

PIETTUS, EDWARD CRATIC - Born in Alabama September 19, 1812, a son of Freeman Pettus. He was a cousin of John Freeman Pettus and a half brother of Samuel Overton Pettus. In an unnumbered headright certificate issued to him July 14, 1838 for one-third of a league of land by the Board of Land Commissioners for Austin County it is stated that he came to Texas in 1825.

On page 23 of the army rolls in the General Land Office Mr. Pettus is listed as First Sergeant of Captain John York's Company before Bexar in December 1835. He was Second Sergeant in Captain Moseley Baker's San Felipe Company at San Jacinto and on June 8, 1838 was issued Donation Certificate No. 398 for 640 acres of land for having participated in the battle. On September 4, 1838 he was issued Bounty Certificate No. 2759 for having served in the army from February 29 to May 29, 1836. He received Bounty Certificate No. 2130 for 320 acres of land May 2, 1838 for his services in the army from October 2 to December 30, 1835.

Mr. Moses Austin Bryan stated that Mr. Pettus set fire to the town of San Felipe de Austin at the order of Captain Baker to prevent its capture by General Santa Anna.

On Page 59 of the Secret Journals of the Congress of The Republic of Texas it is shown that on May 27, 1837 Mr. Pettus was appointed Second Lieutenant of a company of Mounted Gunmen for duty in Austin County in a regiment organized for the protection of the frontier.

The marriage records of Fayette County disclose that Mr. Pettus was married to Frances Malvina Murphree in Fayette County, January 23,

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1844. Mrs. Pettus was born June 2, 1824 and died January 2, 1863. Mr. Pettus died April 17, 1863. The two are buried in marked graves in the Pettus family cemetery about one and a half miles west of Fentress in Guadalupe County.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Pettus were (1) Rebecca Brooks, (2) Fannie, (3) Hamilton Ledbetter, (4) Mary, (5) Thomas Albert, (6) David and (7) Susan.

(1) Rebecca Brooks Pettus was married to Thomas Buck Stanfield. Their children were:

- (a) Thomas Edward - deceased.
- (b) Frances Malvina, who married Edgar Keck - deceased.
- (c) Ephraim Cornelius who married Elizabeth Downen and now lives 321 Regent Street, San Antonio, Texas.
- (d) James Lewis - deceased.
- (e) Mary Demetra Stanfield, Route 1, Box 233, El Paso.
- (f) Cornelia Ann (Katie), who married Edgar Keck, now at 560 E. Philadelphia Street, Whittier, Calif.
- (g) Susan - deceased.
- (h) William Buck, who married Lola Faubion - deceased.
- (i) Ola Maude, who married Daniel R. Stedham, Rt. 1, Box 233, El Paso, Texas.
- (j) Sallie Jurith, who first married William Floyd, after his death, E. A. Gibson and after his death, J. A. Hubble, Vickery, Texas.
- (k) Albert - deceased.
- (l) Pettus, who married Nellie Thomson, Yaleta, Texas.

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(m) Lizzie Earl (Lizzie), who married Herman Huffhines, Rt. 5.
Dallas.

(n) Ozella May, who married Edwin Dean and now resides at 226
Shreve Road, Whittier, California.

(o) Louise Stanfield, deceased.

(2) Fannie Pettus was married to J. M. Baker. Their children
were:

(a) Lizzie Baker, who married Judge G. B. Graves - deceased.

(b) Ozella Baker, who married Walter Kerney and now resides in
Flora, Mississippi.

(c) Sam Baker, who resides at Hattiesburg, Miss.

(d) White Baker, who resides at Mississippi City, Miss.

(3) Hamilton L. Pettus was married to Susan Emma Lay. Their
children are:

(a) Edward Pettus, who resides at 139 Warwick Boulevard, San
Antonio.

(b) Ivey Pettus, who married Frank Carpenter and now resides
at 139 Warwick Boulevard, San Antonio.

(c) Lay Pettus, who resides at 139 Warwick Boulevard, San Antonio.

(4) Mary Pettus who married to Randolph Graham. Their children

were:

(a) John Walter Graham who is deceased.

(b) Fannie who married John Greenwood, and now resides in Los
Angeles, California.

(c) Maggie Graham, who married C. Cook, later Carl Sharp, resides

in Los Angeles, California.

(d) Howard Paul Graham, deceased.

(5) Thomas A. Pettus was married first to Clara McCord. There were not any children by this union. After the death of his wife Mr. Pettus was married to Belle Merritt. There was one child of this union Bonner Pettus, who married Ila Wilson and now resides in Lowell, Arizona. Later Thomas A. Pettus was married to Fannie Frazier. Their children were (a) Edward Francis, (b) Clara Bell, (c) Fannie May, (d) Hamilton Eddy, (e) Hedley.

