

GILBERT, JOHN FLOYD -- Born in Macon, Georgia, March 21, 1815.

Title to a league of land in Zavala's Colony was issued to John Gilbert June 5, 1835. The land was surveyed in Sabine County. In Head-right Certificate No. _____ issued to him in 1838 by the Nacogdoches County Board of Land Commissioners, for one labor of land, it is stated that he came to Texas in 1835. He was a member of Captain Benjamin F. Bryant's company at San Jacinto and on January 26, 1835, was issued Donation Certificate No. 661 for 640 acres of land for having participated in the battle. At the same time he received Bounty Certificate No. 1885 for 640 acres for having served in the army from March 4 to September 4, 1836.

Mr. Gilbert was married to Martha Hambey, daughter of John J. and Rhoda Hambey. Mr. Gilbert enlisted February 1, 1862 in Company A, 17th Regiment, Texas Cavalry, Confederate Army. He was captured during the campaign in Little Rock, Arkansas and was taken to camp Douglass, Chicago, Illinois, where he died in prison February 24, 1863. The Confederates who died in prison were buried in the Confederate Mound Oakwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Gilbert was born February 14, 1819 and died December 2, 1900. She is buried in a marked grave in Oak Grove Cemetery in Nacogdoches.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert, all of whom are deceased except Mrs. Isabelle Hawkins, were Elizabeth, who married Alexander Grayson Mitchell; Martha M., who married Joseph P. Council; Sara Jane, who died at the age of three; William J., who died at the age of one; Lusetty Cornelia; Frances Isabella, who married Joseph

Hawkins and resides in Nacogdoches; Mary Texanna; Emma Augusta, who married Dr. William Q. Fears, and John Walter Gilbert, who married Mena Preasler.

Surviving grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Gilbert: Mrs. Beulah Elizabeth Clevenger, 4822 Fannin Street, Houston; Edward Fears, Lufkin; William P. Council, who resides in Louisiana; Louis G. Council, Lufkin; Mrs. Josh H. Henson, Nacogdoches; Jeff Odell, address unknown; Mrs. Mary Ragland, Lufkin; and Mrs. Harry Ashe, Houston; Mrs. Henry A. Atkinson, Lufkin; Mrs. Roy Morris, Borwnsville; Floyd Fears, Grigsby, Roy Fears; and Thomas J. Mitchell.