



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Stephen T. Harmon

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Stephen T. Harmon was born August 31, 1845 in Oktibbeha County, Mississippi, to a Kentuckian father and a South Carolinian mother. Stephen's parents and older siblings lived in Alabama until about 1837, when they moved to Mississippi. In 1850 and 1860, Stephen appeared in the census with his widowed mother, Nancy Harmon, and his siblings in Oktibbeha County.

He was a private in the Confederate army in Co. F, Perrin's Battalion of Mississippi State Cavalry. He enlisted at Starkville, Mississippi in the fall of 1862. In a statement to the R. E. Lee Camp of United Confederate Veterans in Fort Worth, to which he belonged, he said he fought in the battles of the Atlanta Campaign beginning at Dalton, Georgia and continued fighting Sherman's army all the way to Savannah on the Georgia coast. He surrendered with Gen. Johnston's army in North Carolina in 1865.

His official records in the National Archives are very sparse. He enlisted at Starkville, Mississippi on June 16, 1863. His name appears on a muster roll for the company dated October 6, 1863 at Meridian, Mississippi. He was due \$45.20 for the use of his horse.

Stephen, his wife, Martha, and their infant son James E. Harmon appear in the 1870 census of Oktibbeha County. Mrs. Martha J. Harmon was born November 7, 1844 and died July 28, 1917. Stephen and Martha were married about 1869. They came to Texas and settled near Grapevine in 1873. In 1890, he owned parts of the Thomas Easter survey and the A. Foster survey.

In 1895 he lived in the northeast corner of the Thomas Easter survey, in present-day Grapevine about where Park Boulevard and Wall Street intersect. Harmon told the 1910 census taker he was a Confederate veteran. In the same year, Mrs. Harmon said she had given birth to seven children, only four of whom were still living.

Stephen's obituary which appeared in The Grapevine Sun said: *"DIED. Mr. Steven Harmon, one of our community's oldest and most honored citizens, died at the home of his son, Tom, in Grapevine*

Sunday evening, September 12, 1915, at 6:30 o'clock. Mr. Harmon moved to this community from Mississippi in 1873 and settled near Grapevine where he made his home until the time of his death. For some time he had been in failing health, and for sixty days before his death he suffered greatly. He is survived by his wife, two sons, and two daughters, all of whom reside in this community. A large crowd attended his funeral, the service being held at the Baptist church, C. B. _____, assisted by Rev. Kornegay, conducting the service. He was buried in the Grapevine Cemetery. The Sun voices the sentiment of the entire community in expressing its sincere sympathy to the surviving members of Mr. Harmon's family."

