

CALLIHAN, THOMAS JEFFERSON -- Born in Illinois, May 20, 1817.

In Headright Certificate No. 250 for a league and labor of land issued to Mr. Callihan, in 1838 by the Board of Land Commissioners for Harrisburg County it is stated that he came to Texas in February, 1836. As a matter of fact he arrived at Velasco, January 28, 1836

on the schooner Pennsylvania, having been recruited in New Orleans by Captain Amasa Turner for the Army of Texas. On page 6 of the "Lost (Headright) Book of Harris County" in the General Land Office it is shown that on February 8, 1838 Samuel Paschal and Thomas Taylor appeared before the Board as witnesses for Mr. Callihan. Mr. Paschal stated that Mr. Callihan had arrived on the Pennsylvania and that Paschal had marched with him from Velasco.

Mr. Callihan was recruited by Captain Amasa Turner in New Orleans, and he enlisted in Turner's Company of Regulars, February 13, 1836 for a period of two years. He apparently did not apply for the bounty land due him for his services. On December 5, 1851 he was issued Donation Certificate No. 394 for 640 acres of land for having participated in the battle of San Jacinto. ✓

Upon retiring from the army, Mr. Callihan settled in Harrisburg County, where on January 7, 1838, he was married to Polly Talbott by the Reverend John Talbott, father of the bride. To this union were born two children, Harriet, who married Richard Holt, and William Clark Callihan, who married Annie Hagen.

Mr. Callihan moved to Liverpool, Brazoria County where he was the owner and operator of a schooner for many years on Chocolate Bayou.

Later he farmed. His wife having died, he was married to Johanne Bishoff on January 9, 1859. Miss Bishoff had emigrated to Texas in 1846 with her parents.

Mr. Callihan served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. He was a member of the Texas Veterans Association and died May 31, 1880. Mrs. Callihan died March 1, 1925. Both are buried in the cemetery at Liverpool. The State of Texas erected a joint monument at their graves in 1936.

Mr. Callihan had eight children by his second marriage, all of whom are deceased except Mrs. James Wherly, and Mrs. T. B. Williams, Liverpool, Texas. The children in order of birth were Thomas Jefferson; Eliza Eveline; John F.; Julia A., who married James Wherly; Ella; John Henry; Josie, who married T. B. Williams, and Allie Callihan.

Some of the surviving grandchildren of Mr. Thomas Jefferson Callihan by his first marriage are Eric E. Callihan, 2108 Common Street, Houston; Walter Holt, Devers, Texas and Mrs. Linnie Holt Jones, Dayton, Texas. Mrs. George Kruzan, Liverpool, Texas, is a granddaughter by his second marriage.