

HARPER, BENJAMIN J. - Born in Virginia in 1800. The year of his birth is given in a list of the names of all men available for military service in the Municipality of Liberty, July 20, 1836. In January, 1835, the original draft was in possession of R. W. Abbott of Beaumont. He came to Texas in 1834, as is stated in the Headright Certificate issued to him February 5, 1838 for one labor of land by the Jefferson County Board. He was elected captain of a small volunteer company at Beaumont which was merged with Captain William M. Logan's Company at Liberty, at which time Captain Harper was elected 2nd Lieutenant. On July 2nd he was again elected Captain of a company organized for three months' Service. He received Bounty Certificate No. 486, December 19, 1848 for 640 acres of land for having served in the army from March 6 to September 6, 1836. His San Jacinto Donation Certificate No. 140 for 640 acres of land was issued December 20, 1848. He was living in Houston County, January 8, 1849 when he sold it to William Howth for \$75.00.

A. Mrs. Elvina Harper on January 29, 1885 received a Veterans Donation Certificate for 1280 acres of land. It is not known whether or not Mrs. Harper was the widow of Captain Benjamin J. Harper.

Captain Harper was a private in Captain Andrew Briscoe's Company of Liberty Volunteers November 21, 1835.