

PACE, JAMES ROBERT - Born in Virginia in 1814, a son of Gideon Pace. It appears that Gideon, William and Wesley W. Pace, three brothers came to Texas with their families. In the Certificate of Character issued to William Pace, December 27, 1834 by William Hardin, Judge of the First Instance, Jurisdiction of Hardin it is stated that Mr. Pace was born in Virginia and had a wife and eight children. B. Holt of the District of Sabine on September 8, 1835 stated that Mr. Pace had arrived in Texas from Louisiana in 1828.

In applying for land in Austin's Colonies Wesley W. Pace stated that he had arrived in Texas with his family of eight from Virginia, December 24, 1834.

In the Certificate of Character files in the General Land Office there is a letter dated San Felipe de Austin June 24, 1830 from James Robert Pace to Stephen F. Austin in which herequests permission for himself and his brothers and sister, all under age, to settle in Austin's colony. He lists the full names of his brothers and sisters, children of Gideon Pace, deceased, and states that he and his brother William Carroll Pace were over the age of fourteen and that the following were under that age; Albert Gallatin, Wesley Walker, Patsy Jones, Dempsey Council, Mary Ann Elizabeth, and Gideon Pace. They did not secure the land and on January 2, 1838 James R. Pace received a headright certificate for one-third of a league of land from the Board of Land Commissioners for Bastrop County. In the certificate it is stated that he came to Texas in 1828.

Mr. Pace participated in the Siege of Bexar in 1835. In Comptrol-

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ler's Military Service Record No. 3173 it is certified that he joined the army as a volunteer November 8, 1835, in Captain John G. Swisher's Company. He received Bounty Certificate No. 1877 January 21, 1855 for 320 acres of land for having served in the army from April 7 to July 7, 1836. He was a member of Captain Jesse Billingsley's Company of Mina Volunteers at San Jacinto and on May 21, 1838 was issued Donation Certificate No. 123 for 640 acres of land for having participated in the battle.

In Service Record No. 3173 it is further stated that Mr. Pace served in Captain William M. Eastland's Company as a volunteer in the First Division of the troops in the campaign against the Waco and Tehuacana Indians, commencing July 25, and ending September 13, 1836. Colonel John H. Moore was in command of the expedition. It was stated that Mr. Pace expended four dollars on his outfit.

Mr. Pace attended the first annual convention of the Texas Veterans Association at Houston May 13, 14 and 15, 1873, during the fourth annual State Fair of Texas. He died July 2, 1876. His widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Pace was born in Mount Sterling, Kentucky, April 24, 1825 and died July 28, 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Pace are buried in marked graves in Oakwood Cemetery, Austin.