

LOGAN, WILLIAM MITCHELL - Born in North Carolina, September 15, 1802, a son of William Mitchell and Katherine (Henderson) Logan. Mrs. Logan's father was a brother of James Pinckney Henderson, first governor of the State of Texas. Children of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Logan, Sr. were William M. Jr, John, Newton Wilson, James Henderson, Coutesworth Pinckney, Violet and Mary Patterson Logan. The last named was married to William F. Lytle. William M. Logan, Sr. moved with his family to Williamson County, Tennessee and there Mr. Logan died in 1823. In 1829 James Henderson, John Newton Wilson and William M. Logan, Jr. started to Texas but stopped in Jackson, Mississippi. In 1831 William M. Came to Texas and settled at Liberty. He received one-fourth of a league of land in Vehlein's Colony in 1835, the amount a single man was entitled to receive at that time as a headright. Under the law of the Republic of Texas the amount was increased to one-third of a league. Captain Logan appeared before the Board of Land Commissioners for Liberty County, February 1, 1838 and applied for the one-twelfth of a league augmentation he was entitled to receive. He proved by two witnesses that he came to Texas in 1831. The land was surveyed in what is now San Jacinto county August 28, 1838 in Captain Logan's name. It does not follow, however, that he was alive at that time for it was customary to survey the land in the name of the person to whom the land certificate was issued irrespective of whether or not the person was alive.

At the outbreak of the revolution in 1835 Mr. Logan enlisted as Second Lieutenant of Captain Andrew Bristoe's Company of "Liberty

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Volunteers", being discharged November 25th of that year. According to a series of articles printed in the Galveston News and written by R. O. W. McManus of Liberty, Captain Logan's San Jacinto company was organized in the following manner: On about the first of March, 1836, Joseph Dunham reached Liberty on horseback with a copy of Travis' appeal from the Alamo. It was agreed by a few citizens that a company of volunteers would be raised at once to hasten to Bexar, and Dunham proceeded to Anahuac to announce this fact. Other runners were sent out in other directions and in a few days the volunteers began to arrive. Benjamin J. Harper raised a company of twenty-eight men at Beaumont. Franklin Hardin recruited some twenty men above Liberty; and Thomas Norment and Dr. Nicholas D. Labadie arrived from Anahuac. These, with the men from Liberty perfected the organization of a company on March 6th, electing Logan captain, Franklin Hardin, first lieutenant; and Harper, second lieutenant. They immediately set out for the relief of Travis and did not learn until they reached San Felipe of the fall of the Alamo. Just as the company was beginning its march from Liberty, Baker M. Spinks, a member of the committee of Safety for Liberty Municipality in 1835, drove up with a wagon load of bacon which he presented to the company.

Captain Logan's company at San Jacinto was the Third Company of the Second Regiment of Texas Volunteers, the regiment being commanded by Colonel Sidney Sherman, but lately from Kentucky. The men having volunteered for three months service, the company disbanded on June 7, 1836.

The following notice appeared in the Telegraph and Texas Register of Columbia, September 6, 1836:

"Died. In this place on Friday evening last, Captain Logan, one of the heroes of San Jacinto, formerly of Mississippi. The U. S. papers please notice the above."

It is almost inconceivable that the editors of the Telegraph, who were well acquainted with Captain Logan would not have corrected their error in subsequent issues of their paper had not Captain Logan died, as reported, yet, such was the case. Descendants of James Henderson Logan, brother of Captain Logan, have the original of the following document addressed to Captain Logan, after his reported death:

"War Department
Houston, June 10th, 1837.

To Judge Wm. Hardin and
Captain Wm. M. Logan

Gentlemen

I am ordered by his Excellency Sam Houston to request you to get the Militia of your County ready for immediate Service.

You may momentarily expect Marching Orders. You will also cause them to have their arms in good Order with a sufficient quantity of ammunition.

The present crisis requires your prompt attention to this Order.

Respectfully,

(signed) J. SNIVELY
Acting Sec. of War.

Approved
(signed) SAM HOUSTON

The compiler has been unable to learn when and where Captain Logan died. Mr. J. P. Logan of Port Arthur, Texas, states that his uncle John L. Logan told him that Captain Logan died in Houston in a yellow fever epidemic in 1839, but he, like the editor of the Telegraph, was mistaken. Bounty Certificate No. 2172 for 320 acres of land was issued in the name of William M. Logan, January 29, 1838, for having served in the army from March 7 to June 7, 1836. The land was surveyed in Polk County in August, 1838 for William B. Hardin. The Land Office records show however, that prior to the time it was surveyed the certificate had been transferred by B. Townsend, administrator of the estate of William M. Logan, to J. H. Griffin, who had in turn transferred it to Mr. Hardin. This proves, without a doubt, that Captain Logan died somewhere before August, 1838. Donation Certificate No. 523 for 640 acres of land was issued in the name of Wm. M. Logan in 1838 due him for having participated in the battle of San Jacinto. This was lost and a duplicate was issued in Captain Logan's name July, 19, 1854.

Descendants of James Henderson Logan also have the original of the following letter dated, they think Houston, Nov. 18th, 1839 and signed by Captain Logan.

A close inspection by the compiler has convinced him that it was written in 1837 instead of 1839. Certainly if it was signed by Captain Logan it was written before January 1, 1839:

"Mr. John Taylor

Please deliver to R. D. Morse my
saddle horse that is in your possession
and oblige.

