



# TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### Thomas Powell Youngblood

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Thomas Powell Youngblood was a native of Alabama who served two years in an infantry regiment from that state. He was a brother of another of our veterans, Peter H. Youngblood, and a kinsman of two others, John and James Youngblood. He came to Tarrant County soon after the War and spent his last days in present-day Euless. He lies buried there in the Calloway Cemetery. Two of his descendants, Jeff Youngblood of Arlington, Texas; and Jan Cowley, graciously critiqued and added information to this account.

Thomas Powell Youngblood was born in Jefferson County, Alabama, on November 28, 1824, a son of Andrew W. Youngblood and his wife, Sarah Flanagan, natives of South Carolina and Tennessee, respectively. By 1830 Andrew Youngblood had settled his family in Jefferson County where they appear in the census that year. They were not slaveowners. There are records of some of the Youngbloods who were Quakers during the 1700's, so the family may have continued to have religious and moral scruples against the institution.

Thomas was first married in Jefferson County, Alabama to Elizabeth Bagley on December 17, 1846. She was born about 1830. He and his young family appear in the 1850 census there in the Five Mile Beat of District 31. He was a farmer and owned some real estate, but its value is not readable in the available microfilm. With him were his wife, Elizabeth, and two children, Malinda A. Youngblood (born about 1848), and Allen M. Youngblood, who was less than one year old when the census was taken on Christmas Day of that year.

Ten years later, when the census was taken in Jefferson County in 1860, Mr. Youngblood and his family lived in Woods Precinct. With him were his wife, Elizabeth, and his children Melinda A., Allen M., James H., and William A. Youngblood. This census shows Mr. Youngblood as the owner of real estate worth a considerable sum [again unclear] and with personal property worth six hundred twenty-five dollars.

Thomas P. Youngblood served the Confederacy in Company F of the 56<sup>th</sup> Alabama Infantry, also known as Partisan Rangers. He enlisted on January 1, 1864 at Elyton, Alabama. Elyton is located in Jefferson County, where Thomas lived at the time the war started. The enlisting officer was Captain Rice, and Thomas agreed to serve for the duration of the War. Having enlisted so late in the war, he could only have served during two years; his obituary confirms that term of service. Few records of his time in the Army have survived. His name appears on a receipt roll for clothing on June 30, 1864, and on a receipt roll for pay dated at Griffin, Georgia on September 12, 1864. He left the regiment on a surgeon's certificate on November 26, 1864.

About mid-way through the War, the 56<sup>th</sup> Alabama Infantry was attached to Ferguson's brigade, and the regiment was sent to north Georgia and did arduous duty in the many battles of the Dalton-Atlanta campaign. After going with Hood into Tennessee, it turned and harassed Sherman on his march. It was in the trenches at Savannah and operated near Augusta, moved into the Carolinas, and finally surrendered at Greensboro, North Carolina, two hundred strong.

Family tradition says Thomas and his family stopped in Arkansas for a time on their way to Texas, perhaps for as long as a year during which they may have put in a crop. Some family members believe Elizabeth, Thomas's first wife, may have died while they were still in Alabama or during their time between Alabama and Texas. If that is so, the Susan Youngblood listed with the family may have been a second wife. If so, he may have met and married her in Arkansas. Even though Susan was more than twenty years his junior that was not unusual, especially when a man had young children who needed a mother's care. Her occupation is listed as "keeping house." A check of several other adjacent census pages suggests that occupation may have been recorded only for wives.

Thomas P. Youngblood first appears as a member of the Grapevine Masonic Lodge in 1867. By the time the 1870 census was taken, they had settled in what was then designated as Precinct 2. Judging from the names of his neighbors, it appears he was living in the area of present-day Euless. He owned no real estate, but owned personal property worth four hundred dollars. He had three persons with him in that year: Susan E. Youngblood (who was born about 1851 and whose birthplace is very clearly shown as Arkansas), James H. Youngblood, and William Youngblood. Thomas does not appear in the 1870 agricultural census here, but his brother, Peter H. Youngblood, does.

Thomas does not appear in the voter registration lists made in Tarrant County in 1867 and 1869. On December 29, 1870, T. P. Youngblood and one of his neighbors, J. B. Boyd, made an assessment for estate settlement purposes of the real and personal property of Mrs. Nancy Chism, the widow of E. W. Chism. Thomas P. Youngblood does not appear in the 1875 Tarrant County tax list of Precinct 3, possibly because he did not yet own any real estate.

Thomas married his second (or third) wife, Mrs. Marie Hettie (Millsap) Bates, here in Tarrant County in 1872. She was born February 9, 1839, died June 6, 1907; and is buried beside him in Calloway Cemetery in Euless. Census records indicate Hettie was born in Missouri to a Tennessean father and a Missourian mother.

