



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

David Larkin Hunt

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David Larkin Hunt was a northeast Tarrant County Confederate veteran who spent the last years of his life in Wise County, Texas. He and his wife were brought back to Birdville Cemetery for burial. Several family descendants have placed information at ancestry.com and other internet sites.

David L. Hunt was born in Franklin County, Tennessee on February 21, 1847. When the 1850 census was taken, he was living there with his parents, William B. Hunt (born March 12, 1810) and Annis Hunt. The family next door included Tarrant County pioneer Jefferson Estill and his wife and children, and Mrs. Estill's mother, Sarah Staples, who died in the 1860's and is buried in Bear Creek Cemetery in present-day Euless. David Larkin Hunt may have been named for his paternal grandparents, David Hunt and his wife, Elizabeth (Larkin) Hunt.

Mr. Hunt's official records in Washington D.C. say he was a member of Company L, 21st (Carter's) Tennessee Cavalry. Most of his records deal with the time he spent as a prisoner of the Union Army. He was captured at Salem, Franklin County, Tennessee (where he was living at the time) on January 27, 1865. He was first confined at Nashville until February 8, 1865, when he was sent to the military prison at Louisville, Kentucky, where he arrived on February 9. He remained in Louisville until February 15, when he was sent to the Rock Island Prison in Illinois. He was released at Rock Island after swearing to an Oath of Allegiance to the Union government on June 17, 1865. At the time, he was a resident of Salem, Tennessee; he had a "fresh" complexion, light brown hair, blue eyes, was 5'9" tall, and was eighteen years old.

When the 1880 census of Tarrant County was taken, David and Sadie Hunt were living in Precinct 4, in the Birdville area, without any children in their home. The 1900 census taker found them in District 143, Precinct 4, of Wise County, Texas. Mrs. Hunt said she had given birth to seven children, only five of whom were still living. The children with them in 1900 included: Dave M. Hunt (July 1, 1880-November 27, 1918, buried at Birdville); John F. (or L.) Hunt (born in January 1885); Sarah J. Hunt (born in April 1888); Eva A. Hunt (also shown as Annis L. Hunt, December

7, 1892-August, 1983 in Wichita, Kansas, married Albert C. McCurdy); and George Richard Hunt (born in March 1898).

David L. Hunt applied for a pension on September 14, 1916, while a resident of Paradise, Wise County, Texas. He said he was born in Franklin County, Tennessee, and had come to Texas in 1869. He moved to Paradise, Texas about 1881. He said he served in Co. C, 21st (Carter's) Tennessee Cavalry (his official records in the National Archives say he served in Co. L). He was captured near Salem, Tennessee on January 27, 1865, and was held at Rock Island, Illinois until he was released on an oath of allegiance June 17, 1865. He said he spent two years in the Confederate Army.

Mr. Hunt's wife, Sarah (Booth) Hunt, applied for a pension on November 7, 1916, only eight days before she died. She said Mr. Hunt died October 17, 1916. They were married February 21, 1875? at Birdville, Texas. She said she was born about 1853 in Washington County, Tennessee, and had come to Texas about 1866. Her headstone at Birdville gives her birth and death dates as January 25, 1854 and November 15, 1916. Both are buried at Birdville Cemetery in present-day Haltom City, Tarrant County, Texas. Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Hunt has a death certificate on file in the state vital statistics office. Descendants of this family have placed material on the internet at Ancestry.com.

