



# TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### Madison Booth

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Madison Booth was a Confederate soldier who helped settle the Birdville community. He lies buried there in Birdville Cemetery.

Madison was born August 23, 1814 in Tennessee (or Maryland). The 1880 census records say both his parents were native Pennsylvanians. His wife, Elzira, was born October 20, 1823 in Tennessee. She died at Birdville, Texas on April 4, 1879 and lies buried beside her husband in Birdville Cemetery.

The census taker in 1850 found Mr. Booth and his family living in District 4 of Washington County, Tennessee. Madison was serving as the County Surveyor at the time. He said he was a native of Maryland. His wife, Eliza Booth, said she was born about 1823 in Tennessee. Their son, Eldridge Booth, was one year old. In that year Madison owned a single slave, a black man aged about forty-three.

Mr. Booth was living in Washington County, Tennessee as late as August 6, 1856, when he witnessed a deed for land bought by the Union Church of Christ.

This researcher clearly remembers seeing Mr. Booth's name on a roster of Tarrant County men who enlisted for the Confederacy. He cannot now find the copies of the roll, but will post the details as soon as he finds it.

Madison Booth and his family appear in the 1870 Tarrant County census at Birdville. His wife, E. Booth, said she was born about 1825 in Tennessee. The children with the family in 1870 were: Eldridge Booth, Frank Booth, A. J. Booth (a female), S. E. Booth (a female), L. Booth (a male), and Eva Booth (born about 1865 in Texas). All the other members of the family were natives of Tennessee.

At the beginning of the year 1880, Mr. Booth was living as a widower in the home headed by his son, Eldridge Booth, at Birdville. Also in the family were his son, Landon, and daughter, Eva.

Madison Booth hanged himself on February 6, 1880, and was buried in Birdville Cemetery. Dr. Eugene Farmer, another of our Confederate veterans, was the attending physician.

Madison Booth's children included Eldridge Booth (December 4, 1848-June 26, 1884); Frank Booth (1850-1922); A. J. Booth (a female, born about 1852); Sarah E. Booth (January 24, 1854-October 17, 1916, married David L. Hunt); Landon Booth (1856-1892); and Eva Booth (born about 1865 in Texas). All the other children were probably born in Washington County, Tennessee.

Frank Booth's death certificate shows that he was born September 20, 1850 in Tennessee, to Madison Booth and Elvina? Gillespie.



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When comparing the two photographs, you see what seven additional years of weathering will do to an old headstone.



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