(s) WM. M. LOGAN"

Mr. J. P. Logan, Port Arthur, says that Captain Logan died sometime between November 12, 1839 and January 6, 1840. He says that he has proof that on November 12, 1839 Captain Logan bought a horse from Joseph Felkel and that on January 6, 1840 James Davis asked to be appointed administrator of the estate of William M. Logan, deceased. If Mr. Logan will closely examine the paper regarding the sale of the horse he will find that this was signed November 12, 1837 instead of November 12, 1839.

Captain Logan's home was in Liberty County and his estate was doubtless probated in that county with B. Townsend as the first administrator. Unfortunately the early records of Liberty County were destroyed by fire.

LOGAN, WILLIAM M.-

STATE OF TEXAS ()

COUNTY OF LIBERTY ()

Know all men by these presents that I James H. Logan of the State of Texas and County of Liberty in my own right & as agent & attorney in fact for Robert F. Logan, Coutesworth P. Logan & Violet P. Logan of the county of Williamson State of Tennessee, as will be seen by a power of attorney duly executed on the 5th day of December A. D. 1840 & of record in the aforesaid County) are held and firmly bound unto A. B. Wilelman of the aforesaid County & State in the sum of One Thousand Dollars good & lawful money of this State to be paid which payment well & truly to be made we bind ourselves jointly & severaly our & each of our heirs executors & administrators jointly by these presents seald with our seal dated at Liberty this 28th day of October 1846.

Whereas the above bounden James H. Logan, Robert F. Logan, Coutesworth P. Logan and Violet P. Logan are the brother, & sister & the only heirs at law of Wm. M. Logan late of the County of Liberty & Republic of Texas decd; and whereas Barckley Townsend has administered upon said estate but has not yet closed the same nor settled with the proper court there being a number of debts due by said estate remaining unpaid and whereas the estate of W. M. Logan has belonging to it at this time a parcel of land a part of the Head Right M. A. Carrol situated on Turtle Bayou and bounded as follows On the north by land owned by the heirs of Vincent Barrow decd. on the east by lands owned by

heirs of said Barrow decd. The 1st mentioned line being about 2440
the second being about 1160 varrars long on the south by lands owned
by said Logan estate & on the west by the Bayou. Now said land is
a tract of about four hundred acres, and is a corner out of what
would have been embraced in the survey of Vincent Barrow provided
said Barrows south line had been run completely to the Bayou. And
whereas A. B. Wildman has this day executed his certain note of hand
payable to James H. Logan for Two Hundred Dollars to be paid at such
time as said Logan shall tender to said Wildman a good & sufficient
title to the above mentioned tract of land. Now if said Wildman does
well & truly pay said Logan on the tender of said title according to
the tenor thereof - There of said Logan does make said Wildman a
title & does defend said Wildman in possession of the said land from
this time forward then this obligation to be nul & void otherwise
to remain in full force and effect.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my
scrall which is my seal this day & date above written.

James H. Logan

I the said Wildman named in this bond do by these presents acknow-
ledge the above bond fully cancelled.

A. B. Wildman

Nov. 3rd 1848

Witness

W. H. Huggins

THE STATE OF TEXAS ⊙
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COUNTY OF LIBERTY ⊙ Before me Wm. H. Huggins clerk of the County
Court of said County - Personally came and appeared James H. Logan
to me known and acknowledged that he signed sealed and delivered the
foregoing deed of conveyance as his binding act and deed for the
purposes therein set forth and for the consideration therein mentioned.

To certify which I grant these presents under my hand and seal
of office at Liberty this the 2nd day of November A. D. 1846.

W. H. Huggins
C. C. L. Co,

Filed for record 2 o'clock 2nd Nov. 1846 -

W. H. Huggins
C. C. L. Co.

This is to certify that the foregoing land or instrument of
writing and certificates were duly registered in my office on the
5th day of November A. D. 1846 at 9 o'clock P. M. in Book H pages
108 to 110.

Given under my hand and the seal of the County Court of said
County at Liberty the day and date above mentioned.

W. H. Huggins
C. C. & Recorder L. Co.

(seal)

LOGAN, WILLIAM M.- The following was published in the Morning Star, Houston, November 23, 1839:

"Died in this city yesterday morning in the 30th year of his age, Captain William M. Logan of the county of Liberty.

"If unaffected modesty, joined to sterling worth, forms any right to a passing notice of tribute then, merit added to virtue, the subject of this communication richly deserves an eulogy from a more competent source. Captain Logan was a Lieutenant at the seige of Bexar, and was in various engagements which occurred during that period and he also commanded a Volunteer Company at the battle of San Jacinto.

"His merit as a soldier was known and felt, both by the Commander in Chief and his fellow Citizens.

"When order was restored to our Republic, he was elected by the Citizens of his County to the office of Sheriff, which post he held at the time of his death. But, in our devoted city "The Angel of Death spread his wings on the blast" and has spared none. The best of our citizens have been taken from us and we have but to bow with submission to the Almighty's Power, who has seen fit to deprive us of their society, and to live in the belief that, "Whatever is, is right."

The following item also appeared in the Morning Star, November, 23, 1839:

"The friends and acquaintants of Captain William M. Logan deceased are requested to attend his funeral this morning at eleven o'clock to proceed from the City Hotel, November 23rd."

In Memory of
Captain William M. Logan
Commander of the Third Company
of the Second Regiment of Volunteers
at the Battle of San Jacinto
Born in Tennessee
Died at Columbia, Texas,
September 2, 1836
Erected by the State of Texas

LOGAN, WILLIAM M.- Received title to one-fourth of a league of land in Vehlein's Colony, November 7, 1835. The land was surveyed in what is now San Jacinto County.

