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FARIS, HEZEKIAH -- Born in Tennessee in 1798. In Headright Certificate No. 13 issued to him February 2, 1838 for a league and labor of land by the Board of Land Commissioners for Montgomery County it is stated that he came to Texas in 1835.

In Comptroller's Military Service Record No. 6561 it is certified that Mr. Faris served in the army from March 1 to May 30, 1836. He was a member of Captain James Gillaspie's Company at San Jacinto and on July 13, 1838 was issued Donation Certificate No. 464 for having participated in the battle.

Mr. Faris was married to Mrs. Matilda (Stephens) Roberts, widow of Thomas Roberts. Mr. Faris died September 1, 1859. Mrs. Faris, born in 1788, died December 5, 1865. Husband and wife are buried in marked graves in the Faris Cemetery near Hunstville, Walker County.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Faris were Susan and J. M. Faris. Susan was born in Franklin County, Tennessee, August 18, 1829 and on August 12, 1849 was married to Captain James Gillaspie. The names of the children and grandchildren of Captain and Mrs. Gillaspie are given in the sketch of Captain Gillaspie in this volume.

J. M. Faris, only son of Hezekiah Faris, was born in Franklin County, Tennessee, October 28, 1832. On February 28, 1860 he was married to Susan Brown of Grames County. Mr. Farish died in Walker County, March 12, 1887 and his widow died January 6, 1888. Children of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Faris were (1) Annie Faris, who was married to J. E. Bruner. Mr. and Mrs. Bruner live on a farm in Walker County. (2) J. H. Faris was married to Maggie Fowler. Mr. and Mrs. Faris live

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on the farm owned by Hezekiah Faris. (3) Ed Faris was born September 17, 1866 in Walker County, Texas, and died in Arizona, May 2, 1892. (4) R. L. Faris was married to Fleta Brabley. Mr. and Mrs. Faris reside in Hubbard City, Texas. (5) Alice Faris was married to Joseph Sears. Mr. and Mrs. Sears reside in Amarillo, Texas.