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McLAUGHLIN, STEPHEN - Came to Texas sometime between May 2, 1835 and March 2, 1836. In the headright certificate issued to him May 11, 1838 for one-third of a league of land by the Board of Land Commissioners for Bexar County it is simply stated that he arrived in Texas before March 2, 1836. But had he arrived prior to May 2, 1835 this would have been stated.

The General Council of the Provisional Government of Texas on December 2, 1835 passed the following resolution:

"Resolved that there be twenty-five dollars appropriated to Stephen McLaughlin for the purpose of defraying his expenses, on his return from bearing an express from Nacogdoches to the army now in the field."

Later he, Stephen F. Sparks, Thomas D. Brooks and others were ordered to go to Harriburg to impress horses and guns for the army. Mr. Sparks in his published reminiscences refers to Mr. McLaughlin as "Samuel McGlothin." They accompanied Captain A. H. Wyly's to Groce's where the main army was encamped and there were assigned to Captain Hayden Arnold's Nacogdoches Company. Mr. McLaughlin did not apply for the donation land due him for having participated in the Battle of San Jacinto. It appears from the information contained in Service Record No. 157 that after the battle Mr. McLaughlin was transferred to Captain William H. Smith's Company and promoted to First Sergeant.

Mr. McLaughlin was issued Bounty Certificate No. 9614 for 320 acres of land October 26, 1840 for having served in the army from

April 12, to July 12, 1836. He was appointed Second Lieutenant of the Fifth Company of Mounted Riflemen and his appointment was confirmed by the Senate of the Congress of the Republic, December 7, 1836.

Mr. McLaughlin was living in Cooke County, Texas, July 18, 1881, when he received a Veteran's Donation Certificate for 1280 acres of land; He was involved in a law suit tried in Limestone County in 1882 [See Stephen McLaughlin vs E. B. Durham, et al, District Court of Limestone County, August 30, 1882.]

Note.

Captain Thomas J. Rusk's Company in 1835.