

Jesse Wright Pope

Jesse Wright Pope was born July 22, 1838 in De Soto Parish, Louisiana, while his family was en route from Tennessee to a land grant in the Republic of Texas. In 1860, when he was 22 years old, Jesse married Mariah Nix in Panola County, Texas. Shortly afterward, Texas seceded from the U.S., and he began a series of enlistments in Texas Confederate cavalry units. Jesse fought in the Civil War through at least 1864. In 1866 and 1871 Mariah gave birth to daughters; she died in 1874 in Fort Worth.

On March 3, 1876, Jesse married Clarentine Tallant in Wise County, Texas. Clarentine bore Jesse eight more children, the last born in 1890. The family resided on a farm on the Wise/Tarrant County line, near Newark.

Jesse Wright Pope died at his home in Newark, Texas, on September 6, 1895, and was buried in the Indian Creek Cemetery in Fort Worth.