

SCAGGS, JOHN H. - Shown on a muster roll in the General Land Office as Orderly Sergeant in Captain Joseph B. Chance's Company and as having been detailed to guard the baggage at the camp opposite Harrisburg, April 21, 1836. He came to Texas prior to May 2, 1835, as is shown in the headright certificate for one-third of a league of land issued July 30, 1838 to Cyrus Campbell, administrator of his estate, by the Brazoria County Board of Land Commissioners.

The following news item appeared in the Dallas News, October 22, 1936:

"Memories of the romantic history of an early day Texas were consigned to a grave in Forest Lawn Cemetery Saturday with burial of James Albert Skaggs, 99, who died Thursday in the City-County Convalescent Home.

A small handful of men who knew the colorful character during the last years of his life attended funeral services. Six floral pieces brightened the bier, all the gift of one man.

Formerly one of the charges of the late Dwight Lewelling, operator of the Baptist Gospel Mission, Skaggs lived under one of the Oak Cliff viaducts after Mr. Lewelling's death some months caused the mission to close, and later went to the county home. While staying at the mission he became a familiar figure on Dallas streets with his pushcart on which Scripture was written, gathering stale bread from bakeries for food at the mission.

When he died C. C. Booth, 2021 Bennett, a friend of Mr. Lewelling, arranged the funeral Mr. Booth and the Rev. Henry May conducted the

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service.

Born in Tehuacana Hills, now Tehuacana, Limestone County, October 19, 1837, while Texas was a Republic and only about eighteen months after the Battle of San Jacinto, he was the son of John A. Scaggs, a soldier at the Battle of San Jacinto, and full-blooded Indian Woman, Nowatna Uma (Running Water)."