Following is a copy of the headright certificate issued to Captain Logan. It is in Liberty County First Class Headright Certificate File No. 205 in the General Land Office.

"No 7

Republic of Texas |
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County of Liberty | Office of the Board of Land Commissioners

This is to certify that Wm. M. Logan is entitled to three hundred and sixty nine (369) acres of land by virtue of having been a citizen of Texas at the date of the Declaration of Independence, and having remained to the present time: that he emigrated to Texas in the year 1831, is a single man, and has received a title to one fourth of a League of Land.

Liberty Feby 1st 1838

Dan P. Coit || President B. L. C.

Henry Wise Farley | Associate

Hugh B. Johnston | Commissioners

Attest
Geo. W. Miles
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The land was surveyed in what is now San Jacinto County, November 30, 1838 by Franklin Hardin.

Bounty Certificate No. 2772 for 320 acres of land was issued in

the name of William M. Logan, January 29, 1838, due him for having served in the army from March 7 to June 7, 1836. It was transferred by B. Townsend, "administrator of the estate of Wm. M. Logan to J. H. Griffin and transferred by said Griffin to Wm. B. Hardin". The survey was made since the first of August 1838.

Donation Certificate No. 594 for 640 adres of land was issued in the name of William M. Logan, July 19, 1854. The land was surveyed in San Jacinto County.

Captain Logan was the first sheriff of Liberty County. He resigned his office. B. M. Hardin was the second sheriff being elected February 4, and commissioned March 8, 1839.

This certifies that John Pleasant joined my company of volunteers on the 16th April last and from other circumstances I am induced to believe that he has been three months in the service of Texas he was in the battle of San Jacinto on the 21st April & has been an efficient & active soldierhonorably discharged
Goliad June the 6th 18--

Wm. M. Logan
Capt.

S Sherman
Col. 2nd Regiment

Copy of Photostat in possession of L.W.Kemp

Department of Nacogdoches 0
Jurisdiction of Liberty 0

I William Hardin Judge of the just instance for the jurisdiction of Liberty do hereby certify that Wm. M. Logan a native of the State of Tennessee is an unmarried man, and that he is a man of good moral and industrious habits, a good citizen and Friendly to the Laws and Religion of the Mexican Republic. Given under my hand in Liberty this 7th day of April 1835-----

Wm. Hardin.

Copy of Photostat in possession of L.W.Kemp..

Houston

Nov. 18th 183-

Mr. John Taylor

Please deliver to R. D. Morse my saddle horse that is in your
possession & oblige.

Wm. M. Logan

P. S.

I will be out to-morrow

W M L

(Last he wrote)

Copy of Photostat in possession of L.W.Kemp.

This certifies that Thomas Orr, enrolled his name and entered into the services of Texas on the 6th of March for the term of three months, discharged his duty faithfully as a Soldier, was in the battle of San Jacinto and his term of Service having expired is this day honorably discharged.

Goliad June the 6th 1836

S. Sherman

Col. 2nd Regiment

Wm. M. Logan

Capt.

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Nashville, Mar. 4th 1829

Doll 146 71/100

Sixty days after date we or either of us promise to
pay to John M Hill on order one Hundred & forty six dollars and
seventy one cent, value rec at writings our hands & seals.

Wm. M. Logan (seal)

Peter Ashleys (seal)

Wm. M. Logan & |
Peter Ashleys | note

Copy of Photostat in possession of Mr. L.W.Kemp.

Houston, Texas
October 22, 1938

Mr. J. P. Logan
Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Mr. Logan:

I wrote you on the 17th that after examining and making photostatic copies of the signatures of William M. Logan signed to some ten or more documents which you left at my office during my absence on about October 13th, I predicted that there were two men by the name of William M. Logan who lived at, or in the vicinity of Liberty, and that one of them died at Columbia in 1836.

I called your attention to the fact that all of the letters you left that bore the signature of Wm. M. Logan were written after September, 1836, and that I felt confident that there were numerous signatures of the Captain William M. Logan who commanded a company at San Jacinto in the Archives of the Texas State Library at Austin, and stated that I would have a photostatic copy of one of them made and sent to you. This I am now doing and after you have compared the signatures on the documents you left with me with the one I am sending you, you will see that they are in nowise similar and will agree with me that there WERE TWO WILLIAM M. LOGANS.

In October, 1931, I secured an appropriation of \$200. from the Legislature to erect a monument in memory of the Captain William M. Logan who commanded a company at San Jacinto in the Presbyterian Cemetery in West Columbia (formerly Columbia), and I am sending you a copy of the inscription that was put on it. From the evidence you

submitted to me I was at one time convinced that the editor of the Telegraph and Texas Register (Columbia) was in error in stating in his paper September 6, 1936 that: "Died. In this place on Friday evening last, Captain Logan, one of the heroes of San Jacinto, formerly of Mississippi. The U. S. papers please notice the above."

And, being convinced I secured a Centennial appropriation to have the inscription ground off the monument; a new inscription put on it and the monument placed at the grave of a pioneer Texan in a

cemetery at Brazoria. I did this because I was no longer sure where and when Captain Logan died. Thus, today with no funds available to secure a new one, no monument stands in Columbia, where it rightfully belongs, to the memory of this San Jacinto officer.