Hettie Bates appears in the 1870 census in the area of present-day Euless as the head of a somewhat-confusing family. She was listed first. With her are two Bates children...Mary S. Bates (born about 1865) and Richard H. Bates (born about 1867), both in Texas. There is also a three-year-old girl named Florence E. Milsap. Family genealogists at ancestry.com say she was Hettie's younger sister, who moved to McCulloch County, Texas to live with another married sister named Aldridge by 1880. The last person in Hettie's family that year was one J. B. Bates, a man born about 1835 in Tennessee. If he was her husband, it seems odd he would not have been listed first.

Hettie may have been the Hetta Bates, born about 1839 in Missouri, who lived in 1860 in El Monte, Los Angeles County, California, with her husband, Jackson Bates, who was born in Tennessee about 1836. If so, Hettie Youngblood must have had some remarkable stories to tell her children.

Thomas and his family appear in the 1880 census of Tarrant County's Precinct 3, in District 95, which was that part of the precinct south of Big Bear Creek. For some unknown reason Mrs. Youngblood's given name is shown as "Nancy L." With the family are six children, all surnamed Youngblood: Mary B., Richard H., Ida B., John M., Joseph H., and Louella Youngblood. Mary B. Youngblood (born about 1865 in Texas); and Richard H. Youngblood (born about 1867 in Texas) were correctly identified by Jan Cowley years ago as Hettie's by her first marriage. This is confirmed by Hettie's 1870 census entry.

Thomas P. Youngblood also appears in the 1880 Tarrant County agricultural census. He owned a farm which consisted of twenty-nine acres of tilled land and twenty acres of woodland. He estimated the value of his farm, fences, land, and buildings at four hundred dollars. His farm implements were worth one hundred dollars and his livestock was valued at one thousand one hundred dollars. He estimated the value of all his farm productions in the past year at three hundred seventy-five dollars. He owned one horse, two mules, twenty-five milk cows, and ninety other cattle of other classes. Twenty-five calves had been dropped on his farm in the past year. He had sold a number of living cattle during the past year [the number is blurred and may be thirteen], and three head had died, strayed, or otherwise been lost. He estimated they had churned three hundred sixty pounds of butter in the past year. One wonders how he managed grazing for that many horses and mules given the limited number of acres he owned.

In 1880 he owned ten chickens, and estimated he had gathered twenty dozen eggs in the past year. He had fourteen acres in Indian corn which had produced two hundred fifty bushels, and a five-acre cotton patch which had made two bales. He had a one-acre peach orchard with eighty trees from which he had gathered six bushels of peaches, valued at fifty cents per bushel. He had cut firewood off his place valued at thirty-seven dollars.

Thomas Youngblood's home appears on the 1895 Sam Street Map of Tarrant County, Texas, a remarkable document made by a sewing machine salesman. Mr. Youngblood's home appears near the northeast corner of the A. M. Downen survey. A copy of that portion of the map is included with this biographical sketch. In modern-day terms, his home sat in present-day Euless, a little south of the intersection of Oakridge and Renee, and a little northwest of the intersection of Highway 157 and Highway 10. The heavy hatched line just east of his place is modern-day Industrial Blvd./Hwy. 157. The hatched line to the north is modern-day Highway 183/Airport Freeway, and the one to the

south is Pipeline Road. The arcs, two of which show on this map, are two miles apart. In instances where this compiler knows exactly where old homes sat, this map is surprisingly accurate.

Mr. Youngblood and his family appear in the 1900 census of Precinct 3 of Tarrant County. With him were his wife, Hettie and all four of their children: Ida, John, Joe, and Ella. Also living with them were two granddaughters, Della M. (born in July 1878) and Cora (born in October 1880) Youngblood. They were children of Thomas's son, William. Also with the family were Thomas's son, John M. Youngblood, his wife, Sarah, and their son Truman Youngblood. Hettie told the census taker she had given birth to seven children, only six of whom were still alive.

Given Hettie's entry in the 1870 census, her statement to the census taker in 1900 and the information in Mr. Youngblood's 1906 obituary, it seems clear that Hettie had three children in her first marriage, one of whom died before 1870.

Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Youngblood applied for a Confederate pension from the State of Texas. Mr. Youngblood's obituary appeared in the Grapevine Sun on December 8, 1906: *"Obituary of T. P. Youngblood. Bro. T. P. Youngblood was born in Jefferson county, Ala., Nov. 28, 1824, was married to a Miss Allen. There was born to them 4 children, two of whom are still living. He settled in Tarrant, married Mrs. Bates of this county in 1872. There were born to them 4 children, 2 boys and 2 girls. All are living. Brother Youngblood joined the Missionary Baptist church at the age of 27 and has since lived a devoted Christian. He served two years as a Confederate soldier. He was made a Mason when a young man, and when he came to Texas he went in Estelle Lodge, No. 582 as a charter member and has lived a useful Mason since. He was called home June 30, 1906, and we laid him to rest in the cemetery near Tarrant. We, the members of Estelle Lodge extend our greatest sympathy to the bereaved ones. Peace be to the dust of our beloved Brother."*

Unlike most persons who died in rural Tarrant County in 1906, Mr. Youngblood has a death certificate on file. It says he died about 2 a.m. on June 30, 1906, of an infection he had suffered for twelve days; a word is written after "infection" but it is not legible on the certificate. Senility was a contributing cause. Dr. J. F. Rhodes signed the certificate. Hettie Youngblood died the next year was buried beside her husband in Calloway Cemetery. No death certificate was filed for her.

