

WYLY, ALFRED HENDERSON - Captain of a Volunteer Company of 17 men at San Jacinto. Five of the men in this organization are known to have been members of Captain L. Smith's Company at muster April 5, 1836. Captain Wyly's Company was omitted from the General San Jacinto muster rolls originally prepared by Adjutant General John A. Wharton. Wharton, however, on May 16, 1836 submitted the roll with this statement, found on page 140 of the army rolls in the General Land Office:

"I do hereby certify that owing to an oversight of the proper officers, within report was not hand to the Adjutant General in time to accompany the report to the Commander-in-Chief, and further that Captain Wyly's Company should have been reported as having participated in the battle of San Jacinto."

Captain Wyly was issued Donation Certificate No. 124 for 640 acres of land October 13, 1848 for having participated in the battle of San Jacinto.

The compiler has been unable to learn when Captain Wyly came to Texas. In compliance with an act of the Legislature approved August 6, 1856 Headright Certificate No. 4/46 for one-third of a league of land was issued to him August 19, 1856 but in the certificate the date of his emigration is not shown.

Captain Wyly was married to a widow, Mrs. Josephine Louise (Burk) William, and to them the following children were born: Josephine, Mrs. Alex Melson, Richard, Mrs. J. M. Nichols, and R. E. Wyly. In 1931 Mrs. Nichols and R. E. Wyly lived in Pickton, Hopkins County, Texas and Mrs. Alex Melson lived in Oklahoma City.

Captain Wyly died in Hempstead, Waller County, May 11, 1867 and was buried in the cemetery there. Mrs. Wyly at her death (date unknown to the writer) was buried at Pickton, Hopkins County.

On May 9, 1880, Mrs. Josephine L. Wyly, made application for a bounty of land as the widow of Captain Wyly. In her petition she stated that Captain Wyly served in the army from March 20 to July 24, 1836. She gave May 11, 1867 as the date of the death of Captain Wyly. Mrs. Wyly was at that time living in Hopkins County but she did not state where Captain Wyly died. Her claim was allowed and she was granted 320 acres of land.

The following letter dated Sulphur Springs, Texas, March 17, 1931, from Mr. C. O. James, Attorney-at-Law, was addressed to L. W. Kemp, at Houston:

"The county clerk, Mr. Kitts, turned your letter over to me for reply, concerning Captain Wyly. My oldest brother, W. B. James, now dead, married a daughter of Captain Wyly, and she now lives at Pickton, Texas, this county, and is the wife of J. M. Nichols, at that place. Captain Wyly also has a son, R. E. Wyly, now lives at Pickton. The oldest Wyly child lives in Oklahoma City, a Mrs. Alex Melson, whose address, I do not know. I knew Captain Wyly's widow, but she is long since dead. She was a remarkable woman, most highly educated. I remember seeing a letter written to Captain Wyly, in the own handwriting of General Rusk, which they used to exhibit, but of late I have been trying to see if they could find the letter, but no one seems to know about it.

They were a fine family of people. Captain Wyly married his wife, Josephine Wyly, when she was a widow, Mrs. Williams. They had an old slave negress named "Fan" who died at Panhandle City, our near Amarillo. If you would write to Mrs. Minnie Simms at Pan Handle City, she might give you soem information. This old negress died with them, there. I know Captain Wyly was in this battle, for the reason I recollect the letter from Thomas J. Rusk. Horace James, a nephew of mine lives here, and he is a grandson of Captain Wyly. I trust this will give you a "starter" so you can get something worth while for your work. With great respect, and wishing you success.

I am sincerely,

(signed) C. O. JAMES."

WYLY, ALFRED HENDERSON - Born _____ at _____. He came to Texas in January, 1836.

Major Leander Smith had recruited a number of men for the army of Texas and was with them at Harrisburg when the cannons "Twin Sisters" were brought there from Cincinnati. With Major Smith he transported the guns to the main army then stationed at the plantation of Leonard W. Groce on the Brazos. (See the sketch of Stephen F. Sparks in this volume). That Major Smith was at Harrisburg April 1, 1836, is shown in Comptroller's Military Service Record 479. On that date he signed the following receipt there: "Received of Edward Gritton a small American horse to go on public service, which shall be returned when the duty for which he is pressed shall be performed."

Among the muster rolls in the General Land Office is one of Major Smith's at muster April 5, 1836. Many of the men shown on the roll served in Captain Wyly's company at San Jacinto.