(a) Edward Francis Pettus was married to Frances Thomas. He resides in Bell, California.

(b) Clara Bell Pettus was married to Joseph W. Bowen, now deceased.

(c) Fannie May Pettus was married to Rex von Steimefiah and now resides in Tucson, Arizona.

(d) Hamilton Eddy Pettus was married to Pauline Gladney and now resides in Huntington Park, California.

(e) Hedley Pettus is deceased.

September 26, 1939

Miss Demetra Stanfield
4425 La Lux Street
El Paso, Texas

You are receiving two copies of this sketch, one of which you are to keep. I shall greatly appreciate it if you will correct any mistakes you may find in the other and return it to me.

L. W. KEMP
214 Westmoreland Avenue
Houston, Texas

Mr. Pettus was living in Gonzales County, September 19, 1853 when he sold Donation Certificate No. 398 to F. Chenault. A B. Boner was made guardian of Thomas A. Pettus and Mary Pettus, minor children of E. G. Pettus, deceased, in Guadalupe County, November 28, 1864.

Miss Pershia Porter, a granddaughter of Samuel O. Pettus was living at Runge, Texas in 1935. She wrote that a grandson of Mr. Pettus was living in Caldwell County a few years ago. She also stated that Mrs. F. Greenwood, a granddaughter, lives in Wilcox, Arizona.

Additional Information on Edward C. Pettus

Note: He was ordered by Mosely Baker to burn San Felipe.
P. 268 Vol. 2 Scarff's Com History of Texas.

He had a special grant of Land from the Mexican Government. This grant was made in February 1831 and perfected in May 1831, which means that he likely settled on this grant of land at that time. This deed is recorded in Guadalupe County as the land was located on the San Marcos River and on the eastside of the river. Mr. Pettus is buried on this grant near the river bank.

The Deed Book in which this is recorded is "The Gonzales Transcript," page 149

Which book contains original grants of Gonzales County that are now located in Guadalupe County.

Land of Edward C. Pettus divided on march 28, 1868 and recorded on page 50 of Book F of the Probate Records of Guadalupe County:

It is divided into five lots by the commissioners appointed by the court. These commissioners were: pendleton Retor, Robert Waller, D. A. Word, Leo Hardeman, M. Tuttle, M. Tuttle, to make the partition.

No. 1--Rebecca S tanfield-drew Lot 2

No. 2--Fannie Baker- drew Lot 3

No. 3--Hamilton Pettus-drew Lot 4

No. 4--Mary Pettus-drew Lot 5

No. 5--Thomas A. Pettus-drew Lot 1

These being the heirs of the deceased Edward C. Pettus.

The above are all children of Edward C. Pettus. Rebecca married

T. B. Stanfield date unknown (about 1865) and Fannie married J. M. Baker some time between August 26, 1867 and March 28, 1868 as on August 26, 1867 she ~~xxx~~ made application for expenses from her father's estate and was granted \$417.00, Book E page 339 of Probate records.

T. L. Stanfield is (adm) appointed guardian of Hamilton L. Pettus, Mar. 25, 1867.

T. B. Stanfield is appointed guardian of Thomas A. Pettus Mar. 21, 1867.

Page 544 and 545 of Book E. Probate Records. Thomas A. is five years old and is Number 526. Hamilton L. is thirteen years and is Number 527.

Mary J. is nine.

Probate Records Book E, page 358, November 13, 1865 T. L. Stanfield makes bond for forty thousand dollars to administer the estate of Edward C. Pettus with the following men as surities, George Francis, D. A. Barbee, G. Houchin, J. D. Staple, D. A. Word, T. B. Stanfield, W. A. Burns, Jefferson Moore, W. H. Smithersnad, Robert Waller. The estate was closed Nov. 26, 1881. There are more than eighty entries in Books C, D, E., and F, of the Probate Records of Guadalupe County. Book C page 318, Nov. 28, 1864, Will T. Murphree, David Murphree, J. A. Winbish and A. Neill appointed as Administrators with a bond of sixty thousand dollars.

