A. Hardesty, pioneers of Birdville. When the 1850 census taker visited the family in Henderson County, they owned two slaves, a girl fourteen years of age and a boy ten years of age. Thomas Hardisty came to Tarrant County with his parents and siblings in 1854.

Thomas served the Confederacy as a private in Co. F. Waller's Texas Cavalry. His official records in the National Archives are very sparse, saying only that he enlisted at Hempstead, Texas on February 28, 1864 for three years.

Thomas was a member of the Masonic Lodge. When the 1870 census was taken, Thomas was still living with his parents, James and Julia Hardisty, at Birdville.

Family sources at Ancestry.com report that Thomas married Nannie Neal (December 19, 1856-January 25, 1932). After Thomas's death, she was married to Joseph Worth Putman. Nannie lies buried beside Thomas in Birdville Cemetery. Thomas and Nannie had at least one child, Lillian Hardisty (January 28, 1875-February 18, 1946), who married Frederick Bryan Putman (September 23, 1897-August 20, 1961).

Thomas Hardisty died at Birdville on July 16, 1877, and was buried in Birdville Cemetery. His surname on his headstone is spelled "Hardesty." When the 1880 census was taken, Nannie Hardisty and her daughter, Lillian, were living at their home in Birdville.

When the 1900 census was taken, Nannie V. Putman was living as a widow at Birdville with four children. She told the census taker that year that she had given birth to six children, all of whom were still living. All the children living with her at that time were Putmans, born between March 1884 and June 1891.

In 1920 Nannie Putman and her single daughter, Stella, were living at 118 West Leuda Street in Fort Worth.

In 1930, Nannie Putman, still a widow, was living as the head of the household at 118 West Leuda Street in Fort Worth. With her were her daughter and son-in-law, Rudolph and Stella P. Brown. Stella was born about 1890 in Texas, so she was not Thomas Hardisty's daughter.

