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Colonel McCrocklin was born in Shelbyville, Kentucky, November 8, 1800. He was married March 20, 1830 to Isabella Harris at the home of the Bride's parents, Dr. and Mrs. William Harris, at Owensboro, Kentucky. In Headright Certificate No. 582 for one labor of land issued to him in 1838 by the Board of Land Commissioners for Washington county. On June 18, 1835 he had received title to one league in Milam's colony, situated in the present county of Blaine. They emigrated to Texas in 1834 and settled near the site of the present Washington-on-the-Brazos.

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Colonel McCrocklin was a member of Captain James G. Swisher's Washington company in 1835 and participated in the siege of Bexar. He received Bounty Certificate No. 1055 for 320 acres of land for his services in the army from October 8 to November 25, 1835. He was a corporal in Captain William W. Hill's company in 1836 and on \_\_\_\_\_ he was issued Bounty Certificate No. 214 for 320 acres of land for his services from March 3 to May 3, 1836. On November 25, 1850 he received Donation Certificate No. 236 for 640 acres of land for having participated in the battle of San Jacinto. This, however, could have meant that he was actually in the battle or was among those detailed to guard the baggage at the camp opposite Harrisburg, April 21, 1836. In a Comptroller's military Service Record in the Texas State Library it is shown that Mr. McCrocklin was discharged at the San Jacinto battlefield on recommendation of Dr. J. F. Davidson, who stated that he was ill and unfit for duty.

On an original roll of Captain Hill's company, April 11, 1836, the following information regarding Colonel McCrocklin is given: He was recruited on the Colorado by Captain Hill March 11 (instead of March 3, as is shown in Bounty Certificate No. 214). He was five feet, nine and one-half inches in height; of fair complexion; had blue eyes and light hair, and was a blacksmith by occupation.

Lieutenant Colonel McCrocklin commanded the detachment of troops from Washington county on the Somervell Expedition in 1842. In a Comptroller's Military Service Record he is shown as holding the following ranks during the expedition: Lieutenant Colonel from October 17

to November 11, 1842; Private from November 11 to November 28; Paymaster from November 28 to December 10; Lieutenant Colonel from December 10, 1842 to January 17, 1843 in command of a detachment of troops on their return from Camp La Ratamas, near the Rio Grande, to Washington County.

Colonel McCrocklin died March 22, 1888, while a member of the Texas Veterans Association. Mrs. McCrocklin, born August 12, 1812, died January 12, 1902. Husband and wife are buried in marked graves in the cemetery at Blanco, Blanco County.

Children of Colonel and Mrs. McCrocklin were: (1) John Asa, (2) Mary Milam, (3) Vibella Clay, (4) James Harris, and (5) Elizabeth Harriet McCrocklin.

(1) John Asa McCrocklin was married to Medora Coles, daughter of John P. Coles. A child of this union was Mary L. McCrocklin, who married T. G. Hill. Mrs. John R. Traylor, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hill was in March, 1941 residing at 3327 Charleston street, Houston.

(2) Mary Milam McCrocklin was married to A. J. Kercheville. There was twelve children of this union, one of whom, J. A. Kercheville, was married to Mattie Perkins, daughter of George K. Perkins. J. J. Kercheville, son of J. A. and Mattie (Perkins) Kercheville resides at 315 West Gramercy Place, San Antonio.

(5) Elizabeth Harriet McCrocklin was married to William H. Carnal. Their children were (a) Margaret Crittendon, (b) William H., (c) Joseph K., (d) Laura Virginia, (e) Edward B., (f) Gertrude, (g) Pattie Clark, (h) Nellie Machen, (i) Scott, (j) Betty Alamo, and (k)

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