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SWEENEY, WILLIAM BURRELL -- Born in Tennessee and came to Texas in 1832. He was a son of John and Ann Sweeney whose other children were Thomas Jefferson, Jordan W., Benjamin Franklin, John, S. P., and Sophia. His parents were born in Virginia, but moved to Tennessee. William B. came to Texas in 1832 and in 1833 his father and his family followed, settling near the present town of West Columbia, Brazoria County. In Headright Certificate No. 10 issued to William B. Sweeney, by the Board of Land Commissioners of Brazoria County in 1838 it is simply stated that he came to Texas prior to May 2, 1835.

In Comptroller's Military Service Record No. 529 it is certified that William B. and Thomas J. Sweeney served in the army from March 25 to June 5, 1836 and participated in the Battle of San Jacinto. William B. was a member of Captain Henry W. Karnes' Company of Cavalry. The Land Office records do not show that he received donation or bounty land for his services in the army (?). On page _____ of the army rolls in the General Land Office Mr. Sweeney's name appears as a member of Captain James L. Holmes Company at Velasco, August 27, 1836.

Mr. Sweeney was married to Elizabeth Newell, who was born in Alabama. Mrs. Clement N. Bassett, Richmond, Texas wrote to the compiler January 20, 1936 that Mr. Sweeney died in Hays County but that she did not know the date of his death. His grave is lost.

After the death of Mr. Sweeney his widow was married to Joseph S. Anderson, by whom two children were born. Mrs. Anderson died in May, 1888 and is buried in a marked grave in the Morton Cemetery in Richmond, Fort Bend County.

Eluora (sic) V. Sweeny, a daughter of William B. Sweeny, was married to John Calhoun Mitchell. Their surviving children are Mrs. Clement N. Bassett, Richmond; and Mrs. Lucie Bell Dunlavy, Richmond.