



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

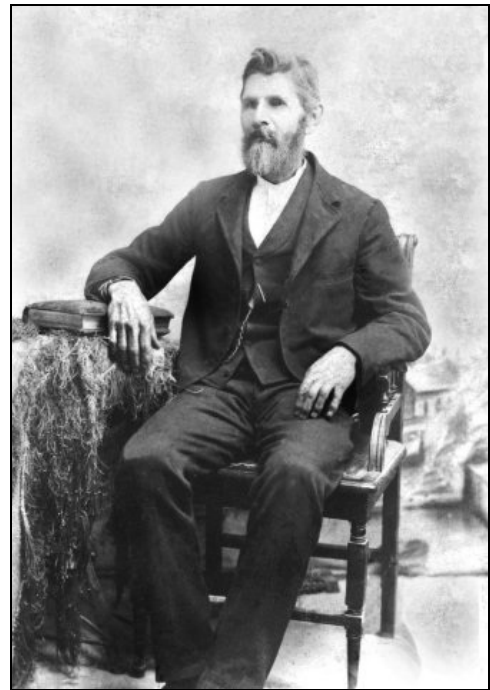
Joseph Emanuel Rutledge

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Joseph Emanuel Rutledge served as an infantryman in both armies during the Civil War, first as a Confederate, then as a federal. He was born February 16, 1835 in Wayne County, Tennessee. He was first married to Hannah Caroline Lewis in Lawrence County, Tennessee on January 9, 1859. They are shown there with their eldest child in the 1860 census. She was born September 9, 1840 in Tennessee.

In the Confederate army, he was a private in Co. B, 54th Tennessee Infantry, in which he enlisted November 30, 1861 in Lawrence Co., Tennessee for twelve months. He is shown absent on a muster roll dated April 30, 1862, and there is no further record of him as a Confederate.

In the Union army he was a private Co. G, 10th Tennessee Infantry. Official records show he enlisted July 20, 1862 at Nashville, Tennessee, and he is present on all existing muster rolls until the end of the war. He was on extra duty as a teamster with the quartermaster's department in July and August 1864, and was absent on duty beginning April 29, 1865 "driving public animals." He was mustered out June 24, 1865. When interviewed by the federal census taker in 1890, Rutledge said he stayed in the service until July 3, 1865.



After the death of his first wife, Rutledge married a widow, Mrs. Rhoda E. (Allen) Henley Acton in Tarrant County on December 16, 1883. She was first married to a Mr. Henley, then to James R. Acton on August 22, 1877 (with whom she was the mother of Bedford oldtimer Perry Acton), and

then to Joseph E. Rutledge in Tarrant County. She was a daughter of Bedford pioneer Alexander Allen.

Rutledge and many of his descendants were members of Oak Grove Methodist Church (established 1886) in Bedford. He is in the photograph of the church group taken about 1890, and is one of the unidentified men whose faces are mostly obscured by the sun behind them. This writer's grandmother once identified him in the photograph. In 1890 his post office address in northeast Tarrant County was Bransford.

Rutledge died June 30, 1903 in Tarrant County, and lies buried in an unmarked grave in Smithfield Cemetery. A short note about his death appeared in the Grapevine Sun on July 4, 1903: "*Mr. J. E. Rutledge died June 30, and was buried at Smithfield July 1st. Aged 69 years.*"

With his first wife he was the father of several children, including: William Cornelius Rutledge, John Lewis Rutledge, Thomas James Rutledge, Joseph Charles Rutledge, Henrietta (Mrs. William) Flanagan, Ida Mae Rutledge, Lula Pearl (Mrs. Don) Cannon, and Lee Drew Rutledge.

