

CRAIN, JOEL BURDITT - Born in Tennessee, September 8, 1813, a son of Ambrose and Mary (Burditt) Crain, who came to Texas in October, 1834 and settled in what is now Nacogdoches County. Mary Burditt was a sister of Jesse Burditt. In the headright certificate issued to him, February 1, 1838 for a league and labor of land the fact that he arrived in Texas in 1834 is verified. He was a member of Captain William Kimbro's San Augustine Company, at San Jacinto and on May 17, 1851, was issued Donation Certificate No. 287 for 640 acres of land for having participated in the battle. On December 12, 1850, he received Bounty Certificate No. 742 for 320 acres of land for having served in the army from March 15 to June 12, 1836.

Mr. Crain settled first in what is now San Augustine County. Shortly after the battle of San Jacinto he moved to Nacogdoches County. In 1855 he removed to Rusk County and shortly afterward to McLennan County. He was a cousin to Roden T. Crain, who also fought at San Jacinto. He was married October 3, 1837 to Sarah E. Smith, daughter of General James and Hannah (Parker) Smith. Mr. Crain died at his farm on South Bosque in McLennan County, January 18, 1887 and is buried in the Harris Creek Cemetery fifteen miles from Waco. Mrs. Crain was born December 18, 1818 and died September 10, 1902. The graves of Mr. and Mrs. Crain are marked.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Crain, all of whom are deceased, were; (1) William H., (2) James S., (3) Patience A., (4) Martha A., (5) Ambrose H., (6) Joel N., (7) Francis M., and (8) May L. Crain.

(1) William H. Crain was born in Nacogdoches County, August 23,

1838, and died July 15, 1904. He was married to Frances F. Mitchell who was born in Cass County, Texas April 18, 1849 and died September 3, 1917. Their children were (a) Mary W., (b) Joel N., (c) Sarah M., (d) Sul Ross, (e) Annie N., (f) Lydie B. and (g) Charley Z; Crain.

(a) Mary W. Crain was born December 28, 1869 and died June 19, 1918 was married to L. D. Powell, both deceased.

(b) Joel Nl Crain, who resides at 712 Taylor Street, Waco, Texas.

(c) Sarah M. Crain, who married J. W. Chapman. Both deceased.

(d) Sul Ross Crain was born July 18, 1875 and died February 12, 1937. His widow, Mrs. Lena Crain, resides at 2505 Bosque Boulevard, Waco, Texas.

(e) Annie M. Crain, who married O. H. Minnis, and resides at McGregor, Texas.

(f) Lydia B. Crain, born June 21, 1884; died December 17, 1887. Deceased.

(g) Charley Z. Crain, who resides at 101 Fenimore Place, San Antonio, Texas.

(2) James S. Crain was married to Miss Emma Brown.

(3) Patience A. Crain was married to James Black. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Black were:

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Mrs. E. L. Sanders, Henderson, Texas, is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Black.

(4) Martha A. Crain was married to Joel Riley.

(5) Ambrose H. Crain was married to Miss Annie Jones.

(6) Joel N. Crain was married to Emma T. Cleveland, who was born March 26, 1857 and died July 9, 1884. Mrs. Crain is buried in the Harris Creek Cemetery in a marked grave.

(7) Francis M. Crain was never married. He was born December 25, 1854 and died January 21, 1889.

(8) May I. Crain was married to James Watson.