

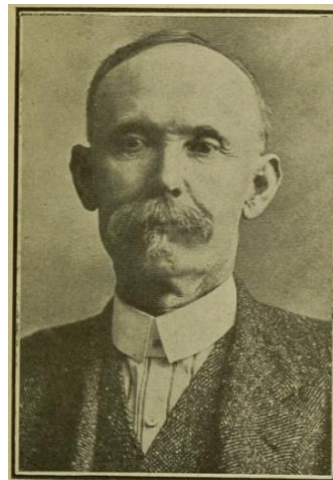
# I. D. Ferguson

## Personal information

Name: Isaac D. Ferguson  
I. D. Ferguson ("Judge Ferguson")

Birth: 04 July 1847  
Warren County, Tennessee

Judge Ferguson was born in Tennessee, but on 23 December 1857, his family arrived in Denton, Denton County, Texas. He was living on Oak Street in 1880. Widowed by 1900, his home was on Hickory Street where he was living with his only daughter.



*I. D. Ferguson*

Judge Ferguson was a prominent citizen of Denton and distinguished for his interest and involvement in the community. He is listed as one of Denton's "Old Settlers."

Judge Ferguson was a pioneer leader, an Indian fighter, a tireless civic worker, a prolific writer and teller of anecdotes about early life in Denton and the frontier.

Family: Parents: Alexander Ferguson and Amanda Ferguson  
Spouse: (1) Mary E. Chadwell (married 23 December 1877,  
Denton, Denton County, Texas)  
(2) Mattie L. Ferguson  
Child: Irene G. Ferguson (Elder)

Death: 06 February 1916  
Denton, Denton County, Texas

Cemetery: Oakwood Cemetery, Denton, Denton County, Texas; Block: 9  
(GPS: 33° 12' 41" N 97° 7' 19" W)

## **Military Service**

Military Branch: Army, Confederate

Dates: Enlisted 01 December 1861, Texas

Muster 01 December 1861, Texas

Rank at Discharge: Enlisted as a Private (not commissioned)

Era/Service: Civil War

Assignments: Indian Scout Service  
Company C, 16<sup>th</sup> Cavalry (Fitzhugh's Regiment, 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Regiment, Johnson's Brigade)

Pension: File Number 30912 (dated 20 March 1915)



Confederate monument at Jenkins' Ferry

(Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/16th\\_Texas\\_Cavalry\\_Regiment](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/16th_Texas_Cavalry_Regiment))

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### “The Bloody Sixteenth”

The 16th Texas Cavalry functioned primarily in the Texas-Arkansas-Louisiana-Mississippi area. [See map of engagements below.] Most battles in which the 16th was engaged were located in Louisiana and Arkansas. The men comprising the ten companies that made up the regiment were primarily from Collin, Cooke, and Grayson Counties. The soldiers in the Cavalry quickly found themselves on foot, forced to cross ditches, stumble through vines and briars, and work through gaps in hedges where Union soldiers were entrenched. Combat was intense hand-to-hand fighting with bayonets and clubbed muskets.

As one soldier recalled, “Some of the time we were hard pressed for rations, especially at Milliken’s Bend and Saline River. We had but little in the way of camp equipage and suffered much from rain and cold.” The unit marched nearly 300 miles across Louisiana and fought hunger. It was related that they were “often fed corn in the shuck, sometimes wheat bran alone, and sometimes bacon alone.”

After receiving news of surrender of Confederate forces, the unit disbanded and officially surrendered on May 26, 1865.

(Source: *Texas State Historical Association, Handbook of Texas*;  
<https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/sixteenth-texas-cavalry>)

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## **Civilian Life**

Education: Educated

Occupation: Attorney (5 years attorney for MK&T Railroad), Mayor, City Attorney, 4 terms County Attorney, 5 terms County Judge, Mayor (1880), City Councilman

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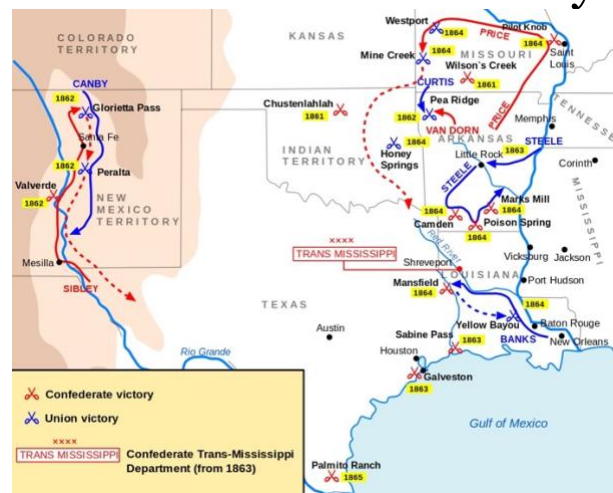
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## Sixteenth Texas Cavalry



Map of Civil War Battles in the Trans-Mississippi Department  
 (Image available on the internet and included in accordance with [Title 17 U.S.C. Section 107](#))  
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