

KEMP, THOMAS Issued a Headright Certificate for one-third of a league of land from the Harrisburg County Board, February 24, 1838. The land was surveyed in Goliad District, Karnes County in 1839 on the waters of Medie.

He came to Texas in December, 1835.

KEMP, THOMAS - Member of Captain Thomas H. Breece's Company in the siege of Bexar in 1835. He was a member of Captain David N. Burke's Company of "Mobile Greys" in the battle of Coleto and was among the three hundred and thirty, or more, who were led out to be shot at La Bahia March 27, 1836. Mr. Kemp was among the few who escaped. He made his way to the main army and, no doubt, due to the many hardships he had endured he was left at the camp opposite Harrisburg April 21, 1836.

Mr. Kemp was issued Bounty Certificate No. 2601 for 640 acres of land March 10, 1838 for having served in the army from October 16, 1835 to May 8, 1836. The certificate had been assigned to Benjamin F. Smith. He rejoined the army, December 12, 1836, and served until January 12, 1837. For this service he was issued Bounty Certificate No. 2501 for 640 acres of land. He was living in Jackson County March 28, 1838, when he sold the certificate to Thomas Simmons.

Mr. Kemp was issued Donation Certificate No. 79 for 640 acres of land May 15, 1838, for having been detailed to guard the baggage at the camp opposite Harrisburg, April 21, 1836. The land was surveyed in the Bexar Land District.

Thomas Kemp was born in St. Helena Parish, Louisiana, a son of Isaac Kemp. Isaac Kemp was a brother of Caleb Kemp who came to Texas in 1829. Jonathan Kemp, brother of Thomas Kemp, came to Texas in 1830, and it is thought Thomas came with him, but this is not positively known. Thomas Kemp was married to Miss Eliza Scott at Houston, September 18, 1851 by Rev. W. B. Reeves. Shortly after their marriage

they moved to Monroe, Louisiana, where on August 9, 1852, a son, Clarence De Lanenour Kemp was born. In February, 1853, the family moved to Texas and settled in Caney Creek. There Thomas Kemp died about the year 1854. His widow died at Wharton in 1905.

Clarence D. Kemp, son of Thomas Kemp, was married to Sarah Jane Crawford at Waterville, Wharton County, Texas, January 26, 1875. Miss Crawford was born June 25, 1857, in Wharton County. She was a daughter of William and Sarah Crawford. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence D. Kemp were (1) Hattie Sarah Kemp, who married S. W. Cates. Mr. and Mrs. Cates reside at Lago, Texas; (2) Nettie Laura Kemp, who died young; and (3) Taylor Dickson Kemp, who married Jeffy Ray Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Kemp and their children, Taylor, Jr., Clarence, James and Sarah Jane reside in Wharton.

After the death of his first wife, Clarence D. Kemp was married to Tonnie Havana Vordick. Mr. and Mrs. Kemp have one child, William Nation Kemp. They reside at Wharton.

C. D. Kemp had a sister, Talitha, who married John McMahon.