



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

George Thomas Prather

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George Thomas Prather came here with his parents and siblings about four years before the War. He enlisted in a local Confederate cavalry unit, and died of disease in Virginia in the middle of the War.

He was the son of Jeremiah Prather, a pioneer Tarrant County gospel preacher who died in 1859 and was buried in Birdville Cemetery. George arrived in Tarrant County with his parents and siblings on November 7, 1857.

George's mother was Sarah Allen Murphy, whom Jeremiah Prather married in Morgan County, Illinois on January 19, 1837. George Thomas Prather was their first child, born about 1838.

George T. appears in the 1850 census of Adair County, Missouri, with his father's family. He was twelve years old and born in Illinois, probably in Morgan County or Vermilion County. When he was still a very small child his father moved the family to Adair County, Missouri where they remained until 1857.

George Thomas Prather's wife was named Elvira. Family sources say they had no children.

G. T. (also shown in the military records as Thomas) Prather served as a 3rd Sergeant in Capt. J. C. Terrell's Company of Waller's Battalion of Texas Cavalry. He enlisted on July 21, 1862 at Fort Worth, Texas and was mustered into the service at Vermilion, Louisiana on August 27, 1862. He was twenty-four years old. He presented himself for service riding a horse worth two hundred dollars and with equipment worth twenty dollars. This company subsequently became Co. F, Waller's Texas Cavalry.

He was captured at Bayou Boeuf, Louisiana on May 20, 1863. His name appears on a "List of Confederate prisoners sent down May 26...Recd. May 29, 1863" but no locations are included on the list. On July 6, 1863 he, along with 465 other paroled Confederate prisoners, arrived at City Point, Virginia where they were to be exchanged.

His name appears on a "Report of Sick and Wounded, in Post Hospital, at Camp Lee, near Richmond, Va." with a notation that he died of chronic dysentery on August 5, 1863. A record survives in the Confederate Archives, dated 1864, which details that one hundred ninety-two dollars, representing the effects of Mr. Prather, was turned over to the Confederate quartermaster, who issued receipt number 7143 for that amount.