

## TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

## John P. Phillips

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John P. Phillips was a Union veteran of the Civil War. He was born in Rutherford County, Tennessee in 1824. He may have been a son of Richard Phillips, who was an elderly man living with John's family in 1875.

Some time in the 1850's in Tennessee he and his wife, Sarah E., were married. She was born in Tennessee in 1826. The family appears in the 1860 Bedford County, Tennessee census, and John was working as a merchant at the time.

Phillips served as a private in Co. H, 5<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Cavalry, having enlisted November 10, 1862 at Nashville for a term of three years. At enlistment, he was 6'2" tall, had blue eyes, and dark hair. For about one year, beginning on December 1, 1862, he was transferred to duty in Company F of the same regiment. He was mustered out of service on August 14, 1865 at Pulaski, Tennessee. He told the census taker in 1890 he served from October 1862 until August 1865.

The Phillips family was living in Bedford County, Tennessee in 1870, and in Tarrant County, Texas by 1880. In 1890 he owned parts of the Thomas Easter, P. R. Splawn, A. Thompson, and J. B. Fry surveys, in present-day Grapevine in the general vicinity of Grapevine High School and the district's football stadium. Both John P. Phillips and his wife were pensioned by the federal government for his service.

He died in 1891 and lies buried in Grapevine Cemetery beside his wife, who died in 1893. They had a number of children, including: Andrew, Laura, Bettie R., John M., Edward F., Mary E., Albert M., Adna O., and William B. Phillips. There may have been an additional daughter named Mary, born about 1857, who may have died young. Several of these children also lie buried in Grapevine Cemetery.