The following short accounts of Mr. Youngblood's children have been taken from a variety of sources, mainly from census records, family reminiscences, Texas death certificates, and cemetery records.

Malinda A. Youngblood was born about 1848. Before 1870 she married another of our veterans, James Knox Polk Hammond, as his first wife. She died about 1873 in Tarrant County. She has no readable headstone in any northeast Tarrant County cemetery. She and Mr. Hammond had at least three children, two of whom had been born in Texas by the time the 1870 census was taken.

When the 1870 census was taken, one Susan E. Youngblood was with Thomas' family here in Tarrant County. The census says she was born about 1851, and her birthplace is clearly written as Arkansas. She does not appear with the family in 1860, but is with them in 1870. She may have been a second wife of Thomas's.

Allen Morgan Youngblood was born August 21, 1849. He was a farmer for much of his life. He married Martha Ann Gray (1847-1901), a sister of three of the veterans on our memorial, and a daughter of Hiram Gray and his first wife, Martha Ann Smith. Allen and Martha Youngblood had seven children. He died at his son's home in Fort Worth at 1718 Cooper Street at 2:02 a.m. on February 3, 1935, and was buried the next day in Birdville Cemetery. A photograph of Allen Youngblood appears on the Find-A-Grave site.

James Harvey Youngblood was born January 24, 1854, according to his death certificate. He lived next door to his father in 1880, and had a wife named Virginia, who was born about 1857 in Virginia. They had apparently just been married shortly before. James was a constable who killed a man in 1887 at a party on the Trinity River near Arlington. Family members do not know whether or not this was in any way connected with the shooting of his brother three years earlier. By 1900 James and his family had moved across the line into Precinct 8 of Dallas County and she had given birth to ten children, nine of whom were still living. According to one of their sons' death certificate, James' wife was Virginia Pairree Crank. By 1910 she was dead. James worked as a farmer for most of his life, and retired about 1923. He died at 9:30 p.m. at his home in Precinct 7 in Dallas County, along postal route number 8, on December 9, 1931. His death certificate indicates he had lived there since about 1891. He was buried the next day in Western Heights Cemetery in Dallas County. The Find-A-Grave site lists more than three hundred burials there, but neither his nor his wife's is among them. No obituary appeared in the Dallas Morning News for him or his wife.

William (A. or S.) Youngblood was born about 1858. In 1880 he and his wife, Josephine, lived two houses away from Thomas P. Youngblood. Josephine was born about 1856 in Georgia; in that year they had a two-year-old daughter named Della with them. Family sources say William A. Youngblood was killed by a man named Horace Matlock in Arlington, Texas in December, 1884. By 1900 their two daughters were living with Thomas and Hettie Youngblood. There are no readable headstones for William or Josephine Youngblood in northeast Tarrant County. A search of the Texas death records using both "Cora" and "Della," with "Youngblood" as the father's surname and "Josephine" as the mother's given name yielded no results.

Ida Isbell Youngblood was born November 5, 1871, in Bedford, Texas, according to her death certificate. She was never married. She died on November 13, 1948 at her home at 3615 Crenshaw Street in Fort Worth. Her death certificate says she had lived there forty-five years. She was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in the Handley section of East Fort Worth.

John Milton Youngblood was born January 12, 1874. He worked for several years in railroad offices. About 1898 he married Sarah "Sallie" T. Melear (1879-1956), a daughter of Arlington pioneer Z. T. Melear. He died November 25, 1950 in the city-county hospital in Fort Worth, where he had been a patient for one day. His last permanent address was in Fort Worth at 701 Griggs Street. He was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in the Handley section of East Fort Worth.

Joseph H. Youngblood was born February 8, 1876. In 1900 he was a single man living in Precinct 2 of Tarrant County with the family of old Bedford neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. William McKinley. The family next-door was headed by one of his nephews, Lee M. Hammond. He and Mr. Hammond were both working as school teachers. About 1902 Joseph married Tennie Fly (1883-1936). In 1930 he was working as deputy county clerk in the courthouse in Dallas. Joseph died at 10:10 p.

m. at the Medical and Surgical Hospital at Pasadena, Harris County, Texas on March 21, 1951. His last permanent address was 3114 Bond Street in Deep Water, Harris County, Texas. His death certificate says his body was taken to Dallas, Texas for burial. He had been living with his daughter, Jane Cansler, at the time of his death. He had earlier lived in Dallas at 2617 Live Oak Street. He was buried beside his wife in Lee Cemetery in Seagoville, Dallas County. An obituary for him appeared in the Dallas Morning News.

Lou Ella Youngblood was born May 10, 1878. She married Charles R. Bardin (1878-1942). She died at 12:34 a.m. at her home at 5101 Meadowbrook Drive in Fort Worth on December 8, 1930. Her death certificate says she had lived there twenty-five years. She was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, as was her husband.







Youngblood area of Sam Street map