

HAZEN, NATHANIEL C. - Came to Texas in January, 1836. On a roll at the General Land Office he is shown as having subscribed to the oath of allegiance at Nacogdoches January 14, 1836. Opposite his name is a notation that he was born in 1808. His name appears on the muster rolls in the Land Office as a member of Fannin's command, unattached. He is shown as having been led out to be shot but escaped.

From his home at San Augustine, September 10, 1856, Col. Jesse Benton sent to the General Land Office a list of the names of all of the men who had served in Captain William H. Patton's Company. On page 232 of the rolls, Mr. Hazen is shown as having served in Captain Patton's Company at San Jacinto. Opposite his name is the following comment: "One of Fannin's men who escaped from the massacre at Goliad."

Mr. Hazen died at Columbia (now West Columbia) December 27, 1836. A headright certificate was issued in his name, but delivered to Henry Kelser, Administrator, for one-third of a league of land by the Harrisburg County Board, February 9, 1838. In the certificate it is stated that Mr. Hazen came to Texas in January, 1836. Bounty Certificate No. 2700 for 960 acres of land was issued in his name, but assigned to P. De Cordova, for his services in the army from January 16, to November 10, 1836.

Mr. Harbert Davenport, an authority on the Goliad Campaign, states that Mr. Hazen was one of a detachment of nine men who joined Fannin under Lieutenant Samuel Sprague.

The following item appeared in the Telegraph and Texas Register, Columbia, January 11, 1837.

"Died at this place on the 27th ultimo. Nathaniel Hazen. A circumstance not unworthy of note belongs to the history of this young man. He fought with Colonel Fannin on the 19th. of March, was marched out to be shot on the 27th. of the same month - escaped from the horrid massacre. With great exertion and fatigue he joined our army on the Brazos, and was in the battle of San Jacinto on the 21st of April".

The State of Texas erected a monument at the grave of Mr. Hazen in the Presbyterian Cemetery, West Columbia in 1936.