



# TARRANT COUNTY

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### Sevier Pickett

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Sevier Pickett was a Confederate veteran who spent many years living in the Smithfield area. He was born August 2, 1847 in Van Buren, Crawford County, Arkansas, and was a son of George Calhoun Pickett (1802-1855) and his wife, Catherine Barbara McClellan (1816-1854). One of Sevier's great-grandfathers on his mother's side was John Sevier, a Revolutionary War hero and the first governor of the State of Tennessee.

Sevier and his parents and siblings were living at Van Buren, Arkansas when the 1850 census was taken. Not long after their father died, Sevier and his three brothers probably came to Texas to live with John and Mary Gregg, where they were living in Rusk County when the 1860 census was taken.

Two of his brothers, Gustavus C. Pickett and Gregg W. Pickett, also lived for a time in northeast Tarrant County and are a part of this project. Two of the brothers are buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth, and one is buried in the State Cemetery in Austin.

Sevier Pickett served in Co. D, Speight's Battalion of Texas Cavalry. No official records of his service have survived, in Co. D, 15<sup>th</sup> (Speight's) Texas Infantry, the 11<sup>th</sup> (Speight's) Texas Infantry, or the 21<sup>st</sup> Texas Infantry.

Sevier Pickett married Johnnie A. Edmondson, and they had a son, John Sevier Pickett, born July 22, 1908. Both Mr. and Mrs. Pickett were married only once, and they had only one child. In 1912 when Pickett was applying for his pension, his combined real and personal estate in Tarrant County was valued at \$800.75.

Sevier Pickett died of myocarditis and senility at 7 p.m. on November 22, 1936. He died at his home at 3505 Avenue L in Fort Worth. He was buried in the Confederate section of Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth. An obituary for Mr. Pickett appeared in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram on November

23, 1936: "Civil War Veteran Dies at Home Here. Sevier Pickett, 89, Confederate veteran and express agent on the first Texas and Pacific train run from Fort Worth to Marshall in 1876, died at 7 a.m. Monday at his home, 3505 Avenue L, after a brief illness. Mr. Pickett remained in the employment of the railroad for 45 years and was retired 35 years ago. A resident of Fort Worth since 1872, he was born in Van Buren, Ark. Mr. Pickett fought under General Forrest in the Civil War. Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Johnnie Pickett, and a son, John Sevier Pickett. Pending funeral arrangements the body is at Gause-Ware Funeral Home."

His widow, Johnnie A. Pickett, was born December 2, 1872 in Texas, and was a daughter of Benjamin H. Edmondson. She worked as a saleslady before she died at her home in Fort Worth at 3505 Avenue L on April 5, 1949. She lies buried beside him in Oakwood.



*S. Pickett*