While you convinced me that Captain Logan did not die in 1836 my correspondence with you will show that I was never convinced that he was alive in 1839. Documents in the General Land Office show conclusively that B. Townsend was appointed administrator of the estate of Captain Logan in, or before, the year 1838.

You will notice that in the inscription that I showed that Captain Logan was born in Tennessee. At this time I cannot recall the source of the information on which this statement was made, but I am confident now that I can find it. You state that the William M. Logan from whom you are descended, was born in North Carolina. In the last sketch of Captain Logan that I wrote, I too show him born in North Carolina, believing at that time that you were correct. I shall change it to read Tennessee.

Among the documents you left with me there was one signed by W. M. Logan at Nashville, March 4, 1829. This signature differs from the William M. Logan's from whom you are descended and from the William M. Logan's who commanded a company at San Jacinto. It is probably the signature of the father of the William M. Logan from whom you are descended.

While I regret that through the argument you advanced and through the publicity given the matter by Mr. Dean Tevis in the Beaumont Enterprise, I had the Logan monument removed, I want to assure both of you that I do not blame you in the least. I know that you were thoroughly convinced that Captain William M. Logan of San Jacinto fame was alive in 1839. This I repeat I never believed, but I was convinced that he did not die at Columbia in 1836. Now I am thoroughly convinced that he died September 2, 1836.

Sincerely yours,

L. W. Kemp

LWK:EJ

214 Westmoreland Avenue
Houston, Texas
October 25, 1938

Mr. J. P. Logan
449 Sixteenth Street
Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Mr. Logan:

I wrote to you on the 22nd and when I arrived at home that day I found your favor of the 20th awaiting me.

Prior to receiving your letter, I was firmly of the opinion that you took the position that there was but one Captain William M. Logan and that this man did not die at Columbia in 1836, but I see now that I was mistaken. At the present time you believe that there were two Captains William M. Logan and that the one who commanded a company at San Jacinto died in Houston, November 22, 1839. Were there no evidence to the contrary, the story that appeared in the Morning Star, Houston, November 25, 1839 would tend to prove that you are correct. But I have submitted to you very definite proof, I think, that the editor of the Morning Star was just as confused regarding the two men in 1839 as we are in 1938.

My guess at why the editor was confused is this: He knew that Captain William M. Logan of Liberty County commanded a company at San Jacinto, but he did know that Captain Logan died in Columbia in 1836. He recorded the death of Captain William M. Logan of Liberty County who had died November 22, 1839 and he thought that this was the man who had fought at San Jacinto.

Before a soldier could secure his bounty or donation land for

his services in the army, he was required to get a discharge signed by his Captain and countersigned by a line officer. I sent you a photostatic copy of one such discharge signed in 1836 by Captain William M. Logan, and there are many more of them in the Archives of the Texas State Library. I am sure you will agree with me that this signature is no wise resembles the signatures of the other Captain William Logan.

A Captain Logan, you agree, died at Columbus in 1836, and insofar as I know, the signature that was affixed to so many discharges issued to the men of Captain Logan's Company has not been found on a document dated after September 2, 1836.

I appreciate the fact that your father and his brothers died believing that it was William W. Logan, their uncle, who commanded the company at San Jacinto and such may have been true. At the same time, it is possible that they were mistaken. At the present time I am thoroughly convinced that they were. I am interested only in arriving at the facts in the case and shall continue my research with more determination than ever to try to develop them.

Sincerely yours,

LWK:s

cc Mr. Dean Tevis
Beaumont Enterprise
Beaumont, Texas

Miss Harriet Smither
Texas State Library
Austin, Texas

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National Food Company, Inc.
449 Sixteenth Street
Port Arthur, Texas
October 20, 1938

Mr. L. W. Kemp
Texas Company Bldg.
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Kemp:

In reply to your letter of October 17th, I wish to first say that the people of Texas, in my opinion, are due you, more than any one else a vote of thanks for taking the lead in establishing Markers and other Patriotic Activities in honor of the Pioneers who were instrumental in the establishment of our great State.

Now, in connection with Captain William M. Logan, I wish to again emphasize to you that there has never been any question in the mind of any of the relatives of William M. Logan, either in Texas or Tennessee, as to the year of his death, which was in 1839 and as to the location of his death, which was in Houston, and to the disease that he died with, which was Yellow Fever, also as to the location of his burial, which was in the Old Allen Cemetery, Houston, Texas. During that epidemic of Yellow Fever more than two hundred people in the city of Houston passed away, and the population at that time was only about two thousand people. All my life I have heard my father and his brothers discuss these things from time to time. The only question that has ever arisen in my mind, was who was the Captain Logan that died in West Columbia in 1836, perhaps he was the Mississippi Free Trader, William G. Logan, who was also active in the affairs

of Texas about that time.

My object in leaving you the "Logan Papers" was for the purpose of establishing in your mind, proof of the identity, and eliminating from it the confusion of your "Captain Logan" who died at Columbia in 1836, with that of the CAPTAIN WILLIAM M. LOGAN of San Jacinto fame.

I am enclosing copies of two articles that appeared in the Houston Morning Star of November 23rd and 25th, 1839. These two publications can be found in the Houston City Library.

Trusting that this will completely clarify your mind, and with best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,

/s/ J. P. Logan

cc Mr. Dean Tevis
Beaumont Enterprise

COPY

Houston, Texas
October 17, 1938

M. J. P. Logan
Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Mr. Logan:

I regret exceedingly that I was out of town when you called at my office and so graciously left the Logan Papers for me to examine. These I am returning today by registered mail.

