

HANDY, ROBERT EDEN - Born in Pennsylvania in 1807 and came to Texas in July, 1834. He was a volunteer aide-de-campe to General Houston at San Jacinto. Shortly after the battle he and William Lusk formed the partnership of Handy and Lusk. They founded the town of Richmond and owned all of the property there at the time, as well as large holdings of real estate in other parts of the Republic. They also conducted a mercantile business at Richmond.

Major Handy was single February 1, 1838 when he was issued a Headright Certificate for one-third of a league of land by the Fort Bend County Board. On February 23, 1838 he was issued Bounty Certificate No. 2447 for 320 acres of land for having served in the army from March 10 to May 14, 1836. His heirs on October 22, 1851 were issued Donation Certificate No. 384 for 640 acres of land due him for having participated in the battle of San Jacinto.

Major Handy died in Richmond, Texas on or about October 1, 1838. In a letter in the Lamar Papers from a sister of Major Handy addressed to President Lamar she stated that she intended to have the remains of her brother removed to a cemetery in Philadelphia. This she probably did.

A child of Major Handy's, James Hutchin Handy, was born to Mrs. Nancy (Graham) Danforth shortly after Major Handy's death.

James Hutchin Handy was married to Minerva T. Cowan. Mrs. Handy died at Lometa, Texas, April 11, 1909. Mr. Handy died at Beeville, Texas, May 6, 1923.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Handy, all of whom are deceased except

Robert Eden Handy, were Robert Eden, Paul, Martha, Charles, Hayes Handy and a daughter who died in infancy.

Robert Eden Handy, son of James H. and Minerva Handy, resides at Berclair, Texas. He owns the watch that belonged to his grandfather, Major Robert E. Handy. He was married to Winnie B. Camels in 1884. Mrs. Camels died in 1930. Of their children a daughter, Mrs. Bissett, lives at Tivoli.

Joe Danforth, half-brother of James Hutchin Handy, resides at Goliad, Texas, R. F. D. "A".

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HANDY, ROBERT EDEN. From Lamar Papers, page 565, Vol. 2, from
Mrs. Emmeline C. (Eden) Brown,

"To Mirabeau Lamrs Esqr.

Philadelphia, May 8, 1839.

My Dear Sir

Alass can it be that I live to introduce myself to you, on
such an occasion as the present, and for such a Heart rendering and
soul thrilling purpose.

General Lamar I cannot be wholly unknown to you, if you knew my
Brother Col. Robert Eden Handy you must have heard his own - his only
his devoted sister spoken of - that sister now addresses you, and pre-
suming on a friendship that must have been commensurate with your
knowledge of and acquaintance with, my brother, solicits your especial
attention and cooperation in this to me absorbing matter, The Removal
of My Brother from that land of his Choice and Adoption to this land
of his Nativity and Kindred - He was indeed precious to me, Oh Genl
Lamar infinitely more precious than ever Brother was to sister beofre-
He was my all left without parents - Sisters or Brothers, but this one
he answered to them all, and could fill the Universe for me - - -/"

"You perhaps can form some adequate idea of my desire to have
him restored to me, that I may look upon the spot of Earth that con-
tains him - with the assurance that if lost to me in life - we shall
be reunited in Death, and I, that I shall not be all alone, the last
and only one of my family - - -."

"My Joy of this place is the agent we have selected to be the
Bearereof my Brother, & & - - Will you aid and facilitate him in

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all he requires and in doing this confer a lasting favor and obligation on the Sister of your friend - - -."

"There is another matter to which I take leave to call your attention, not only as a friend, for such I must consider you, but it possibly may come under your notice in your official capacity. I refer to Jim, the Colored Boy my Brother took out with him (and whom you may possibly recollect, being in attendance upon him at the battle of San Jacinto). He was a family servant we brought from the South, which in itself would interest me for the Boy - But added to this, the fact of his being the body servant of my Brother, and no doubt attending him in his last moments, renders him to me an object of peculiar solicitude and regard - if living, it is my earnest wish that he return with the body of his master. - - -"

"Another word and I have done - Why was it not announced in the Columns of your press? Had he not the Honors of War? Has no tribute been paid to such worth? Forbid it Heaven It would be a National reproach. From a hundred mouths the question has been asked What does this mean? A Hero of San Jacinto fallen - and no public mention made? for my own part I scarcely care to ask the question, Altho it might have been gratifying as some evidence of the estimation in which he was held in that Country, but Honors and Distinctions now avail me nothing. The great Magician gone. "There is no balm in Gilead for bereaved sister of Robert Handy - - -."

"With Sentiments of high Esteem and regard,

Believe me yfs &c

EMELINE C. BROWN

Of course He (Joy) goes with ample means, and all the preliminary arrangements - I wish you but to suggest the mode of conveyance &c &c

1836 in order that he might minister to the Mexicans who had been wounded in the battle of Coleto. A daughter of this union, Mrs. V. U. Hardeman, resides in Fannin, Texas.

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Joe Danforth
Goliad, Route A

Miss Minerva Hardeman
Sinton, Texas

HANDY, ROBERT EDEN -

Republic of Texas)
)
County of Ft. Bend)

We, the Grand Jury, in and for said
County, on our oaths do present -
Robert Eden Handy for living unlaw-
fully with a certain Mrs. Danforth,
of Said County, in violation of the laws
of this Republic

Witnesses

William Walker
Foreman

Robert Dickerson
----- Vickery
Jonathan Peters

February 28, 1838