

BURCH, JAMES - Born near Bardstown, Kentucky, July 11, 1816, a son of Samuel Lewis and Dorothy Burch. The Burch family came to Texas in about 1825, landing at Natchitoches, Louisiana by boat and traveling overland from there to Nacogdoches.

Mr. Burch was a member of Captain William Kimbro's Company and his name appears on the rolls printed in 1836 of those who participated in the battle of San Jacinto and it does not appear on the Harrisburg rolls in the General Land Office. Since however, he accepted Donation Certificate No. 957 for 640 acres of land issued in his name November 25, 1839 for "having been detailed to guard the camp near Harrisburg", April 21, 1836 it is assumed that he performed that service. On November 23, 1839 he was issued Bounty Certificate No. 787 for 320 acres for his services in the army from July 20 to October 20, 1836.

In Headright Certificate No. 85 for one-third of a league of land issued to him February 1, 1838 it is simply stated that he came to Texas prior to March 2, 1836. It seems that he was a member of Reverend John Parker's caravan which came to Texas from Illinois.

Mr. Burch was married to Martha Simms. Mr. Burch died December 21, 1884, while a member of the Texas Veterans Association. He is buried in the Catholic cemetery, four miles west of Moscow, in Polk County. Mrs. Burch was born August 1, 1820, and died May 24, 1901. The State of Texas had a monument erected at their graves in 1936.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Burch, all of whom are deceased except Mrs. Catherine Eliza Parsons, and Miss Elizabeth Frances Burch, were

(1) Thomas, (2) Malvina Ann, (3) Ellen Mary, (4) Matilda Harriett,  
(5) John Lewis, (6) Catherine Eliza, (7) Elizabeth Frances, (8)  
Benedict Brown, (9) James Valentine and (10) Martha Apolis.

(1) Thomas Burch was married to Margaret Gibbs. Their sur-  
viving children are: James Edward, Starks, Louisiana; Emma Beatrice  
Hays, Beaumont; Thomas Vivian, Jasper, Texas; Robert Stafford,  
Carmona, Texas.

(2) Miss Malvina Burch died single.

(3) Miss Ellen Mary Burch died single.

(4) Miss Matilda Harriet died single.

(5) John Lewis was married to Samantha Ann Brock. Their sur-  
viving children are: Anne, who married Archibald Saxon, resides in  
Saratoga, Texas; Stella, who married B. L. Thompson, Corrigan;  
Joseph Lewis, who married Ella Turner, lives in Corrigan.

(6) Catherine Eliza married Samuel Zenas Parsons, their sur-  
viving children are: Raphael Burch; Lelia Steward, Voth, Texas;  
Laurence Ross, Corpus Christi.

(7) Elizabeth Frances has never married, resides in Beaumont,  
Texas.

(8) Benedict Brown married Mary Davison, their surviving chil-  
dren are: Mary, married Selma Collier, Silsbee, Texas and George  
Davison, San Antonio.

(9) James Valentine married Callie Eugenia Mantooth, their sur-  
viving children are: Sarah Burch Morris, 1815 Hazal Ave., Beaumont,  
Texas; James Calvin Burch, married Lucile Ostebee, live 760 Ave. B.,

Beaumont, Texas.

(10) Martha Apolis married William Plamer who survives her. Their surviving children are: John Reynolds, seaman, address unknown; and Samuel Augustus, who lives in Los Angeles, California.

Mrs. R. L. Rothe, a great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Burch, resides in Corrigan, Texas, Box 1014.