



# TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### Thomas A. Chapman

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Thomas A. Chapman was a Confederate veteran of a Tennessee infantry regiment. He lived for a few years in the Grapevine-Southlake area north of Big Bear Creek, and eventually moved to Hunt County, where he died in 1899.

Thomas A. Chapman was born, according to his headstone, on February 18, 1837. Several descendants of Mr. Chapman are interested researchers, and have placed information and photographs at [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com).

Family sources say Thomas was a son of William Chapman (August 26, 1792-December 7, 1845) and his wife, Mary Smith (1794-August 5, 1888), both of whom died and are buried in Lincoln County, Tennessee. Thomas appears as a thirteen-year-old child in the 1850 census of Subdivision 2 of Lincoln County, Tennessee. His family in that year included his widowed mother and siblings, including some children who were born after 1845; we have not tried to find the explanation for that fact.

By the time the 1860 census was taken in the same place, Thomas A. Chapman and his mother were living in the same household, with no one else with them. Samuel Stafford, another of our veterans, was living only two houses away from them.

Mr. Chapman's records in the National Archives show that he enlisted on April 29, 1861 at Lynchburg, Tennessee for a term of twelve months. He became a private in Capt. Ezekiel Y. Salmon's Company of the 1<sup>st</sup> Tennessee Infantry Regiment. Mr. Chapman was twenty-four years old. He was mustered into the Confederate service on May 8, 1861 in Lynchburg, Virginia. Salmon's Company subsequently became Co. E. Some records show his original enlistment as April 27, 1861 at Yorktown, Virginia.

On a muster roll covering the period of September and October, 1862, Mr. Chapman appears with a notation that he was detailed as a teamster. For the next two months, he was detailed as a wagoner and teamster beginning in January of 1863. He was there until about November 25, 1863, when he returned to regular duty and entered a hospital sick. He was paid twenty-five cents per day for the time he was detailed as a teamster/wagoner.

On April 2, 1864 he received his pay for the months of January and February...\$22.00. In April 1864 he spent some time in General Hospital No. 9 in Richmond, Virginia. No mention is made of why he went to the hospital.

On February 7, 1865 he was admitted to Chimborazo Hospital No. 4 in Richmond, Virginia for treatment of a gunshot wound to the left breast. He was released and returned to duty on February 10.

On February 21, 1865 he received his pay for service from June 30, 1864 through December 31, 1864...\$105.00.

He signed oath of allegiance to the U. S. government on March 30, 1865 at Chattanooga, Tennessee. His place of residence was Lincoln County, Tennessee. He had a fair complexion, brown eyes, dark hair, and was five feet five inches tall. Mr. Chapman's file contains two original pay vouchers, both containing the signatures of "T. A. Chapman."

Thomas A. Chapman and his wife were married July 11, 1865 in Lincoln County, Tennessee. She was Nancy Merilda Simpson. Her headstone says she was born October 11, 1843. A statement she made in her Confederate widow's pension application places her birth on October 11, 1844.

When the 1870 census was taken, Thomas and Nancy and four of their children were living in District 15 of Franklin County, Tennessee. The children included William, Sarah H., Stephen A., and Joseph A. Chapman. About 1875 the Chapmans left Tennessee and moved to Texas.

By 1880 Thomas and his family had moved to Tarrant County, Texas and lived in Precinct 3's District 94, north of Big Bear Creek. They had eight children with them: Sarah R. Stephen E., Joseph A., Nancy M., James L., Mattie C., Prissylla L., and Annie B. Chapman. Thomas Chapman appears in the 1880 tax list here but owned no real estate. Judging from the names of his nearest neighbors in the census, the Chapmans were probably living in present-day Southlake.

Mrs. Nancy M. Chapman was at Caddo Mills, Hunt County, Texas when she applied for a Confederate widow's pension when she applied for a pension on July 27, 1899. She said she had lived in Hunt County, Tennessee for seven years. Her husband had died February 27, 1899. He was in Captain Salmon's Co., First Tennessee Infantry, for four years. When she applied for her pension she owned two mules worth one hundred ten dollars, two cows worth forty dollars, one hog worth four dollars, and household and kitchen furniture worth twenty dollars.

When the 1900 census was taken in Hunt County, Texas, Mrs. Chapman was living in a household with four of her children and two of her grandchildren. Mrs. Chapman said she had given birth to twelve children, ten of whom were still living.

Mrs. Chapman's headstone in Paradise Cemetery, southeast of Caddo Mills in Hunt County, near the intersection of Highway 36 and Interstate 30, says she died March 31, 1924.

The following list of the Chapman children was compiled from genealogy sources at ancestry.com and from public records, including the census schedules and Texas vital statistics records. When multiple forms of their names have been found all are included.

Sarah R. A. Chapman was born about 1867. She was still alive in 1900.

Stephen Edward Chapman was born January 14, 1868. He died in Caddo Mills, Texas on December 30, 1934, and was buried in Stone Cemetery (aka Paradise Cemetery) near Caddo Mills. He married Venettie Clay Tanner on August 9, 1903 in Hunt County, Texas.

Joseph Allen Chapman was born in October 9, 1869. He died in the city-county hospital in McKinney, Collin County, Texas on April 28, 1955. His last regular residence was in Hunt County, Texas. He was in the cotton business. He was buried at Caddo Mills, Texas.

M. E. E. Chapman was born April 5, 1871. She died September 13, 1878.

One of the children was Nannie Merilda Wheeler, who was born January 8, 1873 in Tennessee. She died in her home at 3200 North Terry Street in Fort Worth on August 26, 1955. She was buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Fort Worth.

S. Lucretia Jane Chapman was born about 1874. She died at Pickton in Hopkins County, Texas in 1943.

Mattie C. Chapman was born about 1876. She died at Caddo Mills in Hunt County, Texas on February 16, 1913.

Priscilla L. Chapman was born January 11, 1878. She was still alive in 1900.

Annie B. Chapman was born in March, 1880. She died March 9, 1887.

Thomas Dile Chapman was born December 13, 1881. He was still alive in 1900.

Charles W. Chapman was born July 27, 1884 and died January 21, 1903. He was buried in Stone Cemetery. *Caution...the printed cemetery records this researcher used were found to have a very high number of typographical errors in the dates. Charles W. Chapman's dates presented here are from that publication.*

Western Texas Chapman was born May 3, 1889. She died July 25, 1977. She married James Washington Robertson, Jr. (1883-1865). They lie buried in Rosemound Cemetery in Commerce, Hunt County, Texas.

