



# TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### Calvin S. McBride

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Calvin S. McBride was a native Kentuckian who came with his family to Birdville from Missouri in 1861. After service in the Confederate Army he moved to Fort Worth and became a businessman. He died in 1901 and lies buried in Pioneers Rest Cemetery.

Mr. McBride was born in Kentucky in January of 1830. By the time he was twenty years old he had moved to McDonald County, Missouri.

About 1850 Calvin McBride and his wife, Martha G. Clark, were married. She was twelve years his senior. We believe her maiden name to have been Clark, based upon a statement in her obituary that she was survived by a brother, W. D. Clark, of Fort Worth. She was born in Georgia in May 1818. W. D. Clark told a census taker on one occasion he was born about 1825 in the Indian Territory. He told his comrades in the R. E. Lee Camp in Fort Worth that he was born in the Cherokee Nation. This seems to indicate that Martha's parents may have left Georgia when she was a small child. The death certificate of one of Martha's sons says her maiden name was Dewsenberry.

Calvin McBride and his wife and two children were living in Elk River Township, McDonald County, Missouri when the 1860 census was taken. He owned real estate worth three hundred dollars and personal property worth one hundred dollars. With him and his wife were their son, W. G. McBride (who was born about 1854 in Missouri) and their daughter, Lucy McBride (who was born about 1858 in Missouri). Cal McBride also appears in a list of taxpayers in 1861 in McDonald County.

Mr. McBride brought his family to Birdville in 1861 from Missouri. He appears in the tax list here in 1865 without any real estate, so it is impossible to locate him precisely in that year.

We have been unable to find anyone in the National Archives Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System who appears to be this Calvin S. McBride under any combination of given name, initials, and variant spellings of his surname. The records of the Robert E. Lee Camp in Fort Worth do not give any particulars of his service, but they do record that he was a member. That fact and his obituary make it clear that he was in Confederate service.

Calvin McBride registered to vote in Precinct 4 of Tarrant County on November 17, 1869. He said he was a native of Kentucky, and had been in Texas and Tarrant County for eight years. He said he had lived in Precinct 4 for three years. Precinct lines and designations changed at the end of Reconstruction, and we have not been able to learn exactly where they lay in 1869.

The 1869 Tarrant County tax list shows Calvin McBride as the owner of fifteen acres of the W. Norris survey, worth four hundred fifty dollars; and twenty acres of the T. Hayworth survey, worth twenty dollars. He also owned two horses worth fifty dollars each and one hundred eight dollars in personal property. These two surveys are contiguous and are in modern-day Richland Hills, south of Highway 121 and a short distance north of the West Fork of the Trinity River. A portion of Midway Road east of Austin Street runs along the line between the two surveys.

He was apparently missed when the 1870 census of Tarrant County was taken. This project has failed to find several families who are known to have been here in that year; perhaps some pages of the original census have been lost. At some time before 1880 he moved the family into Fort Worth and there remained a businessman for many years. He was a member of the R. E. Lee Camp of United Confederate Veterans in Fort Worth.

By the time the 1875 tax lists were prepared, Mr. McBride owned forty acres of the Simcoe Popplewell survey, worth one hundred fifty dollars. He also owned a portion of a town lot in Fort Worth in Block 27, worth eight hundred dollars. He also owned one horse worth ten dollars and one hundred dollars worth of personal property. The Simcoe Popplewell survey is about one mile east of the old town of Birdville, in modern-day Richland Hills.

The 1877 Fort Worth City directory lists one S. McBride, with a house and wagon yard.

The 1878-1879 issue includes Calvin McBride, whose wagon yard was at the southeast corner of Belknap and Pecan Streets; his residence was on Pecan between Belknap and Weatherford Streets. The site may be easily found today.

The 1880 census taker found the family living on Weatherford Street in Fort Worth. They had three children with them: William, who was born about 1855, and his wife, Emma, who was born about 1858 in Tennessee; Nancy, who was born about 1858; and John S. McBride, who was born about 1862 and was working as a telegraph operator in 1880. This census says Calvin McBride was running a boarding house at the time. It also says he was born in Kentucky to a Virginian father and a Pennsylvanian mother.

The 1880 tax lists show that Calvin still owned the Popplewell survey property, worth one hundred dollars, but had expanded his holdings in Block 27 in Fort Worth, at that time owning lots 3, 4, 5, and 6, as well as another portion of it which is not legible in the available microfilm. His city real

estate in Fort Worth was worth one thousand dollars. He also owned two cows, six hogs worth one dollar each, and thirty dollars in miscellaneous personal property.

