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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Thomas Benton McCallister

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Thomas Benton McCallister, a Confederate veteran, lived for decades at Grapevine. He was born March 31, 1842 in Washington, Franklin Co., Missouri. According to family historians at ancestry.com, he was the son of Andrew Kincaid McCallister (b: 1805 in Virginia) and Elizabeth Cassick (b. 1802 in Virginia).

When the 1850 census was taken, Thomas is shown as a member of his father's family in District 31 of Franklin County, Missouri. Several other families also migrated to northeast Tarrant County from Franklin County, Missouri in the second half of the nineteenth century.

McCallister was married twice, first to Susan E., whose maiden name has not been discovered. She was born April 29, 1844 and died February 18, 1879; she is buried beneath a broken but readable headstone at Bear Creek Cemetery in Euless. His children in his first marriage to Susan E. McCallister included Mary Elizabeth McCallister (born about 1870); Joseph A. McCallister (born about 1871); Florence Virginia McCallister (born October 5, 1875); and Lillie A. McCallister (born about 1877).

Thomas joined the Bear Creek Baptist Church in present-day Euless in 1868, "by experience and baptism."

Thomas McCallister's second marriage was to Fannie B. Willis in Denton County, Texas on March 22, 1887. She lies buried in Grapevine Cemetery. Her headstone shows her dates of birth and death as January 9, 1838 and June 15, 1921. Her headstone has her surname spelled "McCallaster." Mr. McCallister's obituary mentions stepchildren named both Hurst and Willis; apparently Fannie was married to a Mr. Hurst before her marriage to a Mr. Willis.

A Dallas city directory for 1889-1890 shows T. B. and F. B. McCallister as residents of the city of Dallas with their home at 1353 Elm Street, near its intersection with Hawkins Street. This is

probably the time living in Dallas County which McCallister mentioned in his Confederate pension application.

In the 1910 census of Grapevine, Tarrant County, Thomas B. McCallister and his second wife, Fannie, were living together with no children still at home. Mrs. McCallister said she had given birth to nine children, eight of whom were still living.

In 1908, McCallister applied for a Confederate pension. At the time, he was living at Grapevine. He told pension officials he had lived in Tarrant County since 1862, except for two years he'd lived in Dallas County. He said he enlisted at Dallas in July, 1862 in Short's? 2nd Regiment of Texas Cavalry, and served until the end of the War. Later he was in Co. G, Stone's 2nd Regiment Partisan Rangers, and had served for a part of that time as dismounted cavalry.

Thomas Benton McCallister died February 25, 1925 at the Masonic Home in Arlington in Tarrant County, Texas. He was buried in the Keystone Masonic Cemetery for the in Arlington, Tarrant County, Texas. No death certificate was filed for him.

An obituary for T. B. McCallister appeared in the Grapevine Sun on March 5, 1925: *"DIED. Mr. T. B. McAllister, age 83, died Wednesday, February 25, at the Masonic Home in Arlington, where he had lived for the past few years. Mr. McAllister had been a member of the Bear Creek Baptist Church for more than fifty years, and was a Mason for over forty years. He was a resident of this community for a number of years. Funeral services were held at the Bear Creek Church, conducted with Rev. J. M. Hunt, after which interment was made in the Bear Creek Cemetery. He leaves four stepsons: G. P. Hurst of Lewisville, E. A. Hurst of Baxter Springs, Kansas, W. T. Willis of Wichita Falls, A. W. Willis of Grapevine and three step-daughters: Mrs. D. M. Shultz of Crowell, and Mrs. A. Trigg and Mrs. J. F. Martin of this place."*



Headstone in Keystone Masonic Cemetery, Arlington, Texas