The next time I go to Austin, within a month, I shall do some investigating which may solve the problem, but I make no predictions. My thought now is that there were two Captain William M. Logans and that one of them died at Columbia in 1836.

Of the ten or more signatures you sent me of William M. Logan all were to documents dated after September, 1836. You sent one signature of W. M. (Not William M.) Logan, affixed to a document dated Nashville, March 4, 1829 and signature is distinctly different from the others.

I feel sure that there are numerous signatures of the William M. Logan who commanded the company at San Jacinto in the Archives of the Texas State Library, Austin, affixed to documents signed in 1836. If so, I shall have a photostatic copy of one made and send it to you. I am sure you are as anxious to clear up the matter as I am.

Again I thank you for your courtesy.

Sincerely yours,

L. W. Kemp

LWK:EJ
cc - Mr. Dean Tevis

(Letterhead:) NATIONAL FOOD COMPANY, INC. 449 Sixteenth Street, Port
Arthur, Texas J. P. Logan, Manager

November 2, 1938

Mr. L. W. Kemp
214 Westmoreland Ave.
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Kemp:

Continuing my effort to clarify your mind in connection with Captain Wm. M. Logan, I wish to say in answer to your letter of October 25th, that you are in error when you state that I have admitted that there two Wm. M. Logan's in Texas in 1836. If you will refer to my letter you will note that I merely stated that I was attempting to clear your mind in connection as to who the Captain Logan was that died in West Columbia in 1836 according to the Telegraph and Texas Register. However, I will admit that there was a babynamed "William M. Logan," (The fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. James Henderson Logan) born at Liberty Texas, December 19, 1841, and was named after his uncle and died October 28, 1842 at Liberty and is buried in the Liberty Cemetery.

In connection with the photostatic signature that you sent to me signed by Wm. M. Logan, again I cannot agree with you that it is different to the signatures that I hold of Wm. M. Logan. In fact, I have taken the trouble to show this photostatic copy and a number of the original signatures that I have to three different bankers and all three of them state that without a doubt the same man did the writing. I believe that you wrote ~~me~~ that you had made a photostatic copy of the signatures that I left at your office. If you did O K., but if you did not, please advise me and I will send to you a half dozen original

Wm. M. Logan's signatures for you to use in your investigations. Referring to that part of your letter of October 22nd, wherein you state that Barkley Townsend was appointed administrator in 1838, I also take issue with you. While it is true that Barkley Townsend acted as agent and attorney for James Henderson Logan, Courtsworth P. Logan and Violet B. Logan of the county of Williamson, State of Tennessee, who was with James Henderson Logan the only heir at law of Wm. M. Logan at that time. James ^Henderson Logan was appointed and given power of attorney, duly executed on the 5th day of December, 1840, and was made of record in Liberty County. The following document is herewith reproduced verifying the above statements and a photostatic copy of the original, which is in my possession, can be furnished on request.

Know all men by these presents, that I James H. Logan of the State of Texas, County of Liberty in my own right, and as agent and attorney in fact for Robert F. Logan, Courtsworth P. Logan and Violet B. Logan of the County of Williamson, State of Tennessee, (as will be seen by a power of attorney duly executed on the 5th day of December A. D. 1840, and of record in the aforesaid county) are held and firmly bound with Barkley Townsend of the aforesaid State and County in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars, good and lawful money, to be paid & to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves jointly and severally, our and each of our heirs, executors and administrators, firmly by these presents sealed with our seal -- Dated at Liberty this Sixteenth day of February, A. D. 1846.

Whereas the above bounden James H. Logan, Robert F. Logan Courtsworth P. Logan and Violet B. Logan, are brothers & Sister, and the only heirs at law, of William M. Logan late o of the county of Liberty, Republic of Texas deceased; and whereas the said B. Townsend has administered upon said estate, but has not yet closed the same nor settled with the proper court, there being anumber of debts due by said estate remaining unpaid; and whereas there are a nubmer of land claims

belonging to said estate, upon which surveys have not been made nor patents obtained, but it is presumed that there will be a considerable amount of lands remaining and belonging to said estate after the estate shall have been settled, and the debts paid as aforesaid; and the said Logan having this day sold with the said Townsend in his own right and as agent and attorney aforesaid the residue of said lands, or what may be left belonging to said estate after the debts shall have been paid, for the sum or price of Twenty five cents per acre, a payment of which has been made and the payment for the balance, whatever it may be, secured to the satisfaction of the said Logan.

Now the condition of this obligation is such that if the said James H. Logan, in his own right and as agent and attorney in fact for Robert F. Logan, Courtsworth P. Logan and Violet B. Logan heirs at law of William M. Logan deceased, their heirs, executors or administrators, shall make or cause to be made unto the said B. Townsend his heirs or assigns a good and sufficient title or titles to the residue of the lands that may belong to the said Estate of William M. Logan after the debts of said Estate shall have been paid and the said Estate closed, and the foregoing obligation be null and void; otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Witness:

Geo. W. Milles

James H Logan
in my own right & as Agent for
Robert F. Logan
C. P. Logan &
Violet B. Logan

Republic of Texas)
County of Liberty) Before me the undersigned personally
came and appeared Geo. W. Milles who upon his oath states
that he saw Jas. H. Logan in his own right and as agent and
attorney for R. F. Logan, C. P. Logan & V. B. Logan sign seal
& deliver the foregoing instrument in writing and declare the
same to be for the purposes therein expressed and that this
deponent at the time and place subscribed his name thereto
as a witness-

(seal)

To certify which I grant
these presents under my hand
and official seal at Liberty
this 19th day of February
A. D. 1846.

