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ROMAN, RICHARD - Born in Fayette County, near Lexington, Kentucky, in 1811, the son of William Roman. The Roman name appears in Fayette County records as early as 1796 and from then on, the name is represented in many land transactions but always under the name of William Roman or his heirs. Isaas Roman purchased 100 acres of Elkhorn March 22, 1798 and at the different times he owned considerable land. William Roman at times owned nearly all the land from Tate's Creek pike to the present Harrodsburg Pike.

After receiving the usual preliminary education, Richard Roman attended the medical college of Transylvania University in 1830-'31 but did not graduate. His preceptor, the man in whose office he 'read medicine', was Dr. Joseph Maxwell of Lexington. William W. Roman graduated from the medical college in 1825. He was probably a brother of Richard's. Not long after leaving college, Richard served as a volunteer in the Black Hawk War, rising to the rank of Captain.

In the Headright Certificate issued to Captain Roman, by the Gallad County Board for one-third of a league of land it is stated that they arrived in Texas January 29, 1836. As a matter of fact, he arrived at Velasco, January 28, 1836 on the schooner, Pennsylvania, having been recruited in New Orleans for the army of Texas by Captain Amasa Turner. On January 29, Captain John Hart's Company was organized with Romas as first lieutenant. On February 13th he succeeded Captain Hart in command of the company.

The companies of Captains Roman, William S. Fisher and Amasa Turner were conducted from Velasco to the Colorado River where they joined the main army March 26th.

Captain Roman was issued Donation Certificate No. 782 for 640 acres of land January 25, 1837 for having participated in the battle of San Jacinto. On January 5, 1838 he was issued Bounty Certificate No. 1609 for 640 acres of land for having served in the army from January 29, 1836 to September 4, 1836. Captain Roman wrote a letter that was published in the Texas Almanac in 1872. In it he stated that after the battle of San Jacinto and while stationed on the Guadalupe he was appointed aide-de-camp to General Rusk.

Captain Roman was elected to a seat in the House of Representatives of the First Congress of the Republic of Texas from Victoria County, and from Refugio County in the Third Congress. On March 9, 1841, he qualified as county clerk of Victoria County, and in the Ninth and last Congress, December 2, 1844 to June 28, 1845, he was a senator from the District composed of Victoria, Matagorda and Jackson counties.

At the outbreak of the Mexican War, Dr. Roman promptly enlisted in the United States Army as a private in Captain John C. Hay's Company "C" Rangers. He was wounded in the battle of Monterey and fought at Buena Vista. He was later appointed Commissary with the rank of Major. After the close of the war, he moved to California and was elected first Treasurer of the State, serving from December 22, 1849 to January 2, 1854. He was appointed Consul to Guaymas during the administration of President Franklin Pierce, which position he resigned a short time after. Later he held the position of U. S. Appraiser at San Francisco under President James Buchanan. After retiring from this position he engaged in mining. He became entirely

deaf, so that he was compelled to be communicated with by writing. He died at the residence of his nephew, William T. Wallace, at San Francisco at 7 A M Wednesday morning, December 22, 1875, of chronic enteritis and his remains were entombed in a vault in Calvary Cemetery. Captain Roman was never married.

William T. Wallace, son of Margaret W. Roman and James S. Wallace, the Nephew of Capt. Richard Roman, was Attorney General of California 1856-57; S upreme Justice, 1870-79; Chief Justice from 1872 to 1879. He died in 1926.

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A company of Permanent Volunteers, composed of men who had enrolled for a period of two years, was organized at Velasco January 30, 1836 (Page 27, Army Rolls) of which John Hart was elected Captain and Richard Roman, First Lieutenant. Later Roman became Captain and commanded it at San Jacinto. There were a total of 48 officers and men in the company and of these 21 served in the battle of San Jacinto in Captain Roman's Company; two served in Captain Moseley Baker's Company; three served in Captain Amasa Turner's Company; one served in Captain Isaac N. Moreland's; and one served in Captain William Wood's Company. Nineteen did not participate in the battle.

ROMAN'S COMPANY

- Richard Roman
- Isaac B. Bradley
- Charles A. Clark
- Benjamin L. Cole
- James Conn
- Nicholas M. Dawson
- William Dunbar
- James S. Egbert

Homan Harvey

Shelly W. Lamar

Andrew M. McStea

Hugh Miller

Alexander S. Mitchell

William P. Moore

James Ownsby

Abraham R. Taylor

Daniel Tindale

C. W. Waldren

James Wharton

Joseph Wilder

Francis F. Williams

TURNER'S COMPANY

George W. Browning

James Eldridge

Samuel Woods

BAKER'S COMPANY

Orin D. Anson

Joseph D. Vermillion

WOOD'S COMPANY

Irwin Armstrong