

HANCOCK, GEORGE DUNCAN - Born in Adams County, Mississippi, April 22, 1809. His father John Allen Hancock, was born in 1780 in Virginia and died in January, 1856 in Alabama. He was married November 2, 1801 in Franklin County, Virginia to Sarah Ryan, daughter of William and Sarah (Swanson) Ryan. Their children were : Frances Hancock who was born January 21, 1802 in Patrick County, Virginia, January 21, 1802 and died in 1848 in San Saba County, Texas; George Duncan Hancock, subject of this sketch; John Hancock born October 24, 1824 near Bellefonte, Jackson County, Alabama; William Ryan Hancock who died in Bastrop County, Texas; Phoebe Hancock, who was married to Martin Forehand, and died in May, 1878 in Bastrop County, Texas; Lewis Hancock, who died in Bastrop County July 18, 1850; and Celice Hancock, who married a Mr. Nicholds.

George Duncan Hancock came to Texas in 1836, as is stated in the Headright Certificate issued to him by the Bastrop County Board, January 19, 1838 for one-third of a league of land. On June 20, 1839, he received Bounty Certificate No. 9213 for 320 acres of land for having served in the army for a period of three months. In Service Record No. 31 it is certified that he served from March 15 to July 13, 1836. He was issued Bounty Certificate No. 9857 for 320 acres of land, October 29, 1841 for his services from July 13 to November 15, 1836. He was a member of Captain William Kimbro's San Augustine Company at San Jacinto and on March 14, 1835 was issued Donation Certificate No. 14 for 640 acres of land for having participated in the battle.

After the revolution Mr. Hancock settled in Bastrop County. He

later moved to La Grange where he engaged in the mercantile business. In 1842 he enlisted in the Somervell Expedition. He joined the Mier Expedition as a member of Company E., Captain Charles K. Reese, but was left at the camp on the Texas side of the Rio Grande.

In 1845 Mr. Hancock moved to Austin where in 1855 was married to Louisa Lewis, daughter of Colonel Ira Randolph Lewis, who was worn near Baton Rouge, Louisiana in December 1825 and died in Austin, Texas in 1909. Mr. Hancock died January 9, 1879. The two are buried in marked graves in Oakwood Cemetery, Austin.

Gora Lewis, daughter of Colonel Ira Lewis, was the second wife of Moses Austin Bryan, and another daughter was married to Hal Runnels, nephew of Hardin G. Runnels, former governor of Mississippi.

Mr. Hancock represented Travis County in the House of Representatives of the Eleventh Legislature. He died January 9, 1879. His widow died in 1909 and was buried by his side in Oakwood Cemetery, Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Hancock had but one child, Lewis, who died in Austin, February 11, 1920. His widow lives at 3400 Red River Street Austin. Their children were Lewis; deceased; Dorothy, who married William Baylis and resides at 340 East 72nd Street, New York City; Margery, who married Stedman Hanks, from whom she was divorced; Mildred, and Lewis Hancock, commander in the United States Navy and who lost his life in the crash of the Shenandoah, September 3, 1925. He was a twin of Dorothy Hancock.