



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

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Henry Burgoon

Henry Burgoon was born June 17, 1834 in Sandusky County, Ohio. Although he was born in a northern state, he served in the Confederate Army and became one of the best-known pioneers in the Grapevine area. Several articles about him and his family appear in the Grapevine Area History (1979). One seems to confuse several details of Henry's life, ascribing them to his brother, Amos Burgoon.

Henry was the son of Charles Burgoon (1800-1879) and his wife Ann Marie Geiger (1809-1888), who settled in northeast Tarrant County in 1853. Both his parents lived out the rest of their lives here and are buried with headstones in Grapevine Cemetery.

In the 1860 Tarrant County tax lists, Henry Burgoon is shown as the owner of 320 acres of the Henry Burgoon survey, and 40 acres of the Isham Crowley survey. The Texas General Land Office shows no survey made in the name of Henry Burgoon in Tarrant County, but there is one of 320 acres in Dallas County, which he patented on February 1, 1857.

Henry served from 1863 until the end of the war in Co. A, 9th Texas Cavalry, according to a statement Mrs. Burgoon made in her pension application. No records of Henry's service appear in the files of the 9th Texas Cavalry, but several records of his brother, J. Amos Burgoon, have survived. Mrs. Mary V. Burgoon made the pension application, and she very clearly states that her husband was Henry Burgoon. Their headstones at Minter's Chapel clearly read "Henry Burgoon" and "Mary V. Burgoon."

A biography of Mr. Burgoon , probably prepared from material he himself supplied, appeared in the Memorial and Biographical History of Dallas County, Texas (Lewis Publishing Co., 1892): *"HENRY BURGOON, was one among the oldest settlers of Grapevine Prairie, Dallas county, was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, a son of Charles Burgoon, a native of Baltimore, Maryland, and successively a citizen of Ohio, Iowa, and Texas. After contributing his share toward the settlement of the communities in which he resided, he died, in Tarrant county, this state, where he located in 1853, passing away a few years ago, at the age of seventy-eight years. Our subject's mother, nee Ann Maria Geiger, was also a native of Baltimore, Maryland. Mr. and Mrs. Burgoon were married in their native place, and started West soon after this event, and the mother died at our subject's home in March, 1889, at the age of seventy-six years. They were the parents of twelve children, namely: Francis, Julia Ann, Joseph A., George, Caroline, Maria, Elizabeth, Margaret, Priscilla and Henry. The latter was born June 17, 1834, and was reared mainly in Scott and Linn counties, Iowa. He was one among the first settlers of Grapevine Prairie, Dallas county, having settled on the farm where he now lives in 1853. He located a headright of 320 acres, but being anxious to secure new settlers for the community he sold off 120 acres of this land, and now has 100 acres of his remaining land under cultivation, the remainder being in pasture and hay. He has comfortable buildings, beautiful hedges, and good orchards. When he settled where he now lives his nearest neighbors were from two to four miles distant, and the country was an open prairie. In October, 1883, Mr. Burgoon erected a store building on his premises, near his residence, and began a mercantile business, which he has since followed in connection with his farming. At the same time he secured the removal of the post office from Estelle to this place in Dallas county, Texas. In September, 1861, he married Miss Mary V. Boals, a native of Christian County, Missouri, and a daughter of John T. Boals. The parents came to Texas in 1859, settling in Tarrant county, where they now reside. Mr. and Mrs. Burgoon have had ten children, as follows: Edward M.; Effe M., now the wife of W. J. Crawford; Henry T.; Mary Idelia, wife of Thomas P. Goodfellow; Oscar L.; Charles E.; Anna F.; Jesse E.; Rosser I.; and Homer T. All of the children are still living, and most of them are now grown, and those who have settled in life reside near the old homestead, either in Dallas or Tarrant counties. Mr. Burgoon is a plain, unpretentious citizen, a man of more than ordinary intelligence, of a kindly disposition, and is esteemed by his neighbors."*



Mary V. (Boals) Burgoon

Mr. and Mrs. Burgoon were the parents of ten children: (Effie M. Burgoon (born October 2, 1863, who married W. J. Crawford); Edward M. Burgoon (born June 23, 1865-August 11, 1895); Mary Idella Burgoon (born February 21, 1867, who married Thomas P. Goodfellow); Henry T. Burgoon (born January 23, 1869-March 30, 1915, married Anna Eliza Bushong); Oscar L. Burgoon (born December 25, 1870); Charles E. Burgoon (born November 29, 1872, who as a young man rode a pony from Grapevine to Texas A&M and then sold the pony there to help pay his enrollment expenses); Anna F. Burgoon (born August 10, 1875, who married Henry J. Lucas); Jesse E. Burgoon (born February 15...headstone says born June 15, 1878-July 5, 1931); I. Rosser Burgoon (born February 2, 1881); and Homer T. Burgoon (born April 24, 1883-February 28, 1900).

When the 1900 census taker found the Burgoon family in Precinct 8 of Dallas County, Mrs. Burgoon said she had given birth to ten children, seven of whom were alive at that time. This agrees with the above list.

Henry Burgoon died May 16, 1911. An obituary for him appeared in the Grapevine Sun on May 20, 1911: *"An Old Pioneer Passed Away. Mr. Henry Burgoon, an old settler of Dallas county, after an illness of about two weeks, died last Tuesday evening at 7:10 at Grand Prairie. He was confined to his bed only eight days. Mr. Burgoon came to Texas from Ohio in 1852, being 59 years ago, and entered a homestead from the State, where he lived continuously until death claimed him. He was 77 years of age at the time of his death. He was converted when 22 years old and joined the Methodist church at Minters Chapel. He leaves a wife and seven children, five sons and two daughters to mourn his death. To these we extend our sympathy in this sad hour."*

Both Mr. and Mrs. Burgoon have headstones at Minter's Chapel Cemetery south of Grapevine in the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport land. The cemetery is accessible to the public off West Airfield Drive. A few additional family photographs, including some taken at Minter's Chapel at the funeral of Mrs. Burgoon, may be found on the Tarrant County TXGenWeb site at:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txtarran/photos/burgoon2.htm>

and at

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txtarran/photos/burgoon.htm>



On the left is George Burgoon and his brother Henry on the right. It seems likely this photo may have been taken in 1910 when both men were in Iowa to attend the funeral of their brother, Francis Burgoon. George lived in Missouri at the time, and Henry lived here.