W. H. Huggins
C. C. & R. L. Co.

This certifies that the foregoing instrument in writing and the
certificates thereto were duly registered in my office on the

20th day of February A. D. 1846, in Record Book G, pages 158 & 156.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Liberty day & date above written.

(Seal)

W. H. Huggins
C. C. & Recorder, L. Co.

With reference to your letter of October 26th, as to the location of Wm. M. Logan's birth, after reading the photostatic copy that you sent me, I am firmly of the opinion that he was born in Tennessee. In the first place, it would be foolish to assume that he would give his birth as one place when he was born in another. In the second place, our family records are not deffinately clear as to the exact date that Wm. M. Logan, Sr. the father of Captain Wm. M. Logan moved from North Carolina to Williamson County Tennessee. But, it is known that it was about the year 1801, and no doubt Wm. M. Logan was born after they reached Tennessee. I know that my grandfather, James Henderson Logan was born in Williamson county Tennessee and also that he was younger than William. I hold a certified copy of the will that was left by my great-grand father Wm. M. Logan, Sr, who died in Williamson county Tennessee in 1823, the father of Wm. M. Logan and James Henderson Logan.

About the paragraph of your letter of October 25th, wherein you state that you appreciate the fact that my father and his brothers died believing that Captain Wm. M. Logan was their uncle, who commanded the Company at San Jacinto. I wish to say that they did not just believe it, they knew it. In fact, one of my uncles John L. Logan

was born in 1836 and was eighteen years old when his father James Henderson Logan died, and had assisted his father in handling the Wm. M. Logan estate with Barkley Townsend, a Mr. Davis and W. C. Abbott. John L. Logan did not die until October 8, 1928, at Bay City Texas and he has, many times, talked to me about the land holdings of Wm. M. Logan and also told me that he visited the grave of Wm. M. Logan in company of his father in Houston Texas in his boyhood days.

Please do not think that I am a bit hard in what I am about to say, but in connection with your assertions that confusion existed in the minds of certain people in 1839, as well as 1938, I am inclined to the belief that you are the only man in Texas that any confusion exists at this time. In all of my research I have yet to find where anyone, including you, has located any where the name of any Wm. M. Logan in connection with Texas History or business affairs, other than the Captain Wm. M. Logan, who died in Houston, November 22, 1839.

Anyone might contend that the article that you so often refer to that appeared in the "Telegraph and Texas Register" as rather vague because it only said, "Died In this place on Friday evening last, Captain Logan, one of the heroes of San Jacinto, formerly of Mississippi. The U. S. Papers please notice the above." Such is not the case in the Houston paper, you will please note that "The Telegraph and Texas Register" only said "Captain Logan" and did not say "Captain Wm. M. Logan", which is not the case with "The Morning Star" of Houston, Texas, and you will also please note that it very definitely stated, "Captain William M. Logan." It is very strange to say the least that in reporting

a man's death, especially a prominent man, that they did not give his initials. In the Houston Paper it clearly states Captain Wm. M. Logan also about his having been sheriff of Liberty county, as you will note, that they mentioned Captain Wm. M. Logan, setting forth the hour of the funeral, etc. without any apparent confusion.

Taken from the Morning Star, Houston Texas

Issue of November 25, 1839

Died in this city yesterday morning (November 22, 1839) in the 30th year of his age, Captain William M. Logan of the county of Liberty.

If unaffected modesty, joined to sterling worth, forms any right to a passing notice of tribute then merit added to virtue the subject of this communication richly deserves an eulogy from a more competent source. Captain Logan was a Lieutenant at the siege of Bexar, and was in various engagements which occurred during that period and he also commanded a Volunteer Company at the battle of San Jacinto.

His merit as a soldier was known and felt both by the Commander in Chief and his fellow Citizens.

When order was restored to our Republic, he was elected by the Citizens of his County to the office of Sheriff, which post he held at the time of his death. But, in our devoted city "The Angel of Death spread his wings on the blast" and has spared none. The best of our citizens have been taken from us and we have but to bow with submission to the Almighty's Power, who has seen fit to deprive us of their society, and to live in the belief that "Whatever is, is right."

Taken from the Morning Star, Houston, Texas

Issue of Saturday, November 23, 1839

The friends and acquaintances of Captain William M. Logan deceased are requested to attend his funeral this morning at eleven o'clock to proceed from the City Hotel, November 23rd.

The following letter, which was written to Wm. M. Logan by the Secretary of War and countersigned by Sam Houston dated you will note almost

a year after the Captain Logan died in West Columbia, does not show any confusion on the part of Sam Houston or the War Department but writes to Captain Wm. M. Logan as a living man. A Photostatic copy of this letter can be furnished on request.

War Department
Houston, June 10th, 1837

To Judge Wm. Hardin and 0
Captain Wm. M. Logan 0

Gentlemen

I am ordered by his Excellency Sam Houston to request you to get the Militia of your County ready for immediate service.

You may momentarily expect Marching Orders. You will also cause them to have their arms in good Order with a sufficient quantity of ammunition.

The present crisis requires your prompt attention to this Order.

Respectfully,
(signed) J. SNIVELY
Acting Sec. of War.

Approved
(Signed) SAM HOUSTON

The following letter addressed to Captain Logan the sheriff of Liberty County dated three years after your death notice in the Columbia paper is very clear and shows no confusion. I believe it is an admitted fact by you that Captain Wm. M. Logan was the sheriff of Liberty County. A photostatic copy of this letter can be furnished.

