



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Harvey Richard Sparger

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Harvey Richard Sparger was born October 16, 1833 in District One of Marion County (now Sequatchie County), Tennessee. He was the eldest child of Samuel and Susan Sparger. He married Mary Ann Hamilton (born December 16, 1836 in Marion County) on December 21, 1854. She was the daughter of William Hamilton and his first wife, a Miss White.

About 1859 Harvey and his new family, along with his parents and all his siblings, moved south to Walker County, Georgia and settled near Chickamauga. He served as a private and corporal in Co. K, 12th Georgia Cavalry (also known as the 4th (Avery's) Georgia Cavalry. For part of his time in Walker County the family lived in the Cedar Grove neighborhood.



Photo taken in Walker County, Georgia about 1867

Harvey, his wife and children moved to Tarrant County, Texas in the fall of 1879, and eventually purchased a farm in the northeast corner of present-day Bedford Road and Cheek-Sparger Road in Colleyville. While he lived in Colleyville he lived in a log house on the G. W. Teeter survey. The house sat a few yards west of Tara Drive about halfway between Cheek-Sparger Road and Plantation Drive, south. As his children grew and needed more room, the house was later enlarged. This farm was still in the hands of Sparger descendants when it was purchased

by developers to build the Tara Development along Cheek-Sparger Road.

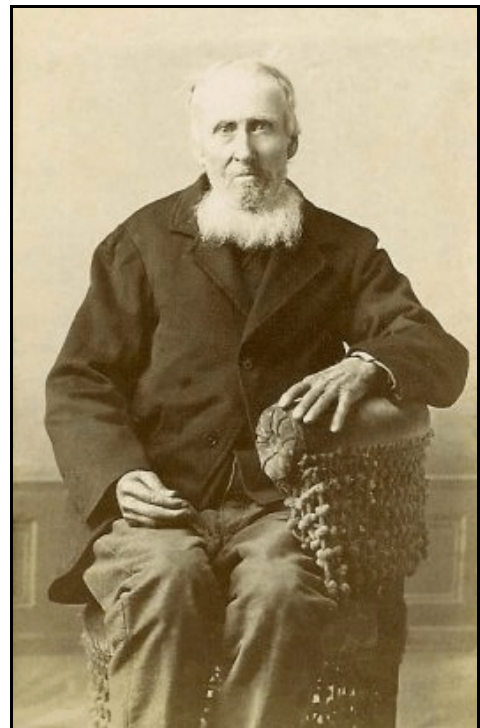
Harvey was an active member of the Methodist Church, and was one of the founders of Oak Grove Methodist Church in Bedford in 1886. He died at his home in Colleyville on February 15, 1914, and was buried beside his father in Smithfield Cemetery. His widow died at her daughter's home at present-day 2205 Glade Road in Colleyville on January 25, 1916, and was buried beside him.

Harvey Sparger's children included Margaret J. (Mrs. Layton T.) Rogers; Mary Elizabeth Sparger, who died at birth; Mary Alice (Mrs. George W.) Couch; James Thomas Sparger; Samuel Hamilton Sparger; and Leona H. (Mrs. William DeWitt) Cavender. An extensive history of Harvey Sparger and his family, drawn largely from interviews with his grandchildren, is Michael E. Patterson's An Oral and Documentary History of Harvey Richard Sparger and his wife, Mary Ann (Hamilton) Sparger.



Harvey and Mary Sparger

Photo taken in Fort Worth about 1895



Samuel Sparger, who died in Colleyville in 1893, was the father of Harvey R. Sparger and Thomas Sparger. Two of his other sons were Georgia infantrymen who did not come to Texas.



This is their last home in present-day Colleyville. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Sparger are seated. The older man standing is their son, Samuel H. Sparger. The younger woman seated is his second wife, Sarah (Prather) Sparger.

