

# Francis M. Hunter

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## Personal information

Name: Francis M. Hunter

Birth: circa 1843  
Tennessee

--living with parents in 1860 in Sumner County, TN  
--living with parents in 1870 in Sumner County, TN  
--living in Precinct 5, Denton County, Texas, in 1880  
--living in Denton County, Texas in 1895

Family: Parents: Thomas Hunter and Adda [or Arleta] Hunter  
Spouse: (1) unknown; (2) Mary Jane Nelson (1876)  
Children: Marian Hunter, James Isaac Hunter, William W. Hunter

Death: after 1895  
probably Denton, Denton County, TX

Cemetery: Oakwood Cemetery, Denton, Denton County, TX; Block: 8-3;  
(GPS: 33° 12' 41" N 97° 7' 23" W)

## Military Service

Military Branch: Army

Dates: Enlisted 1864

Rank at Discharge: Private

Era/Service: Civil War

Assignments:

Company K, 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Texas Cavalry, CSA

The 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment was well armed and wore butternut uniforms made at the Texas State Penitentiary at Huntsville. It was active in numerous skirmishes and at one time was under fire for 60 consecutive days. The unit was captured at Fort Hindman during the battle of Arkansas Post. Men were relocated to Butler, Chase, and Douglas federal prison camps. They were paroled three months later in April 1863, and transported by train to Williamsport, Pennsylvania, to be exchanged at City Point, Virginia.

The unit was reorganized and helped prevent the capture of Richmond. Chickamauga was one of its bloodiest battles. At the end of the Mississippi River, they successfully protected the Confederate flank from 20,000 advancing Union forces. The unit was later decimated at Franklin, Tennessee.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment surrendered at Durham Station, North Carolina, on 26 April 1865. They had fewer than 50 men still fit for duty and all officers above the rank of lieutenant had been killed, disabled, or captured. The remaining soldiers were paroled.

**Civilian Life**

Education: Literate

Occupation: Farmer

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Flag of 6<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry  
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