Houston, 26th June 1839

Mr. Logan
Sheriff of Liberty Co.
Texas
Mr. Logan

Dear Sir:

Mr. Vedder of the firm of Heatenburg & Vedder this date tendered

the am't their note in Texas notes of \$885.

What shall be done?

I refused to receive it. I trust Treasury notes will be better in 60 or 90 days.

Will you have things remain as they are, and wait for the paper to improve or will you receive it at present or will you have them sued?

Please answer

J. W. Birdsall

Oblidge yours

The following letter written by Wm. M. Logan to a superior officer after the date of the death of a Captain Logan of West Columbia does not show any confusion on the part of Captain Wm. M. Logan. A photostatic copy of this letter will be furnished on request.

Liberty March 9, 1837

Mr. Wm. S. Fisher

Sir: I have received a letter a few days since from Mr. Carlisle, who at present commands the post at Sabine, informing me that he had at present but eight men under his command; (the term of service for which the rest having expired.) Five of whom he had stationed at the upper crossing on the Sabine to defend that post, and the other three under his own command at the lower crossing at the Sabine Pass, the mouth of that river and were aware that less than twenty men could not defend all the crossings on that River, I have taken the responsibility to empower Mr. Wm. C. Swaiger, who will proceed forthwith to take charge of the posts on that River, to enlist twelve additional soldiers, making in all twenty for the term of six months. I have taken this responsibility from a belief that a safe defense of those posts required it. I should be glad to know that it meets your approbation. I have the honor to be with sentiments of high respect. Your obedient servant,

Wm. M. Logan

Now, in order to bring this matter to a consummation and to show you clearly that I wish to be absolutely fair, I am going to make you the following proposition:

That you select one man of good reputation and I will select one, and these two men will in turn select the third preferably at Austin, Texas. I will stand all the expense in connection with their services. You will submit to them all the evidence you have, I will submit all the evidence I have. I agree on my part that if they say there were two Wm M. Logan's and it is not clear to them which one died in Houston, November 22nd, 1839, I will admit that you are correct in your contentions and will make the State of Texas a present of \$200.00 allowing you to again erect a monument in the Presbyterian Cemetery at Columbia in honor of Wm. M. Logan. If you will agree on your part that in the event that this committee finds that I am correct in my contentions and the Houston Papers were correct, in that case you will agree that I am right and use your good influence to have a suitable marker in honor of Wm. M. Logan placed in the old Allen Cemetery in Houston.

cc Mr. Dean Tevis
Miss Harriett Smither

Yours very truly,

(signed) J. P. Logan

J. P. Logan

(Copy)

214 Westmoreland Avenue
Houston, Texas
November 7, 1938

Mr. R. W. Abbott
2117 Orange Street
Beaumont, Texas

Dear Mr. Abbott:

I am anxious to learn the age of Captain William M. Logan who commanded a company of the Texas Army in the battle of San Jacinto. If I am not mistaken Dean Tevis ran a story about the papers you have pertaining to Captain Logan's Company, in the year 1934 in the Beaumont Enterprise. If I am not mistaken he stated that you had a roll of Captain Logan's Company in which was shown the ages, in 1836, of Captain Logan and his men.

If it is not too much trouble for you to do so, I shall appreciate it if you will look through your papers and send me the age shown for Captain Logan.

Thanking you for this courtesy, I am

Very truly yours,

L. W. Kemp

LWK:s

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\$249.50

Wm. M. Logan

filed 18 Jany 1838

Examined and admitted to

audit for \$249.50

Military

J. W. Moody, Auditor

Nov. 1835

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H. P. Bee Acting
Comptroller

Auditor's Office
Houston 18 Jany 1838

This day came Wm. M. Logan and says the annexed instruments as just, true and original, and the only ones that he has offered for liquidation; that he owes the government nothing on his own account, or on account of any other person.

Sworn to before

\$14.00 dollars for 21 days at \$20.00 pr mo.
\$205.50 3 months as Captl
30.00 for commanding
\$249.50

J. W. Moody, Auditor

This is to certify that Capt. W. M. Logan entered the army of Texas, as commander of a company and has served faithfully for the term of

three months and that his conduct has been at all times that of an honorable and brave officer, he was at the battle of San Jacinto on the 21st April on which occasion he led his command into action with credit to himself and men, and is entitled to the gratitude of every true lover of his country, and is therefore this day honorably discharged from said service.

Head Quarters
Victoria Jan 7, 1836
Thos J. Rusk, Brig Gen. Com.

S. Sherman
Col. 2d Regiment

I certify that Wm. M. Logan, served in the army of the people of Texas, in the campaign of '35 in the month of ~~October~~ (deleted) November, in the company of Liberty Volunteers under my command, and that he was honorably discharged from the service, on the 25th day of that month, having been under my command as second Lieutenant, twenty-one days; and further, that I do not believe he ever had any certificate of the time of his service, or of his discharge.

Given at San Jacinto, February 15th, 1837.

A Briscoe, Guard Capt
Liberty Volunteers.

Apprv. B. E. Bee
Sec. War.

Liberty March 3rd 1838

Mr. J. W. Moody, Auditor

Dear Sir

Please send me by Mr. Allen my pay certificate, in my own name, the time I do not recollect. He will receipt to you for the same &

oblige yours etc.

