



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

John Clinton Tarwater

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John Clinton Tarwater was a pioneer of the Smithfield community. He and his wife, Margaret Boone, were married in Tarrant County, Texas. She was a daughter of Tarrant County pioneer, Daniel Boone.

Tarwater lived at Orick, Ray County, Missouri when he enlisted in Co. D, 1st Missouri Cavalry on December 24, 1861. He was captured at Vicksburg on July 4, 1863 and was paroled there on the 8th of July. J. D. Bourland of Liberty, Clay County, Missouri made an affidavit dated January 25, 1865 in which he said "John Tarwater went off with the bushwhackers in October 1864 and has continued his depredations with them ever since." Tarwater's widow said in her pension application that he was in the service for four years, first in the cavalry and later in the infantry. D. A. Price of Tarrant County said he was raised in Ray County, Missouri and that he knew Tarwater when he (Price or Tarwater?) was fifteen

years old, and was associated with him until his death. (David A. Price was born in 1846 and is buried at Bourland Cemetery near Keller.)

In 1895, Tarwater lived northwest of Smithfield on the J. Condra survey, in present-day North Richland Hills, probably in Cross Timbers Park, north of Starnes Road, about 1/8 mile west of the north end of Acts Court. When the 1900 census was taken, Mrs. Tarwater said she had given birth to eleven children, eight of whom were still living.

Tarwater died on June 22, 1913, and lies buried in Smithfield Cemetery. No death certificate for Mr. Tarwater was filed. His widow applied for a pension in 1930 but it was rejected. She stated that she was born April 28, 1848 at Mays? Creek, Osage County, Missouri, that she came to Texas about 1849, and moved to Tarrant County about 1855. She died in 1933, and was buried beside her

husband. Some family sources say her family, the Boones, came to Tarrant County from Clay County, Missouri. Several members of the Boone family are also buried at Smithfield.

Tarwater's obituary in The Grapevine Sun says: *"IN MEMORIAM. Death again visited our community and claimed Mr. J. C. Tarwater, an old, well-known and respected citizen. He was born in Orick, Ray Co., Mo., Feb. 21, 1838, and departed this life June 22, 1913 at 11 p.m., being 75 years, 4 months and 1 day old at the day of his death. He was married to Margaret Boone, Feb. 21, 1866, had been married 47 years, 1 month and 1 day. Mr. Tarwater had been in bad health for 2 years, had been bed fast for 4 months, being paralyzed entirely on the right side. He was a member of the M. E. Church for 3 years and regretted not having lived sooner for his Master. Hope this may help his children to live to meet him in the Beautiful Home of the Soul. The community has lost a good man, who was always ready to help in a good cause; the wife has lost a true husband and the children a loving father. He is survived by a wife and 7 children, 3 daughters and 4 sons. The funeral services were conducted at the M. E. Church by Bros. Scott and Bailey. We extend out heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family and friends. Smithfield, Texas."*

