



# TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### James J. Mooneyham

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James J. Mooneyham was a Peters Colonist in Dallas County during the 1840's. He was a member of a local Confederate cavalry unit, settling in northeast Tarrant County before the War began. He later left Texas and died in 1899 in Sebastian County, Arkansas.

Family members who have placed material on the Internet say Mr. Mooneyham was born March 18, 1820 in Cocke County, Tennessee. He was a son of James Mooneyham, a veteran of the War of 1812. James J. Mooneyham and his brother, William Mooneyham, migrated to Texas via Missouri and settled in the Peters Colony before July 1844.

James J. married Elizabeth Barnes on May 22, 1840, in Platte County, Missouri. His brother, William, had married Elizabeth's sister, Rachael Barnes, on July 3, 1836, in LaFayette County, Missouri. In 1841 James J. Mooneyham served as a constable in Holt County.

By July of 1844 James and William arrived in Texas "with family" and became two of the Peters Colonists. James was in Dallas County on May 23, 1848 when he was chosen to serve in a pool of prospective jurors. Elizabeth, James's wife, gave birth to a child about 1848, but was dead by the time the 1850 census was taken. Her burial place is unknown.

William and Rachael Mooneyham accepted their land grant #2184 in what is present-day Farmers Branch, Dallas, Texas. They raised their twelve children and died in Dallas County. They are buried in the Mooneyham-Sparkman Cemetery, a small plot of their original land grant.

James J. Mooneyham's second wife, Mary Evie King, was born September 5, 1833, and was a daughter of Rhoda and William King of Denton County, Texas. James and Mary were married in Texas about 1849 or 1850. She died in Sebastian County, Arkansas on December 8, 1879.

James had sold his Peters Colony grant in Dallas County, married Mary Evie King, and was living in Tarrant County by 1850. Mr. Mooneyham and his wife, Mary E. Mooneyham, appear in the 1850 census of Tarrant County. He was thirty, she was fifteen. They had three children with them: Sarah Ann, Julia Ann, and Harriet L. Mooneyham. Sarah Ann was born in Missouri; her two younger siblings were born in Texas. James was numbered on the June 24, 1854 Tarrant County school census. Mr. Mooneyham appears several times during the 1850's acting as a chainman on teams surveying headrights in Tarrant County.

On May 22, 1855, James J. Mooneyham patented the one-hundred-sixty-acre Alexander Hood survey in Tarrant County. He still owned it five years later. James is listed in the 1855 list of available jurymen for Tarrant County.

In the 1860 tax list of Tarrant County, Mr. Mooneyham is shown as the owner of one hundred sixty acres of the A. Hood survey, worth eight hundred dollars, and forty-eight acres of the John N. King survey, worth two hundred forty dollars. In modern-day terms, the A. Hood survey is a square one-half by one-half mile, and it lies in Haltom City. The survey's eastern line follows Highway 377; about three-quarters of the survey lies north of Loop 820 and the rest lies south. No other modern-day streets follow the survey's other boundaries. Big Fossil Creek crosses the survey northwest to southeast, so Mr. Mooneyham would have had an excellent year-round water source for his livestock.

James J. Mooneyham served the Confederacy as a private in Co. H, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Cavalry, Texas State Troops. He enlisted in Tarrant County on August 11, 1863 for a term of six months. He was paid \$57.20 for the use and risk of his personal horse. He re-enlisted on January 27, 1864 at Camp Wharton, Texas. He was a resident of Tarrant County and was forty-three years old. He claimed exemption from active service because he was a stock raiser.

After the War James and his family returned to Arkansas, and had settled in Mississippi Township in Sebastian County by 1870, where they are listed in that year's census. With James were his wife, Mary E. Mooneyham, and six children: Julian, Joseph Mc., Rhoda Ann, William, James P., and Laura. They moved to Arkansas between the births of James P. and Laura, around 1867. Mary Evie Mooneyham, James's wife of thirty years, died in Sebastian County on December 8, 1879 and was buried there in the Old Union Cemetery (Amity Baptist Church). The cemetery is at the west end of Old Union Road, a few miles south of Hackett, Arkansas. To locate it, go south from Hackett about five miles on Highway 45, then turn south (right) on Tyro Road. Go south on Tyro Road 1.5 miles and turn west (right) on Old Union Road.

In 1880, James and his family lived in Mississippi Township in Sebastian County, Arkansas. He had three of his children with him: James P. (who was born in Texas), Laura, and Mary J., both of whom were born in Arkansas. A map showing Mr. Mooneyham's land location in Sebastian County is to be found online at:

[http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~arsebast/landrecords/1887/5\\_32\\_1887.html](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~arsebast/landrecords/1887/5_32_1887.html)

Mr. Mooneyham was married a third time, in Sebastian County on July 8, 1888, to Martha Jane Blackard. They had no children.

James J. Mooneyham died August 7, 1899 in Sebastian County, Arkansas. He lies buried there in Old Union Cemetery (Amity Baptist Church) beside many members of his family.

With his first two wives, James J. Mooneyham had at least nine children. The following accounts of their lives were taken from census records and family material posted by descendants at ancestry.com.

James Mooneyham and his first wife, Elizabeth, had at least three children: Sarah Ann Mooneyham (who was born in Missouri about 1842), Julia Ann Mooneyham (who was born about 1846 in Texas), and Harriet L. Mooneyham (who was born about 1848 in Texas). The rest of the children were with James's wife, Mary Evie King.

Joseph Mc. "Joe Mack" Mooneyham was born June 30, 1854. In 1892 he graduated from the St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons.

He was one of the first doctors in the Indian Territory. He married Seanah O'Neill (1860-1934) on May 14, 1876 in Sebastian County, Arkansas. They had eleven children. Three of these died when they were very young. He died January 17, 1920 in Stidham, McIntosh County, Oklahoma. He is buried beside his wife in Lenna Cemetery, in McIntosh County.

Rhoda Ann Mooneyham was born February 12, 1859. She died April 30, 1946 in Sebastian County, Arkansas. She married James E. Sorrells (1853-1917). They lie buried in Old Union Cemetery.

William Price Mooneyham was born October 24, 1861. He married Mary Elizabeth Baker in Sebastian County, Arkansas on October 5, 1879. She was born March 1861 in Hempstead County, Arkansas, and was the daughter of Martha Jane Mouser and John Henry Baker. Mary Elizabeth and William P. Mooneyham were married October 5, 1879 in Sebastian County. William P. Mooneyham died at Yantis, Wood County, Texas on June 11, 1897 and was buried there. Mary Elizabeth Mooneyham died in 1903 and was buried in Old Union Cemetery.

James Polk Mooneyham was born in May 1864 in Tarrant County. His wife's name was Sadie. He died April 10, 1947 and was buried in Old Union Cemetery in Sebastian County, Arkansas. Sadie was born in October 1874 in Iowa, and died October 23, 1962 in Sebastian County. She lies buried beside her husband.

Laura Elizabeth Mooneyham was born about 1869. She died January 4, 1892 in Scott County, Arkansas. She married Everett E. Smith in Scott County, Arkansas on January 20, 1887.

Mary Jane "Molly" Mooneyham was born July 6, 1871. She married Dr. Benjamin H. Harrison (1872-1942). She died in Tipton County, Tennessee on October 2, 1922. Her body was exhumed the next month and was sent to be buried near family members in Oklahoma.

