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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Job C. Standifer

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Job C. Standifer was a Union veteran who lived for several years after the war at Grapevine. He was born in Hancock County, Tennessee on April 24, 1843. There is an article in the [Grapevine Area History](#) which contains photographs of both Mr. and Mrs. Standifer.

Standifer enlisted as a member of Battery B, 1st Battalion Tennessee Light Artillery enlisted on October 22, 1864 at Cumberland Gap, Tennessee for a term of three years. A signed original of his enlistment paper remains in his file in the National Archives in Washington; it says he was twenty-two years old, a farmer, with dark eyes, dark hair, a fair complexion, and was 5'8" tall. He appears on a muster roll for the battery dated at Cumberland Gap on January 23, 1865, and his enlistment was to be credited to the quota of Claiborne County, Tennessee. He is shown present on the rolls for the period January 1 though June, 1865. He was mustered out of the army at Nashville, Tennessee on July 20, 1865, having received only \$25 of the \$100 enlistment bounty due him.

On July 16, 1866, Standifer married a widow, Mrs. Amanda Dunsmore, the daughter of Reuben F. Stone (1804-1879) and his wife, Fetna (Hurst) Stone (1812-1892). She was born in Claiborne County, Tennessee on February 23, 1840. Her first husband, Wiley Dunsmore, died in 1863. They were married by her uncle, Rev. Hiram Hurst, at his home in Claiborne



County, Tennessee. As a matter of interest, Rev. Hurst was the paternal grandfather of another of our soldiers, William Letchworth Hurst, for whom the City of Hurst was named.

When the 1870 census was taken, Job and his family were living in Hancock County, Tennessee. With them was Amanda's son by her first marriage, William N. Dunsmore.

Job and Amanda Standifer made four moves between Claiborne County, Tennessee and Grapevine, Texas. The first appears to have been made about 1870. They were still in Grapevine as late as 1879, when Mr. Standifer received a letter from Reuben Stone, a copy of which is still in the family.

Job C. Standifer died February 24, 1880 in McDonald County, Missouri. Descendants in Grapevine in the 1960's and 1970's remembered that he was away from Grapevine at the time he died, but they did not remember the circumstances. This compiler obtained a memorial headstone from the veterans administration for him during the 1990's and set it beside the grave of his wife, Amanda, in Grapevine Cemetery. One affidavit in Mrs. Standifer's pension file was made by William N. Dunsmore, and he said he well remembered the circumstances of Job's death.

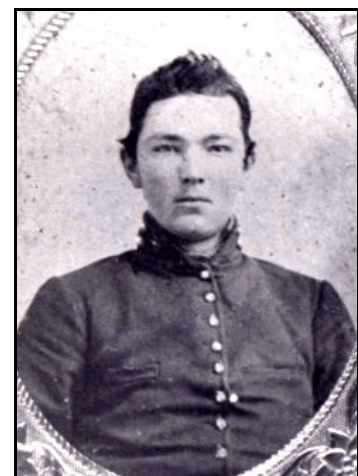
The 1880 census found Mrs. Standifer and her family living near Grapevine just inside the Dallas County boundary. Judging from the ages and stated birthplaces of her children, it appears they were living in Missouri when their daughter, Rosa, was born in 1874. The two younger children were born in Texas.

Mrs. Standifer, when contemplating making a move across country, began making extra quilts. As the family traveled, they sold quilts to get money to buy supplies. She was living in Claiborne County, Tennessee when she applied for a federal pension based upon her husband's Union Civil War service. Many interesting papers and affidavits are contained in her pension application file.

When the 1900 census was taken, Mrs. Standifer was living beside her brother, William N. Stone, on the old Reuben F. Stone farm just east of Springdale in Claiborne County, Tennessee. She told the census taker she had given birth to eight children, only four of whom were still living. This would suggest that she may have had two children in her first marriage to Wiley Dunsmore.

Amanda Standifer came back to Grapevine for the last time about 1902 with the family of her daughter, and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Breeding. She died near the Tarrant-Dallas County line, east of Grapevine, on February 9, 1905. No notice of her death appeared in the Grapevine Sun.

Job and Amanda Standifer had six children: Laura Bell Standifer (born May 22, 1867); Henry Floyd Standifer (November 1, 1869-1889); Reuben Kelly Standifer (born March 10, 1872-June 8, 1873); Rosa Ann Standifer (March 13, 1874); Thomas Elisha Standifer (December 16, 1876-1948); and Nellie Fetney Standifer (Sept. 21, 1879-1951, the wife of Samuel John Jesse Breeding).



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