

DAVIS, JESSE KENCHELOE - Born in Alabama, January 11, 1802. He arrived in Texas in December, 1830, as is stated in the Headright Certificate issued to him March 29, 1838, by the Fort Bend County Board for three-fourths of a league and one labor of land. On May 15, 1832 he had received title to one-fourth of a league of land in DeWitt's colony. He was a member of Captain William H. Patton's "Columbia Company" at San Jacinto and on July 5, 1838, he was issued Donation Certificate No. 410 for 640 acres of land for having participated in the battle. In Service Record No. 7895 it is certified that he served in the army from March 17 to June 26, 1836.

Mr. Davis and Mary Elisha Davis were married by bond at Brazoria May 5, 1835. They were remarried by David T. Fetchett at Brazoria, August 5, 1839. Mr. Davis died at Gonzales November 28, 1869. Mrs. Davis, born in Alabama May 12, 1819, died January 11, 1875. Husband and wife are buried in the Masonic cemetery at Gonzales.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Davis were Thomas Jefferson; Kencheloe Comptar; Frances Maria; Warren; Steven Tipett, who married Sarah J. Hodges; William; Louisa Adaline; Plina; George Tennell, who married Mrs. Ada B. Edwards; Henry Carrol, who married Addie Boulding and John B. Davis. All are deceased except George Tennell Davis who lives at 907 West Eleventh Street, Roswell, New Mexico.

Surviving grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse K. Davis are Mrs. J. A. Cooksey, Gonzales; Mrs. T. A. Pogue, Gonzales; Mrs. Elijah Reagan, 5220 Schules Street, Houston; Henry N. Davis, Harwood; Mrs. A. A. Cockrell, Waelder; Mrs. T. E. Cockrill, Cistern; George R.

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Davis, Cistern; Mrs. T. H. Watts, Roswell, New Mexico; Mrs. Luther
Trimble, Roswell; Mrs. C. B. Altman, Hope, New Mexico; Mrs. W. S.
Sharpe, Pecore Ave., Houston; Joseph W. Davis, Uvalde; Jesse E.
Davis, Oden; Mrs. O. A. Smith, Haines City; Mrs. J. E. Payne,
Sulphur, Oklahoma; D. B. Davis, Gonzales; Miss Tom Davis, Gonzales
and Mrs. B. B. Hindman, Cost.

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DAVIS, JESSE K. - Following is a copy of a letter written at
Cost, Texas, May 25, 1932 by Mrs. B. B. Hindman to L. W. Kemp,
Houston:

"Dear Mr. Kemp:-

Here is the tale as it was told to me,

During the battle father, Jesse K. Davis, had some trouble with
his gun. He sat down on a fallen log to repair it. There was fight-
ing every where and much noise and confusion. As he was hurriedly
working with his gun Deaf Smith yelled, "Look out Davis, that Mexican
will get you" Father whirled around grasping the barrel of his
rifle. A Mexican officer was advancing on him with a drawn sword.
He hit the Mexican a terrific blow on the side of the head and left
him as he fell. He took the sword since it was better than a broken
gun and - on with the battle."

This sword is still in our family. My elders in telling this
tale always remarked, "Deaf Smith, although he had married a Mexican
woman was a mighty good soldier."

Jesse K. Davis fought in the Mexican war and was also a Confederate
Veteran, though I do not know whether he ever left Texas, during
the Civil War.

INQUIRY

Date 7-17-74

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Material or information requested _____

Information on J K Davis

Reason for research or request Ancestor - I believe

that Mrs Eleah Beagan should be listed as Mrs Richmond L. Alexander or Mrs Annie Alexander. Annie Davis first marriage was to Richmond L. Alexander and her children were all by him

Advice to inquirer that if he had supplemental information on a San Jacinto veteran or his family that he put it in written form so that it might be added to the museum records.

Signed

Lee Roy Alexander

Purchased 2 page Kemp biography for \$2.00. Va Museum