

MURPHY, DANIEL - Came to Texas in 1835 with the Riflemen recruited in Kentucky for the army of Texas by Lieutenant Colonel James Tarleton. He was among the nine men sent under command of Acting Lieutenant Samuel Sprague from San Felipe, February 9, 1836 to re-inforce Colonel Fannin, enrolled by the Advisory Committee of the General Council. The others were R. R. Jetty (or Petty), C. S. Hardwick, Nathaniel Hazen, James F. Pittman, John W. Thompson, Charles Linley, David J. Jones, and James Hannum.

Mr. Murphy's name was omitted from the official San Jacinto rolls printed in 1836. On page 197 of the muster rolls in the General Land Office it is stated that Charles W. Shain, Daniel Murphy and Nathaniel C. Hazen escaped the Fannin Massacre and fought at San Jacinto in Captain William H. Patton's Company. An Act of the Legislature approved January 6, 1862, directed that a Bounty Certificate for 640 acres be issued to him. In this certificate issued January 13th of that year it was stated that Mr. Murphy served in the army from January 9 to August 9, 1836, and had served "in the command of Fannin." On June 28, 1848, he was issued Donation Certificate No. 114 for 640 acres of land for having participated in the battle of San Jacinto.

Mr. Murphy was issued a headright certificate for one-third of a league of land January 19, 1838, by the Jackson County Board of Land Commissioners and in it is stated that he came to Texas in 1835. This was lost and a duplicate was issued February 20, 1857.

Following is a copy of Comptroller's Military Service

Record No. 308:

" Head Quarters Coieto

9th August 1836

I certify that I enrolled Daniel Murphy in the service of Texas at the Town of Necogdoches on or about the Seventh day of January last Since which time he has been engaged in the Service was in the Battle of the Coieto taken prisoner with Col. Fannin and afterwards marched out to be shot miraculously made his escape was wounded in his left knee and with a few of his unfortunate companions made his way to the Head Quarters of the Army then on the Brazos where he reached almost naked and starved and has continued with the Army ever since was engaged in the Battle of San Jacinto where he distinguished himself by his bravery and good conduct and is hereby honorably discharged

Thomas J. Rusk

Brig Gen Com'g

"Texan Army"

Mr. Murphy was living in Louisville, Kentucky in 1857 where he sold his headright certificate to C. S. Harrison