

EHLINGER, JOSEPH -- Born in Alsace, France, in 1792. The late Judge John P. Ehlinger of La Grange, grandson of Joseph Ehlinger, wrote to the compiler June 15, 1933 that Mr. Ehlinger was in Napoleon's army and followed him to Moscow and returned that he emigrated to the United States and settled in New Orleans where for a time he followed his trade of cabinet maker and carpenter, leaving his family in France. He stated that in 1835 he left by horseback for Texas.

In headright Certificate No. 39 issued to Mr. Ehlinger February 1, 1838 for a league and labor of land by the Colorado County Board of Land Commissioners it is stated that he arrived in Texas prior to May 2, 1835. He was a member of Captain William J. E. Heard's Company of Citizen Soldiers at San Jacinto and on November 8, 1838 he was issued Donation Certificate No. 599 for 640 acres of land for having participated in the battle. On _____ he received Bounty Certificate No. 2136 for 320 acres of land for his services from February 25 to May 25, 1836.

In 1840 Mr. Ehlinger returned to Alsace for his wife, Mrs. Mary Ehlinger, and their three children. Returning to Texas, the family lived for about five years in Houston. In 1845, Mr. Ehlinger began building a house on his league of land in Colorado County, where he intended to make his permanent residence. Returning to visit his family, in crossing Buffalo Bayou the feet of the horse on which he was riding became entangled in grape vines throwing Mr. Ehlinger in the water and drowning him. He is buried in Founders Memorial Park, Houston. Mrs. Ehlinger died several years later at her home in Colo-

rado County.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Ehlinger, all born in France and all now deceased, were (1) Charles, (2) Elizabeth, and (3) Henry Ehlinger.

(1) Charles Ehlinger was married to Wilhelmina Miller. Their children were Joseph, Emilia, Maurice, Caroline, Elizabeth, Elo F., John Peter, Wilhelmina, Charles W. and Otto Ehlinger, all of whom are deceased except Elo F. Ehlinger, who resides in Port Lavaca; Charles W., who lives at Ellinger, and Wilhelmina, who married C. E. Girndt and lives with her husband in LaGrange.

(2) Elizabeth Ehlinger was married to Jacob Hahn. Their children were Peter, Christian, Phillipine and Wilhelmina Hahn, all of whom are deceased except Peter and Wilhelmina. Peter Hahn resides in Houston. Wilhelmina Hahn was married to Henry Krause and resides in Moulton, Texas.

(3) Henry Ehlinger was never married. He died in 1861 at the old Ehlinger home in Colorado County.