



# TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### Adam Hickman Spears

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Adam Hickman Spears was born October 7, 1841 in Washington County, Virginia, a son of Joseph Spears (died July 4, 1882 in Lee County, Virginia) and Catherine R. (Sweeny) Spears (died July 10, 1891 in Lee County, Virginia). Adam was a Confederate veteran who lies buried in Grapevine Cemetery.

In 1850, Adam lived with his parents and siblings in Carter County, Tennessee. Also in their household was Adam's maternal grandmother, Elizabeth Sweeny, who was born about 1766 in Pennsylvania. They were not slave owners.

In 1860 Adam and Lucy E. Spears were living in the household of William and Mary Collins in Scott County, Virginia. Mary was Adam's and Lucy's older sister.

Mr. Spears attended the 1902 Confederate reunion in Dallas, and wrote in the register that he was a veteran of Co. D, 48<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry. Adam's official Confederate records in the National Archives are very sparse. He is shown on a muster roll for June 19-August 31, 1861, from Scott Co., Virginia. He enlisted in May, 1861 at Osborne Ford in Scott County, Virginia, and was mustered in June 19, 1861 at the encampment at Abingdon, Virginia. Apparently neither Mr. nor Mrs. Spears applied for a Confederate pension from the State of Texas.

He married Mary Lou Farisha Ward in Lee County, Virginia on September 5, 1867. She was born January 8, 1849 in Lee County, Virginia; and died in Lovington, Lea County, New Mexico on March 15, 1931. In 1870 and 1880, they lived in Yoakum Station, Lee County, Virginia.

His death certificate indicates that he died on July 25, 1906 at 3 p.m. at his home four miles southeast of Grapevine in Tarrant County. He was sixty-four years, nine months, and fourteen days of age. The cause of death was \_\_\_\_\_ ition of a duration of one year and four months, with a contributory cause of liver disease, probably cancer. Dr. T. B. Dorris signed the death certificate. He was buried in Grapevine Cemetery. No notice of his death appeared in the Grapevine Sun. No

other members of the Spears family are buried with readable headstones in Grapevine or any of the other nearby cemeteries.

Family sources who have posted queries and information at ancestry.com report that Mr. and Mrs. Spears were the parents of thirteen children: Sarah Catherine Spears (June 3, 1868-June 21, 1923 in Lea County, New Mexico, married L. F. Legitt); Rutha Caroline Spears (October 11, 1869-December 31, 1939 in Lea County, New Mexico, married William Ward); William Joseph Spears (October 24, 1871-January 2, 1928 in Maricopa County, Arizona); Mary Ardelia (or Elizabeth) Spears (January 3, 1873-March 15, 1967 in Hunt County, Texas, married Cicero C. Asberry); Samantha E. Spears (September 29, 1875-December 24, 1947 in Lea County, New Mexico); James Monroe Spears (September 23, 1877-July 15, 1937 in Palo Pinto County, Texas, married Ida Bell Coggin); Johnnie J. Spears (February 3, 1880- February 16, 1890 in Lee County, Virginia); Robert Lee Spears (March 1, 1882-February 29, 1948 in Terry County, Texas, married Agnes Redwine); Vernie Ella Spears (January 29, 1884-January 26, 1975 in Lea County, New Mexico, married Henry Jackson Baker); Charles Belt Spears (March 6, 1886-March 13, 1966 in Lea County, New Mexico, married Eula Stanbro); Nannie Belle Spears (January 23, 1889 - September 1973 in Lea County, New Mexico, married Jasper Miles Moreman); and Nellie May Spears (born November 28, 1892 in Lee County, Virginia, married Edward Thomas Fort.).

