



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Tilford Scott

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Tilford Scott was born March 11, 1822 in Obion Co., Tennessee, a son of William Finney Scott and his wife, Sarah (Hawkins) Scott. In 1845 Tilford moved with his father's family to New Madrid County, Missouri, where they stayed for about one year and then moved to Stoddard County, Missouri.

Three years later they moved to Texas, crossing the Red River on New Year's Day, 1848. They lived in Lamar County, Texas until the fall of 1848, and then moved to Van Zandt County, where they appear in the 1850 census. Actually, they settled there in an area which was in dispute between Van Zandt and Henderson County, and the Scotts themselves always considered themselves to be residents of Henderson County. They lived in the area between Murchison and Brownsboro.

Tilford Scott married Lavina Sloan. By 1860, Tilford Scott had moved to Tarrant County. Scott served for a time as a private in Captain William W. McGinnis's Company of Tarrant County troops, as a part of the 20th Brigade of the Texas State Militia. He later served as a private in Co. H, 2nd Regiment Cavalry, Texas State Troops, in which he enlisted on August 11, 1863 in Tarrant County for a six month term. He re-enlisted in the same organization on January 17, 1864 at Camp Wharton under Col. N. W. Townes. Scott's next-younger brother, Ashley Scott, served the Confederacy in Co. K, 18th Texas Cavalry; he was captured in Arkansas in January, 1863 and died the following February 2 in the prisoner of war camp at Camp Douglas in Illinois.

After the War, Scott was an active member of Sansom's Chapel Methodist Church, which met from 1872 until 1880 in present-day Bedford at the southeast corner of State Highway 183/121 and Bedford Road. Tilford Scott lived somewhere on M. W. Wilmuth survey in 1874, which survey is located in present-day Bedford and is centered in the vicinity of the intersection of Highway 183 and Forest Ridge Drive.

By 1880, Scott and his family had moved to Comanche County, Texas, where he patented one hundred sixty acres in on November 14, 1883. He died there on January 14, 1889, and lies buried in Sand Hill Cemetery about twelve miles northwest of Comanche.



Tiford Scott's headstone in Comanche County, Texas