Book C, page 323, The Court appoints Pendleton Rector, Ben W. Humphreys and Robert Waller to appraise the estate, Nov. 28, 1864. Estate as appraised and filed on Jan. 6, 1865:

3460 acres of land in Guadalupe County on the San Marcos River (all that is left of his League)	\$6920.00
1476 acres of land four miles from Lockhart Caldwell Co. (Headright of De'cd)	438.00
320 acres of Bounty Land on Peach Creek on line of Gonzales and Caldwell-----	
1107 Acres of land part of the Freeman Pettus tract in Colo- rado Co-----	
(The value of these last two unknown to the appraisers)	
400 head of cattle household goods, piano, Book of the Mormons, a West India Trollope, A Panorama, A Sam Slick, A Book Doctor, two canvases, stock, ten negroes, farm imple- ments total value of -----	\$16,921.50
Species on hand at his death	394.65
Confederate Paper	804.75
Notes of Wm. Trainer, J. A. Glenn, Leo Hardeman, W. Berry, Jas. Pugh, John Kirk, Arthur Swift, John H. McNutt, William H. Ledbetter, H. B. King, P. H. Prather, B. B. Appling, J. G. Barbee, T. L. Standfield, Thomas Maney, Thomas M. Hardeman, Thomas H. Duggan and Ed. Duggan.--	7,804.67
In Guadalupe County the estate totaled finally	\$34,822.67

without the Confederate Money of \$804.75.

Probate Book D page 25, July 23, 1875, T. B. Stanfield former
guardian files for more complete account of estate of Mary J. Pettus.

Book D, page 46 case 527, T. B. Stanfield files account as guardian
of Hamilton L. Pettus.

Book D page 46, case 526, J. M. Baker amends his account and files it
of guardianship of Thos. A. Pettus March 18, 1876.

Book D, page 46, case 525, J. M. Baker amends his account of guardian-
ship of Mary J. Pettus.

Book D, case 526, May 23, 1877, A. P. Bonner is ordered to file
account of estate of Thomas A. Pettus.

Book D, page 140, November 26, A. D. 1881, There being no objection
it is ordered by the court that said Bonner be and is here by dis-
charged as gardina for Thomas A. Pettus.

Marriage Records of Guadalupe County

Hamilton L. Pettus to Susan B. Lay-Book C page 64.

Mary J. Pettus to J. R. Graham - Book C page 149.

Have talked to Mrs. Eustance Chapman of Seguin Texas who has supplied the information below. Mrs. Chapman is a sister to the T. B. Stanfield who married Rebecca Pettus, daughter of Edward C. Pettus.

T. L. Standfield was the father of T. B. Stanfield the husband of the said Rebecca Pettus Stanfield. Mr. Chapman remembers that she saw her brother married to Rebecca Pettus and that she hid behind the piano and stood on a box to see the affair. It was some time after her brother got home from the "War between the States." Her father said that Ben. W. Humphreys wished his sons could get home from the war and marry one of the rich Pettus girls.

T. B. Stanfield and Rebecca Pettus Standfield had fifteen children some dying in infancy but these still living with some addresses.

Ephriam Stanfield--Uvalda, Texas

Demetra Standfield--teacher at El Paso address 4425 La Luz Street-she has much data.

Sally married E. C. Gibson--El Paso.

Kattie married Edgar Keck--near Los Angles--Got rich in oil

Lizzie married Herman Hoffheins--Richardson, Texas.

Ozella married Page--Los Angeles, Cal.

Thomas A. Pettus married a Miss Merritt, no children died. Then he married Clara McCord, had one child, all in Arizona.

J. M. Baker married Fannie Pettus and they had four children.

Lizzie married a Judge Graves in Mississippi

Ozella married--not remembered who--in Mississippi

Sam Baker

Tom Baker

This whole family moved to Jackson Mississippi and never came back to Texas.

Hamilton Pettus married Susan Anna Lay--both now dea, but these are their children

Lay Pettus

Edward Pettus

Joy Pettus married Gus S. Carpenter. All these people live together at 139 Warwick Blvd. San Antonio.

Mary Pettus daughter of Edward C. Pettus married a Graham who would come home drunk and fill the house with pistol shot above the heads of his wife and two daughters. They all moved to Arizona and one daughter married a F. Greenwood at Wilcox Arizona.

This Thomas A. Pettus mentioned in your report lived with (not Bomer) but Bonner as Mrs. Chapman remembers that he lived in Caldwell county just across the San Marcos River from their home (T. L. Stanfield Home) and Mary lived with Mrs. Chapman's family and was a chum of Mrs. Chapman. She tells me that in a year or so the graves of Edward C. Pettus and his wife will be gone that when she was there last year that the Mexicans had a garden spot there on the graves but that the stones still stood up.

Edward C. Pettus Captain of Patrol District No. Five Guadalupe

County Nov. 21, 1854. Book " County Minutes page 183. Page 222 of the same, Edward C. Pettus appointed by the court as presiding officer for elections in 1856 Edward C. Pettus was in the patrol of August 1848. He acted as trustee of J. Merriwether school in 1859, page 376 of same.

Dear Mr. Kemp,

I hope you've had the courage to read all this

Nellie Mae Weinert