



# TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### John A. Price

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**John A. Price** was a native of North Carolina who came to northeast Tarrant County from Missouri shortly before the War. He was the brother of two of our other veterans, **William W. Price** and **Thomas Washington Price**, both of whom lie buried near him in Mount Gilead Cemetery in Keller.

**John A. Price** was born about 1828 in North Carolina. He was a son of **Allen Price** and **Patsy Edwards**, who were married in Johnston County, North Carolina on May 25, 1812. By 1840 Allen Price had moved his family to Fishing River Township in Ray County, Missouri, where he remarried after the death of his first wife and spent the rest of his life.

**John A. Price** married **Melcena Creason** in Ray County, Missouri on July 26, 1848. When the 1850 census was taken he was living near many of his relatives in District 25 of Ray County, Missouri. He was a twenty-two year old farmer who owned real estate worth fifty dollars. His wife, **Malsena**, was sixteen years old. They had no children with them. Their next-door neighbors were the family headed by her father, **William Creason**.

Along with his older brother, **William W. Price**, **John A. Price** appears on a muster roll dated July 1861 of **Captain William W. McGinnis's** Company of "Mounted Volunteers or Rangers" as part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Brigade of Texas Militia. Many of the other men listed are known to have lived in the Mount Gilead area and in other parts of northeast Tarrant County. A note about McGinnis's Company appears in the Confederate pension application of **Edward J. Lipscomb** of Grapevine who served in it with Mr. Price and many of his neighbors. Grapevine resident **B. R. Wall** said in 1931 in an affidavit in Lipscomb's file, "Col. McGinnis lived between here and Roanoke, Texas and died when I was a small boy. I have often heard the people speak of his organization as a cavalry troop which chased bushwhackers and deserters...."

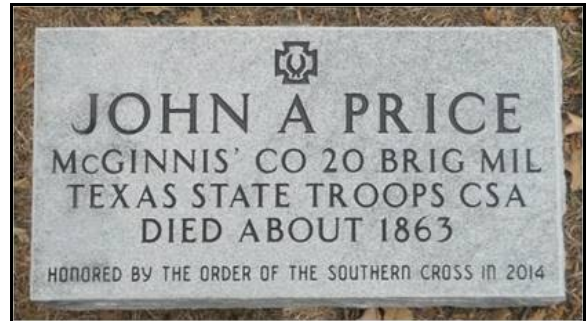
**J. A. Price** appears in three of the tax lists of Tarrant County, Texas; he is shown in only 1861, 1862 and 1863. We have checked the other years around those dates but his name does not appear there. In 1861 he is shown as the owner of one hundred acres of the **J. R. Knight** survey in the watershed of [Big] Bear Creek, worth one hundred fifty dollars. In that year he paid a poll tax of seventy-five cents. His state taxes totaled fifty cents and his county taxes totaled twenty-five cents. His brother, **W. W. Price**, also owned one hundred acres of the same survey in that year, but his property was worth two dollars per acre. This survey is actually in the area where both Big Bear Creek and Big Fossil Creek have their headwaters, and this survey contains both. In those days, this area would probably have been untimbered prairie land.

In 1862 **Mr. Price** is shown as the owner of eighty acres of the **J. Pickmast** survey worth one hundred sixty dollars. There is no survey with a name similar to this in Tarrant County, so this is a mistake of some sort. This could also be the name of a former owner of the property. In 1863 Mr. Price was assessed as the owner of ninety-seven acres of an un-named survey worth three hundred eighty-eight dollars and six horses worth fifty dollars each. In 1863 he paid state taxes of \$4.44 and county taxes of \$2.22.

The **J. R. Knight** survey is an irregularly-shaped tract of six hundred forty acres which is basically a rectangle on the north and a square on the south with a small area of connection between them. The northwest corner of the north part is at about the modern-day intersection of Beach Street and Golden-Triangle Boulevard, west of old downtown Keller. In 1895 the home of one "**W. Price**" is shown on Sam Street's Map of Tarrant County, Texas in the southern (square) portion of the J. R. Knight survey. This may represent the home of **John A. Price's** brother, or it may be the home of either of two younger men in this family and area at that time who were named **William Price**.

There is a homemade sandstone grave marker at the head of a red sandstone cairn in Mount Gilead Cemetery in Keller which says simply "**John A. Price**." It has no dates or other information on it. Judging from the apparent age of this structure, and considering the fact that John A. Price disappears from the county tax records after 1863, it seems logical to think that Mr. Price may have died here about 1863.

**John A. Price** and his wife appeared in the 1850 census before they had any children. He does not appear in the 1860 census in Missouri. They would probably have been shown in the 1860 census for Tarrant County, Texas, but it has been lost. He was apparently dead before the 1870 census was taken and we have not found anyone who appears to be his widow. The indexes for Texas death certificates do not contain any persons whose father was a **Price** and whose mother was a **Creason** who may have been this couple's children.



This was but one of five headstones for area veterans that were placed January 24, 2015 at Mount Gilead Cemetery. They were installed by the E. W. Taylor Camp 1777 SCV utilizing a grant made to us by the Order of the Southern Cross.

### Addendum to John A. Price, from a descendant

Hello,

I've enjoyed the work you've done on the bios for Civil War Vets in Tarrant County. The members of the Price family are part of my family in one connection or another. My ancestors were **Allen** and **Patsy Price** through a 3x gr grandmother, **Piercy Price Brady**.

I can offer you a little more information on **John A Price**... He did marry **Melcina Creason** but, she died and in 1856 he married her sister, **Elizabeth Virginia Creason**. It is with her that he moved to Texas. They have one child in MO, **James M. Price** (b.1857), and 3 children while in Texas; **Charles E.**, **Rebecca J.**, and **John Allen**. **John Allen** was born in 1866 in TX and sometime around then **John A. Sr.** died. **Elizabeth** and the children moved back in Ray County MO. She married **Napoleon Norvell** in 1867 in Ray County but he is not on the 1870 census with her. **Elizabeth** died in 1872 and is buried under the name of **Price**.

Hopes that helps with the puzzle of what happened to his widow. Thanks again for the work on the bios..very nicely done.

Best Regards  
**Janet**