WM. M. LOGAN

HENDERSON, JAMES PINCKNEY - A grandson of James and Violet (Lawson) Henderson whose children were (1) John, (2) James, (3) William, (4) Lawson, (5) Katherine, (6) Mary, and (7) Martha Henderson.

(4) Lawson Henderson was married to Elizabeth Carruth at Lincoln, North Carolina, June 25, 1798. James Pinckney Henderson, a son of this union was born March 31, 1808 at Lincolnton, Lincoln County, North Carolina.

(5) Katherine Henderson was married to William Mitchell Logan. A son of this union was William Mitchell Logan, Jr.

Violet (Lawson) Henderson, the mother of Lawson and Katherine Henderson, moved with her daughter Katherine, wife of William Logan, to the neighborhood of Franklin, Tennessee, in about 1803, and the mother, Violet, made her home with the Logan family and died there and is buried in a cemetery about fifteen miles from Franklin. She was a daughter of Hugh Lawson, who died and left a will in Rowan County, North Carolina in 1764.

LOGAN, WILLIAM M. - An original muster roll of Captain William M. Logan's company and a receipt signed by individual members was owned in 1936 by R. W. Abbott of Orange, Texas, and was inherited by him from his grandfather, William C. Abbott, who practiced law at Liberty from about 1837 to 1863 when he died. The following is a copy of it:

Head Quarters near Harrisburg, May 10th, 1836.

"We, the undersigned, received of Captain, Wm. M. Logan two hundred and twenty-three dollars in cash and one hundred and forty-two dollars and twelve cents in goods it being only part of what was due the said Logan Company of the spoils taken in the battle of the 21st ult. at San Jacinto.

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| 1. Frank Hardin | 13. A. W. Williams |
| 2. Cyrus W. Thompson | 14. Hx-ih Williams |
| 3. David Choate | 15. B. J. Harper |
| 4. Robert Whitlock | 16. D. Rankin |
| 5. Luke Bryan | 17. J. Ruddell |
| 6. Wm. Kibbe | 18. Wm. Smith |
| 7. W. A. Smith | 19. Wm. Robertson |
| 8. Wm. McLaughlin | 20. P. M. Maxwell |
| 9. Jas. McLaughlin | 21. P. J. Curneal |
| 10. W. M. Smith | 22. James W. Smith |
| 11. Thos Normend | 23. David Scott |
| 12. Cornelius Devore | 24. E. M. Fanner |

25. Thomas Orr
26. Patrick Bryody
27. M. Chavance
28. Ephriam Bollinger
29. James Cole
30. David Cole
31. Peter Bollinger
32. M. J. Brake
33. L. P. Dikes
34. Thos Relnap
35. D. H. McFaddin
36. E. T. Branch
37. John Sleighton
38. John Pleasants
39. Lefroy, Gedry
40. Jos Ellendor
41. John S_gephenson
42. Joseph Farwell
43. Michael Pevitoe

CAPTAIN WILLIAM M. LOGAN'S COMPANY
(Page 43, Land Office Rolls)

Wm. M. Logan, Captain	In the battle
Franklin Hardin, 1st Lieut.	"
B. J. Harper, 2nd Lieuten.	"
E. F. Branch, 1st Segt.	"
Luke Bryan, 2nd Sgt.	"
Wm. Kibbe, 3rd Sgt.	"
John Ruddell, Private	"
P. M. Maxwell, "	"
Michael Shavinor, "	"
Ephraim Bollinger, "	"
Peter Bollinger, "	"
John Sleighton, "	"
Patrick Carnell, "	"
Wm. M. Smith, "	"
David Choat, "	"
David Cole, "	"
L. J. Dykes, "	"
David McFaddin, "	"
E. M. Tanner, "	"
Thomas Orr, "	"
H. R. Williams, "	"
Jno. Stephenson, "	"
Michael Pevetoe, "	"

Jefrey Jedric, Private	In the battle
Joseph Farewell, "	"
C. W. Thompson, "	"
David Scott, "	"
Cornelius Devore, "	"
M. J. Brake, "	"
Thomas Belknap, "	"
Joseph Ellender, "	"
William Smith, "	"
Wm. Daffie (Deserted after the battle)	
Wm. Robertson, Private,	"
John Pleasants, "	"
James Cole, (At camp unwell)	
James McLaughlin, Private	At camp unwell
Wm. McLaughlin, "	"
Wm. A. Smith, "	Taking care of camp.
Robt. Whitlock, "	On guard at Hospital.
Ranson Wilburn, "	Detailed to guard upper camp.
Wm. McFaddin, "	"
Hezh. Williams, "	"
Thomas Norman, "	"
Stephen Blount, "	"
David Rankin, "	"
Partiek Brady, "	Do "
Thomas H. Lewis, "	Furloughed April 18 for 8 days

and returned either themselves
or substitute, except J. C. Eaves.

Christn. Bryan, Private	"
R. W. Boyce, "	"
David Bunell "	"
David Beers, "	"
Isaiah Dykes, "	"
J. C. Eaves, "	"
Stephen Jackson, "	"
Jas. Knight, "	"
Wm. Willburn, "	"
Jesse White, "	"
Jackson H. Griffin, "	"
John Sweeney, "	Furloughes April 16th.
James B. Smith, "	Waiter to Surgeons.
Nicholas Lynch, "	Promoted April 13th.
N. D. Labadie, "	" 10th.
Dr. Samuel C. Belden, "	Deserted March 18th.
Charles Titton, "	" April 14th.
Stephen Blount, "	" after battle of San Jacinto.
John Husbands, "	Joined May 2. Deserted May 20.