

CRADDOCK, JOHN ROBERT - Born in Prince Edward County, Virginia, October 15, 1812 but was raised in Kentucky. In the Headright Certificate issued to him February 3, 1838 for one-third of a league of land by the Milam County Board it is stated that he came to Texas in December, 1833. He was a member of Captain William W. Hill's Company at San Jacinto and on October 27, 1838 was issued Donation Certificate No. 575 for 640 acres of land for having participated in the battle. On May 17, 1838 he received Bounty Certificate No. 3424 for 320 acres of land for having served in the army from March 1 to June 1, 1836. On an original roll of Captain Hill's Company at Muster April 11, 1836 the following information concerning Mr. Craddock is given: He was recruited at Tenoxtitlan March 10, 1836 (instead of March 1, as shown in the Bounty Certificate, by John Gafford. He was five feet ten inches in height; of fair complexion with blue eyes and light hair. By vocation he was a farmer.

Mr. Craddock re-enlisted in the army July 25, 1836 as first sergeant in Captain John Hart's company. On January 8, 1840 he was issued Bounty Certificate No. 9392 for 320 acres of land for having served in the army from July 25 to November 25, 1836. On September 11, 1836 he enlisted in Captain Calvin Boale's company of rangers. The Secret Journal of the (Texas) Senate, page 57, shows that on May 31, 1837 President Houston nominated Mr. Craddock for captaincy of a company of mounted Gun Men for duty in Red River County, in a regiment to be commanded by Colonel Joseph Bennett. The Senate confirmed the nomination the same day.

Captain Craddock was married to Amanda Childers, second daughter of Golsby Childers. Captain Craddock died August 19, 1891 while a member of the Texas Veterans Association. Mrs. Craddock, born June 1, 1824 died March 31, 1900. Husband and wife are buried in the Craddock family cemetery, five miles south of Rogers, Bell County in marked graves.

Children of Captain and Mrs. Craddock, all of whom are deceased, except Gabriel J. and William A., were (1) Ann, (2) Margaret, (3) Jennie, (4) Emily, (5) Amanda, (6) Belle, (7) Thomas J., (8) John, (9) Sam Houston, (10) William A., (11) a child who died in infancy, (12) Gabriel J. and (13) Rilla, twin to Gabriel J. Craddock.

(1) Ann Craddock was married to J. A. Weathersbee. Their children were Thomas, Gideon, Winnie, Mary, John, Andrew, Annie, George and Rosa Weathersbee.

(2) Margaret Craddock was married to John Parker. They had no children.

(3) Jennie Craddock was married to Benjamin Hunt. They had no children.

(4) Emily Craddock was married to J. R. Williams. Their surviving children are John R., Minnie, Junita and Willie, Graver and Charles Williams, all of whom reside in Buckholts.

(5) Amanda Craddock was married to John F. Cayton. Surviving children of Mr. and Mrs. Cayton are John F. Cayton, Mart; Bun Cayton, of Groesbeck; Karl Cayton, Ft. Worth; Mrs. Cora Ferguson, La Porte; Miss Ruth Cayton, 921 Samuels Avenue, Fort Worth; James B. Cayton,

deceased; Miss Carrie Cayton, Mrs. A. M. Harral, Mexia, Texas and Van Craddock Cayton, deceased.

(6) Belle Craddock was married to Tom Treadwell. Their children were Isaah who lives at El Campo; Forrest, deceased; Landis, and Junita Treadwell.

(7) T. Jefferson Craddock died in childhood.

(8) John Craddock died unmarried at the age of twenty-one.

(9) Sam Houston Craddock was married to Addie Jackson. Their children were John R., Annie, Virginia.

(10) William A. Craddock was married to Florence Punchard. Mr. and Mrs. Craddock reside at 2604 Speedway, Austin, Texas. Their surviving children are William A., Mozalle E., Walter D., Larry, Florence B. and Wallie Lander Craddock.

(12) Gabriel G. Craddock was married to Callie Barnhart. Mr. and Mrs. Craddock reside at 1545 Lyle Avenue, Waco. Their surviving children are Miss Rilla Craddock and C. Y. Craddock, 1514 Lyle Avenue, Waco.

(13) Rilla Craddock was married to William Lewis. Their children were William, Lizzie and Lamora Craddock.