

CONNELL, DAVID C _____ -Born September 18, 1819 in Alabama. He came to Texas in 1834, as is shown in the headright certificate issued to him January 9, 1838 for one-third of a league of land by the Bastrop County Board. He was a member of Captain Jesse Billingsley's Company and on September 14, 1838 was issued Donation Certificate No. 542 for 640 acres of land for having participated in the battle of San Jacinto. His name, however, appears on the army rolls in the General Land Office as having been detailed to guard the baggage at the camp opposite Harrisburg, April 21, 1836. (Page 41)

Mr. Connell was married to Sarah Jane Clarke in Washington County, September 25, 1845. Mr. Connell died October 18, 1869. Mrs. Connell died January 28, 1897. The two are buried in marked graves in the family cemetery five miles south of Thorndale, Milam County.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Connell were Mary, who married Jack Elliott; Lucretia, who married Felix McLanahan; George, who was never married; Katherine, who was never married; Hiram, who married Ida Lockhard; Dora, who married T.S. Reed; Emma, who was never married and James W. Connell, who married Missouri Russell.

Mrs. Edwin Owerd, 2208 San Gabriel Street, Austin is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. David C. Connell. She is a daughter of T.S. and Dora Connell Reed.

December 6, 1976

Mr. Wilfred A. Bryan
800-A Merchants State Bank Building
Dallas, Texas 75206

Dear Mr. Bryan:

Thank you for your letter of November 16 and for the kodak picture of David Cook Connell's grave marker. Enclosed is our museum receipt.

Also enclosed is copy of L. W. Kemp's unpublished sketch on David C. Connell.

We are adding to our records the information you have given us on David and Sampson Connell.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Dorothy W. Knepper
director

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File in book with L. W. Kemp sketch on Sampson Connell.

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November 16, 1976

San Jacinto
Museum of History Assoc.
San Jacinto Monument
Deer Park, Texas 77536

Attn: Mrs. Lawrence Duncan, Secretary

Re: San Jacinto Descendents
David Cook Connell
B-September 18, 1819
D-October 18, 1869

Dear Mrs. Duncan,

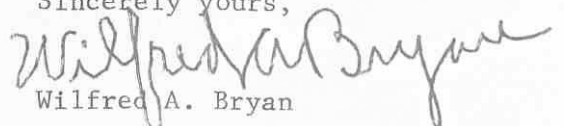
Reference is made to your letter of April 16, 1975 addressed to me concerning the burial place of Sampson Connell. I have been unable to definitely establish his burial site.

David Cook Connell, the eldest son of Sampson Connell, was born September 18, 1819, died October 18, 1869, and was also a hero of the Battle of San Jacinto. He served in the battle along with his father as a member of Captain Jesse Billingsley's Company and was issued a headright certificate for 640 acres of land in Bastrop County, Texas. David Cook Connell married Sarah J. Clark.

In the attached I am enclosing a kodak picture of David Cook Connell's grave marker which stands at the head of his grave in front of the vault over the grave. His grave is located in the Connell Cemetery about 5 miles south of Thorndale, Texas to the right hand side going south about 3/4 of a mile west and 3/4 of a mile back north in a pasture toward Thorndale off of Farm to Market Road 486.

I took this picture of his grave marker during April 1975 and it is difficult to read the inscription unless you use a magnifying glass.

Sincerely yours,


Wilfred A. Bryan

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April 16, 1975

Mr. Wilfred A. Bryan, C. P. A.
800-A Merchant State Building
Dallas, Texas 75206

Dear Mr. Bryan:

We are sorry we could not help you concerning the birthplace of San Jacinto veteran Sampson Connell. Enclosed are two copies of the information gathered by L. W. Kemp (deceased). We would be grateful if you would return one copy to us with any further information you can furnish from Mrs. Bryan's research.

Before returning your call our director had me check with Mrs. Mary Ullmer at the Clayton Library, Center for Genealogical Research, 5300 Caroline, Houston. Briefly this is what she gave to me over the telephone from the D. R. T. lineage book. Sampson Connell was born July 4, 1787 at Spartanburg, South Carolina, and died at Brenham, Texas July 28, 1845. Mr. Connell was married to Millie Cook in 1810. She was born July 4, 1790 in Fayetteville, Tennessee. She died August 14, 1834 at Brenham. The family line which the D. R. T. book gives is through a son named William.

There is nothing concerning Sampson Connell in either of the two books I mentioned to you, ie THE HANDBOOK OF TEXAS published by the Texas State Historical Association and BOUNTY AND DONATION LAND GRANTS OF TEXAS 1835-1888 by Thomas Lloyd Miller, nor is his name listed in MONUMENTS COMMEMORATING THE CENTENARY OF TEXAS INDEPENDENCE published by the Commission of Control for Texas Centennial Celebrations, Austin, 1938.

We always welcome receiving additional information on San Jacinto veterans and appreciate your interest.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Lawrence Duncan
secretary

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INQUIRY RESEARCH

April 14, 1975

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Call collect 0-214-823-3061

Wants to know where San Jacinto veteran, Sampson Connell, Sr. was buried. According to Mr. Bryan, Connell was the wagon master for Sam Houston and he died in 1845.

Mr. Bryan said his wife died recently and she had been a member of the San Jacinto Decendants and it was for something in connection with this that he wanted the information. I said we could check the L. W. Kemp sketches and see what else we had and write to him. He said he would like to have it confirmed in writing but ~~he~~ that he would like to be called collect and that if it was going to take a week or more to forget it. I gave him the name of THE TEXAS HANDBOOK and Miller's bounty and donation book but haven't checked them for Connell myself.

Va, Duncan

See letter dated April 17 to Mr. Bryan.