



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Henry T. Higgins

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Henry T. Higgins was a Confederate veteran who came from Georgia to present-day Southlake in the late 1870's. He was born about 1838 in Georgia, possibly in Habersham County, Georgia where his parents were married on November 17, 1836 and his father is listed in the 1840 census.

Family researchers at Ancestry.com say Henry T. Higgins was a son of Griffin Higgins (born in Georgia about 1813) and his wife, Mary "Polly" Bonds (born about 1815 in Georgia). By the time the 1850 census was taken, Griffin Higgins and his family were in Campbell County, Georgia, where Henry T. Higgins appears as a boy twelve years old.

One Henry Higgins, born about 1837 in Georgia, appears in the 1860 census of Campbell County, Georgia. With him are his wife, Mary (born about 1839) and his son, James (born about 1859). No other Henry or H. T. Higgins appears in that county in 1860.

Higgins was a private in Co. A, 21st Georgia Infantry. He enlisted at Campbellton, Georgia on June 6, 1861 for three years or the War, and was mustered in at Richmond, Virginia on June 25, 1861. The original company to which he belonged was known as Captain Glover's Company, Campbell Guards, Georgia Infantry. He began driving a wagon on November 27, 1861. He still had that duty in December, 1861. He was made a brigade wagoner by order of Brig. General Trimble Feb. 27, 1862, and was still servicing in that duty at end of April, 1862. He is shown present on all surviving company muster rolls. During November or December, 1861, it was noted that he had lost one bayonet. He became sick on February 3, 1864, and was shown sick on a roll as late as August 31, 1864. His name also appears on several receipts for clothing.

Family sources report that Mr. Higgins was married in Georgia about 1864 to Mary Elizabeth Tremaine, and that they had a daughter, Victoria M. Higgins (born September 20, 1877 at Grapevine, Texas; died December 25, 1946 in Yakima County, Washington) who married John Wylie Gipson

in the Indian Territory in 1894. The Higgins family probably came to Tarrant County shortly before Victoria Higgins's birth. Those sources also report that Mrs. Higgins died in 1881.

Henry and his family appear in the 1880 census of Tarrant County, Texas. Judging from the names of his near neighbors, he must have lived in present-day Southlake. With him were his wife, Mary F. Higgins, born about 1839 in Georgia, and four children: Aaron Higgins, born about 1873; Henrietta E. Higgins, born about 1874; Robert A. Higgins, born about 1877; and Victoria, mentioned above.

Mr. Higgins did not apply for a Confederate pension in either Texas or Oklahoma. No death certificate was filed for him in Texas, and no obituary appeared for him in the Grapevine Sun. No readable headstone is now standing in any northeast Tarrant County cemetery for Mr. Higgins or his wife.

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Mr Patterson

I have treasured your Civil War Bio of my 2nd great grandfather, Henry T. Higgins. I have not been able to find any death records for him or his wife. Now to the point of my contact, his wife Mary.

I have been stumped by her last name for some time, following along with Tremaine or Teaford. Now I am convince that her maiden name was Renfro or Renfroe. Once searching along these lines, I found their wedding record in Georgia;

Name:	Mary F. Renfrow
Spouse:	Henry T. Higgans
Marriage Date:	15 Nov 1856
County:	Fulton
State:	Georgia

Since this discovery, the tree has been filling out with her parents coming from Georgia as well. Her parents were Anderson Watson Renfroe & Martha Jackson, both born abt 1816 in Georgia. Not sure if this matters at this point, it does for my research. Just thought I would pass along.

I descend from their daughter Victoria and her husband, John Wylie Gipson. They moved from OK to Connell WA, where they were early pioneers along with others in the Big Bend Country of WA state.

T.J. O'Leary

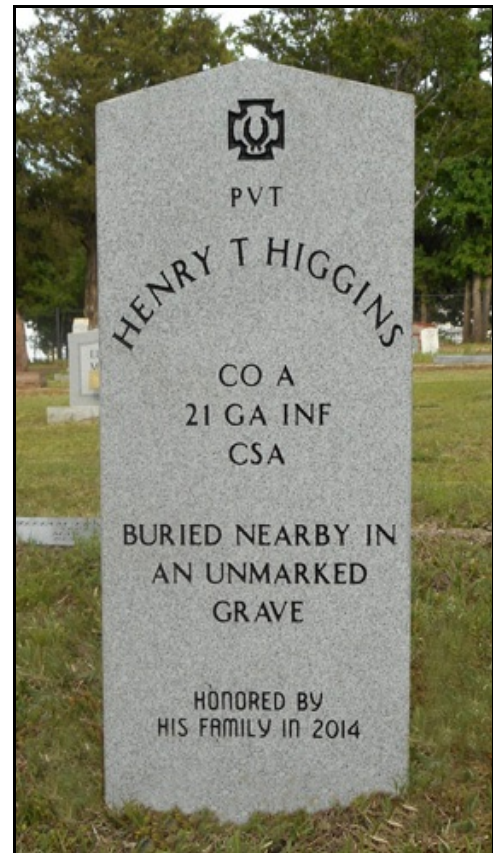
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After reading the bio again, I also spotted that his father's service was not included. It was as follows for Griffin Higgins;

Side: Confederate
Regiment State/Origin: Georgia
Regiment Name: Phillips' Legion, Georgia
Regiment Name Expanded: Phillips' Legion, Georgia
Company: D
Rank In: Private
Rank In Expanded: Private
Rank Out: Farrier
Rank Out Expanded: Farrier
Film Number: M226 roll 29

Thanks for all your work in preserving and honoring the service and history of our ancestors.

T.J. O'Leary



Paid for by descendant, T. J. O'Leary of Washington State.
Engraved by E. W. Taylor Camp 1777 SCV and installed by them on April 26, 2014 at White's Chapel Cemetery.