

PINCHBACK, JAMES R. - Arrived in Texas from Georgia. In the headright certificate issued to him February 1, 1836 by the Board of Land Commissioners of Gonzales County it is stated that he arrived in Texas February 15, 1836, but William Fairfax Gray stated that he arrived on about February 10th.

Mr. Gray in his Gray's Diary stated that he and his companions were travelling on horses from Nacogdoches to Washington, Texas. They stopped on the night of February 11, 1836 at Widow Anderson's. "Soon after our arrival a foot traveler, a young man from Georgia, who is going to join a volunteer from that State now in Texas, came in and partook of our supper. He left Nacogdoches about the time we did, and has kept up with us, generally sleeping and eating with us. His baggage consists of a surtout coat and saddle bags. There/we occasionally relieve him of by carrying for him. He stops for nothing, but pushes right ahead, through rain, mud and water courses. Today he swam the stream that our horses waded. He did not know the ford that the Mexicans showed us. He will made a fine soldier is he lives to reach the army." On February 14th at Washington he wrote - "The foot passenger who has accompanied us for the last six days, whose name is James Pinchback, this morning enlisted in Sherman's company of volunteers for the war."