

BIRT, SAMUEL PEARCE. In applying to the Board of Land Commissioners of Fort Bend County, March 1, 1838 for one third of a league of land, Mr. Birt stated that he came to Texas in February 1836. ~~The land was surveyed in Colorado County.~~ He was a member of Captain William S. Fisher's Company at San Jacinto and in Service Record No. 202 it is shown that he was discharged from the army at Columbia April 7, 1837. San Jacinto Donation Certificate No. 783 was issued to him January 26, 1839.

Mr. Birt was married to Rebecca Gilliland, daughter of James and Diannah Gilliland. Noah Smithwick in his "Evolution of a State," page _____, describes the wedding. Mr. Gilliland died in 1843. The Deed Records of Travis County, Book K, page 275, show that on February 7, 1856 Mr. Birt, living in California, made claim, through his attorney, James A. Pogue, for a part of the land owned by Mr. Gilliland at his death. Mrs. Gilliland was alive at that time.

Mr. Birt died in California about 1859. The Deed Records of Burleson County mention his will filed in Burleson County May 28, 1860 but it cannot be located in the files of County Clerk. He left considerable property in Texas and his estate was probated in several counties. William Birt was the administrator May 10, 1860 in Robertson County and J. O. Rice was the administrator of the estate in Travis County, February 28, 1860.

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