Mr. McBride appears in the 1891 Tarrant County tax list. He is shown as the owner of the west one hundred feet of block 27 in the City of Fort Worth. It was worth five thousand dollars. He is shown with no other real estate or personal property.

When the 1900 census was taken, Calvin McBride operated a wagon yard in Fort Worth at 601 Weatherford Street. He told the census taker he was born in January 1830 in Kentucky to two Kentuckians. His wife, Martha, was born in Georgia in May 1818. They were married about 1850. Mrs. McBride said she had given birth to four children, three of whom were still living. They had one son living with them, John McBride, who was born in May 1862. He and his wife, Nellie, were married about 1886 according to this census. Two of John's children were also with the family. There were three other apparently-unrelated persons boarding with them. John McBride worked as a telegraph operator in Fort Worth in 1900.

Mrs. Martha McBride died in Fort Worth on February 4, 1901. An obituary appeared for her the next day in the Fort Worth Morning Register: ***“Old Resident Gone. Mrs. Martha McBride Dies at the Ripe Old Age of Eighty-Two Years. Mrs. Martha McBride, wife of C. McBride, died yesterday morning at 5 o'clock at her home, 903 East Weatherford street. The funeral will occur from the residence this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Services will be conducted by Rev. Luther Little of the First Baptist church, and the burial will be in the old cemetery. Mrs. McBride was an old resident of Fort Worth, and had reached the ripe old age of 82 years when she died. She came to Tarrant county back in the 60's, and lived in Fort Worth when Birdville was still the county seat. A husband, two sons, and one daughter survive her. One son, William McBride, lives in Durant, I. T., the daughter lives in Kansas, and the youngest son, John McBride, telegraph operator in the employ of the Texas and Pacific, lives in this city. W.D. Clark, an old resident of this city, is a brother of deceased. A sister lives in Cleburne.”***

Mr. McBride lived less than two months after his wife's death, and died on March 27, 1901. His obituary, also in the Fort Worth Morning Register, appeared on March 29. It mistakenly names him as J. S. McBride [his initials were actually C. S. McBride], but his identity is evident in that his wife's obituary names him as “C. McBride.” The obituary says: ***“OLD CITIZEN DEAD. J. S. McBride Dies at the Asylum in Terrell—Funeral Here This Afternoon. J. S. McBride, who was sent to the asylum at Terrell a week ago, died there Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The remains were brought to this city yesterday morning at 7:30 o'clock and will be interred in the old cemetery at 4 o'clock today. Rev. Luther Little of the First Baptist church will conduct the services, under the auspices of R. E. Lee camp, U. C. V.***

***Mr. McBride was an old citizen of Fort Worth, and was 70 years of age at the time of his death. He was an old settler in Tarrant county, coming here just before the war in 1861. He had lived in this county for forty years. His home before coming to Fort Worth was at Birdville.***

***Mr. McBride was a member of the Fort Worth camp of Confederate Veterans, and Colonel E. W. Taylor, commander of the camp, issues an official call for all Confederate soldiers to meet at the court house this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.***

***The wife of the deceased died on February 4, and his only daughter, Mrs. Nannie Thomas, died in Kansas on the 22nd of last month.”***

Both Calvin and Martha McBride lie in unmarked graves in Pioneers Rest Cemetery in Fort Worth. We have as yet discovered only the names of the three McBride children who were still alive at the time the 1900 census was taken. Apparently the fourth child lies buried in an unmarked grave somewhere in Tarrant County.

Nancy C. McBride was born February 11, 1858. She married a Mr. Thomas. She died February 22, 1901, and was buried in Coolidge Cemetery, Coolidge, Hamilton County, Kansas.

John Smith McBride was born May 3, 1861 at Birdville, according to his death certificate. He was married in 1881 to Nell Ames Crandall (1865-1953). In 1910 he was living as a boarder at 498 Jackson Street in Dallas and working as a telegraph operator; in that year his wife and daughter, Marmett, were living in Fort Worth. At the time of his death he was a retired traffic chief of the Western Union Telegraph Company. He died of pneumonia at noon on October 25, 1945 at his home at 5750 Marquita in Dallas, Texas. He and his wife are buried in Hillcrest Memorial Cemetery in Dallas. An obituary with a photograph of her appeared in the Dallas Morning News on September 2, 1953.