

MORDORFF, HENRY - Born in 1817. In the Headright Certificate issued to him February 5, 1838 by the Harrisburg County Board for one-third of a league of land it is stated that he came to Texas in January, 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. He was issued Bounty Certificate No. 2249 for 1280 acres of land May 21, 1838 for having served in the army from February 13, 1836 to October 21, 1837. He was a member of Captain Amasa Turner's Company at San Jacinto and was on May 21, 1838 issued Donation Certificate No. 243 for 640 acres for having participated in the battle. The land was surveyed in Bell County and the Deed Records of Bell County show him living in that county as late as October 29, 1851.

Mr. Mordorff purchased a farm about one-half mile from Smithville, Bastrop County, and there died March 20, 1870. He was buried in a cemetery near his home and on the headstone at his grave it is stated that he was about 53 years old.

In his will probated in Bastrop County he left most of his estate to a sister, Eliza Mordorff. This sister, however, could not be located. He left 676 acres of land in Coryell County to the Bayland Orphan home in Harris County. He lived alone on his farm and appears never to have married.

The father of Mrs. Ed. McMahan, Smithville, was well acquainted with Mr. Mordorff. Mr. and Mrs. McMahan said that Mr. Mordorff never mentioned any of his relatives to her father. In 1894, she said, a

sister of Mr. Morderff advertised in the Atlanta Constitution for  
information concerning her brother.