



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Matthew Pratt Roberts

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Matthew Pratt Roberts, for whom Roberts Road in Colleyville was named, was born May 11, 1846 in Union County, Illinois, a son of Evan G. Roberts and his wife, Susannah Brewster. He told pension authorities he came to Texas with his parents in 1846.

While in our community he lived along the east side of what is now Roberts Road, about one-quarter mile north of Pleasant Glade Baptist Church. Roberts Road in Colleyville was named for him. Roberts was a member of the R. E. Lee Camp of United Confederate Veterans at Fort Worth.

He told his comrades in the Camp he had enlisted in Bosque County, Texas. He served in Co. A, Cook's Heavy Artillery at Galveston. His compiled military service records also show him as serving in Second Co. A, and in Co. L. According to official records, he enlisted July 7, 1862 for the war, at "Hill." He was shown sick in quarters on a roll for the first two months of 1863, and was present on a roll for May, 1864. He was discharged at Galveston in spring of 1865.

Matthew and his wife, Sophronia Clementine Smith (1850-1911), were married in Navarro County, Texas on November 23, 1865. In 1880, Matthew



lived with his family in Eastland County, Texas. Roberts came to Tarrant County in the fall of 1881.

In 1910, Mrs. Roberts told the census taker she had given birth to twelve children, ten of whom were still living. He was pensioned by the State of Texas for his service, and died at the home of his son, I. G. Roberts, in Fort Worth on May 30, 1921. He lies buried in Parker Memorial Cemetery in Grapevine. He was given a marble memorial stone from the veterans administration in the summer of 1980. He has no Texas death certificate.

Matthew P. Roberts' children included: Aaron Stanley Roberts; Margaret Angeline Roberts (Mrs. John Franklin Malone); Mary Ellen Roberts; Moses Gilliam Roberts; William Halcomb Roberts; Ira Garrison Roberts; Ida Alice Roberts (Mrs. Robert Lester Revels); Barbara Miley Roberts (Mrs. John Frazier Henderson); Jesse Earnest Roberts; Susany J. Roberts; Evan L. Roberts; and Bertha Sophronia Roberts (Mrs. Luther C. Clouch).

