

WEEDON, GEORGE - Came to Texas in the fall of 1835, as is shown in Headright Certificate No. 142 issued to him for one-third of a league of land by the Washington County Board in 1838. He received Bounty Certificate No. 9083 for 320 acres of land for having served in the army April 19 to June 18, 1836. This he sold to J. McBride. He was a member of Captain William S. Fisher's Company of Velasco Blues at San Jacinto and on June 18, 1838 he was issued Donation Certificate No. 328 for 640 acres of land for having participated in the battle. The land was surveyed in what is now Walker County. On August 2, 1838 he received a league of land for having been permanently wounded in the battle of San Jacinto. This land was also surveyed in the present County of Walker.

Mr. Weedon is buried about one and one-half miles wouthwest of the site of the old town of Cincinnati, Walker County. His lone grave is on top of a small hill which drains both East and West and drains into a rockyflat drain on the East. The grave was lost for years and was discovered in April 1938 by Mr. Wilbourn S. Gibbs, P. O. Box 711, Huntsville, Texas.

On the small marked at the grave is the following inscription:

"GEORGE WEEDON
A HERO OF
SAN JACINTO
DEPARTED THIS LIFE
Jany. 18th, 1842."

Isaac Towsey was appointed administrator of Mr. Weedon's estate February 28, 1842.

Note: Name omitted from 1836 printed rolls. On rolls in Land office. Nov. 3, 1938 moved to state cemetery.

GEORGE WEEDON
PERMANENTLY WOUNDED IN THE
BATTLE OF SAN JACINTO WHILE SERVING IN
CAPTAIN WILLIAM S. FISHER'S COMPANY
DIED JANUARY 18, 1842
NEAR OLD CINCINNATI IN
WALKER, COUNTY, TEXAS

ERECTED BY THE STATE OF TEXAS

1936

Approved _____

GEORGE . WEEDON
A HERO . OF
SAN JACINTO
DEPARTED. THIS. LIFE
JNY. 18th 1842

The full inscription of Mr. Weedon's tombstone could not be ready by those who found the grave. If Mr. Weed can read it he is requested to send a copy of it to L. W. Kemp, 214 Westmoreland Avenue, Houston.

[Letterhead: Wilbourn S. Gibbs P. O. Box 711 Huntsville, Texas]

May 18, 1938

Mr. L. W. Kemp, Chairman,
Advisory Board of Texas Historians
214 Westmoreland
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Kemp:

I promised to send you a copy of the inscription on the George Weeden grave and some pictures of the territory. I am enclosing three pictures and a copy of the inscription showing the dots between the words and dots above certain lines which might indicate in a general way the time at which the monument was placed over the grave. The inscription is "George Weeden, a Hero of San Jacinto, Departed this life January 18th, 1842.

The pictures of the grave are self-explanatory and the grave is located about one mile and a half S. W. of the old town of Cincinnati and is on top of a small hill which drains both East and West and drains into a rocky flat drain on the East. As in numerous other places someone has dug for money, I suppose, near the head of the grave. The third picture is taken from the West looking East along a CCC road which was built on an old main line tram used at the time the timber was logged from this county. Directly to the left of the picture and something like one-eighth or one-fourth of a mile from the road is located a leaning pine with limbs growing straight into the air. It is an unusual tree, so far as my experience goes. A little further north and west of this leaning pine is the location of the George Weeden grave.

Yours very truly,

(signed) Wilbourn S. Gibbs.

Wilbourn S. Gibbs

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Enc.

Huntesville, Texas
April 6, 1938

Hon. L. W. Kemp
214 Westmoreland Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Sir:

As you are engaged in the removing of a number of Texas heroes from their present place of interment to Austin cemetery, I am writing you with reference to a man by the name of George Weedon, who is buried here in Walker County out in the woods near Old Cincinnati. One of the Mr. Gibbs said he had been riding that pasture practically all of his life and never had seen the grave before, but it had a little monument to the grave which said that he was a hero of San Jacinto. I did not know but what you might be interested in having his remains removed to Austin. I understand that he has no relatives and no one to look after the grave, and it is covered with brush, vines and tangleweeds, and it was by mere accident that Mr. Gibbs found it.

Yours very truly,

/signed/ R. T. Burns
County Attorney, Walker County,
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RTB:k

214 Westmoreland Avenue
Houston, Texas
April 28, 1938

Mr. W. S. Gibbs
Huntsville, Texas

Dear Mr. Gibbs:

Mr. R. T. Burns, Sr., has told me of your discovery of the grave of George Weedon, a San Jacinto veteran, near the site of the old town of Cincinnati. This was of great interest to me. The Centennial funds are exhausted, but I hope to secure funds from some source with which to have the remains of this veteran removed to the State Cemetery at Austin.

Some time if you happen to be in the vicinity of the grave, I wish you would copy all the inscription on the tombstone at Mr. Weedon's grave and send it to me. I am in no hurry whatever for this information, but I would like to have it eventually for my records.

Yoursincerely,

L. W. Kemp, Chairman
Advisory Board of Texas Historians

LWK:s
cc Mr. R. T. Burns, Sr.
Huntsville, Texas