The names of Captain Wyly and those of the men of his company were omitted from the official rolls as printed in 1836. The muster roll of his company, however, is among the San Jacinto rolls at the General Land Office. It was submitted May 16, 1836, by Adjutant General John A. Wharton with the following explanation: "I do hereby certify that owing to an oversight of the proper officers, the within report was not handed to the Adjutant General in time to accompany the report to the Commander-in-chief, and further that Capt. Wyly's Company should have been reported as having participated in the battle of San Jacinto."

On Captain Wyly's roll as submitted by Adjutant General Wharton

are the names of five men who are shown on other rolls. These are Joseph Doan of Fisher's Company; Philip Stroh and Joseph Miller and Andrew Fogle of Baker's Company and Robert Hood of Captain Billingsley's Company. The compiler is assuming that due to the small number of troops in Captain Wyly's command, the men mentioned were attached to his company for the battle. Their names have, accordingly, been removed from the rolls of the other companies.

In Comptroller's Military Service Record No. 1106 issued to William Cartwright, Captain Wyly signed his name as a captain of the First Regiment of Texas Volunteers.

On October 3, 1848, Captain Wyly was issued Donation Certificate No. 124 for 640 acres of land for having participated in the battle of San Jacinto. His widow, Mrs. Josephine Wyly, on May 8, 1880, in her petition for a Veteran's Donation Certificate, stated that he served in the army from March 20 to July 24, 1836.

Captain Wyly was married to Mrs. Josephine Louise (Bark) Williams. According to the statement of Mrs. Wyly, Captain Wyly died May 11, 1867. His death occurred at Hempstead, Waller County. Mrs. Wyly died in Pickton, Hopkins County, _____. Captain and Mrs. Wyly resided in Rusk County for a number of years and in 1855-56 Captain Wyly was a member of Clinton Masonic Lodge No. 23 at Henderson.

Children of Captain and Mrs. Wyly were (1) Josephine, (2) _____ (3) Richard, (4) _____ and (5) R_____ E_____ Wyly.

(1) Josephine Wyly was married to _____. Their children were _____, _____, _____, _____.

(2) _____ Wyly was married to Alexander Melson. Mr. and Mrs. Melson resided in Oklahoma City.

(3) Richard Wyly was married to _____. Their children were _____, _____, _____, _____.

(4) _____ Wyly, who was married to J. M. Nichols. Mrs. Nichols resides in Pickton, Texas.

(5) R_____ E. Wyly was married to _____. Mr. and Mrs. Wyly reside at Pickton, Texas.

Notes: R. W. Wiley lived at Athens, Henderson Co. Representative 11th Legislature aged 50 Born in North Carolina.

Wyly signed name as Captain of a Company of Second Regiment with Wharton's report.

Captain A. H. Wyly

Men on Captain Wyly's roll were

A. H. Wyly

H. B. Balch

J. A. Hueser

F. Hickos

John Balch

Jas. Doan

Wm. Gammell

Philip Stowe

Jos. Miller

Robert Hood

Andrew Fogle

Lewis Kratz

Augustus Henderstron

Dr. Tobias Duhrower

of these the following fought in other companies

Joseph Doene	Fisher's
Philip Stroth	Baker
Joseph Miller	Baker
Robert Hood	Billingsley

added to Wyly's company were

~~Musgrave-Evans~~

~~A. J. Fowler~~

~~William-Francis~~

Levi-Howard

Hugh-Marshall

John-Matchett-

Joseph-McGee-

Headright

Act approved

Aug. 6, 1856

1/3 league

ALFRED H. WYLY

On page 65 of the Land Office army rolls the following names are listed under the caption: "Return of men raised for 3 months by Major L. Smith, April 5, 1836."

1. Daniel Sayers
2. Wm. O. Blanton
3. Robt. Hood
4. Henry M. Brewer
5. Thomas Byley
6. Henry Chapman
7. Zacaheriah M.
8. Wm. Gammell
9. F. Hickox
10. John Barker
11. Michael Short
12. Stebbins
13. Redd --of Georgia
14. William Gould
15. J. Hunter
16. John Frederick Wiehl
17. Joseph Doan
18. Jas. T. White
19. Levi Howard
20. August Henderstrong
21. Ulyses Roberts

22. H. B. Balch
23. A. H. Wyler
24. Wm. Bernbeck
25. A. Vogel
26. Philip Straugh
27. _____ Miller
28. T. Dumbromer
29. James McCocklin
30. _____ a name unknown

Notes:

Wily #124 640
124 440
124 200
1280

Josephine L #1053 114
686
800

Vets Donation