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HEARD, WILLIAM JONES ELLIOT - Born near Knoxville, Tennessee, August 16, 1801, a son of Stephen Rhodes and Jemima (Menefee) Heard. His mother was a sister of William Menefee, a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence.

During his early youth his parents moved to Alabama and settled near Tuscumbia. There his father died, and there William J. E. was married to America Morton, daughter of Rev. Quinn Morton. Miss Morton was born in Tennessee May 3, 1808 and moved to Alabama in 1811.

On October 30, 1830 a caravan of colonists left Tuscumbia for Texas and included in it were Mrs. Jemima Heard and members of her family. The party reached the Navidad River where the town of Texana, Jackson County, was later built in December, 1830. The Heards secured land in Austin's Third Colony, situated about six miles from Texana. In 1833 they moved to the site of the present town of Egypt, Wharton County.

In 1832 William J. E. Heard was elected Second Lieutenant in Captain Joseph K. Looney's company of Volunteers recruited in the Lavaca settlement. In 1835 he was on a visit to Alabama and for that reason did not participate in the campaign of that year. On February 1, 1836 he enrolled as First Lieutenant of Captain Thomas J. Rabb's Company of Citizen Soldiers. Captain Rabb joined the "Runaway Scrape" and Lieutenant Heard succeeded him in command. The company at San Jacinto was officially Company F, First Regiment of Texas Volunteers. In Bounty Certificate No. 1902 issued to him January 17, 1838, for 320 acres of land, it is stated that Captain

Heard enlisted in the Army of Texas at Gonzales February 29 and was discharged at Victoria May 30, 1836. In a letter written by Captain Heard and published in the Texas Almanac in 1860 he stated that he arrived at Gonzales March 6, 1836. He received Donation Certificate No. 614 for 640 acres of land November 20, 1838, for having participated in the battle of San Jacinto.

Captain Heard was on September 28, 1838 elected Chief Justice, Colorado County, Egypt at that time being in that county. In 1840 Captain Heard accompanied Colonel John H. Moore on a campaign against Indians on the upper Colorado River. In 1842 he participated in the Well campaign.

Captain Heard, his mother and wife were devout members of the Methodist Church. Their home was also the home of itinerant ministers. In 1837 Dr. Martin Ruter and Rev. J. W. Kinney organized a church in their home.

Captain Heard's wife died June 18, 1855. His mother, born February 28, 1782, died January 27, 1859. The two are buried in the Heard family cemetery at Egypt. A sister of Captain Heard's, Sarah Fidelia, became the second wife of John Rice Jones, first postmaster general of Texas.

In 1865 Captain Heard in order to enjoy additional church privileges moved to what is now Chapel Hill, Texas, the home of Chappel Hill Female College and Soule University, two Methodist schools. Several months after the death of his wife, Captain Heard was married to a Miss Glass. There were no children of this union. Captain Heard died

of dropsy August 8, 1874. The State of Texas erected a monument at his grave in the Masonic cemetery at Chapel Hill in 1933. Mrs. Heard died in June, 1878.

Children of Captain William J. E. and America (Morton) Heard were (1) Elizabeth, (2) Susan M., (3) Quinn Menefee and (4) George S. Heard.

(1) Elizabeth E. Heard was born in Alabama in 1827. She was married to Mentor Northington, son of Andrew and Priscilla (Dawson) Northington. Mr. Northington was born in Christian County, Kentucky, September 21, 1822, and died at Anson, Jones County, Texas, September 1, 1888. Mrs. Northington died in Egypt in 1892. Mr. and Mrs. Northington had eight children but only two (a) William A., and (b) George H. Northington survived infancy.

(a) William Northington was married to Pauline Jones.

(b) George H. Northington was married to Jessie Virginia Simmons, daughter of Joseph and Sarah E. (Logan) Simmons. Their children are Mentor, Jessie Josephine, Nettie Elizabeth, Sadie Frances, Mamie Duncan, George Heard, Ruth Virginia and William Andrew Northington.

(2) Susan Ann Heard was married to Dr. Bartley Stanchfield, who was born January 9, 1817 and died at Chapel Hill, Texas, January 9, 1862. Mrs. Stanchfield died in 1867. Children of Captain and Mrs. Stanchfield were : Mary, Olivia, and Genevieve Stanchfield.

(3) Quinn Menefee Heard was married to Mary Wilkerson. Mrs. Heard died in 1862. Mr. Heard died in San Antonio in 1910, survived by four children: Meck, Bill, Quinn and Gus Heard.

(4) George Sutherland Heard was born at Egypt, Texas, March 10,

1838 and died there January 9, 1854.

HEARD, WILLIAM JR. - Editors Texas Almanac: Having seen in your paper of the 14th, an invitation to all the old veterans of Texas to send their names to you for publication in your Almanac, I will send you mine with a few items.

In October, 1830, I started from North Alabama, near Tusculumbia for Texas. I arrived on the Navidad, near Texanna, in December, and located my headright league about six miles from Texanna, now Jackson county. I lived there two years, and then moved to the Colorado and settled at Egypt, now Wharton county. I lived there until 1866, and then moved to Chappell Hill, where I am now living. I am now in my seventieth year, quite feeble, and my eyes very dim, which you will see from my writing, not being able to see the lines.

I joined the army in 1836, at Gonzales, on the 28th of February. I was elected Captain of Company C, in Col. Burlison's regiment. I retreated with the army to San Jacinto, fought in that battle, and then followed the enemy until they left the country. I was discharged at Victoria, by Col. Somerville, and my discharge was dated the 30th of May, 1836. The Winter before last I had the misfortune to have my house burnt. I saved some of my books and papers, and some were burnt. I have not been able to find my discharge, and suppose it was burnt. I have now a land certificate for services rendered in 1836, commencing the 28th of February and ending the 30th of May, issued by Charles Moran, Secretary of War. I was well acquainted with General Sherman at the battle of San Jacinto, and he knows I was there. I can recollect of but one man of my company now living; that is Joel Robinson of

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Fayette. He is one of the men that captured Santa Anna.

WM. J. E. Heard.