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YOUNG, WILLIAM FOSTER - Born in Spartenburg, South Carolina, December 6, 1800, a son of James and Ann (Foster) Young. His father and his father's brother, William Young, served under General Francis Marion in the Revolutionary War.

Mr. Young was married to Hester Wingo and they settled in Carroll County, Mississippi, where Mrs. Young died in about 1829 survived by her husband and four children. Mr. Young moved to Georgia and placed his children in the home of a widow, who later was married to Mr. Young's brother, James.

In Headright Certificate No. 221 issued to Mr. Young by the Montgomery County Board of Land Commissioners February 20, 1838 for a labor of land it is stated that he came to Texas in February, 1836. He was issued Bounty Certificate No. 1179 for 320 acres of land December 20, 1837 for having served in the army from March 20 to May 3, 1836. He was a member of Captain William H. Smith's Company of Cavalry at San Jacinto and on May 18, 1838 was issued Donation Certificate No. 99 for 640 acres of land for having participated in the battle. During the engagement he received a severe wound on one of his legs. He did not know he was shot until he began to feel faint, and looking down saw blood running over the top of a boot. (Note: also H. R. No. 135 for 1 league probably for being wounded)

Mr. York died at Midway, Madison County, Texas, June 30, 1877, while a member of the Texas Veterans Association. His grave is marked.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Young were (1) Mary, (2) Martha, (3)

Jane, and (4) William C. Young.

(1) Mary Young was married to Alick Ray. Two of their children, William and Lucien Ray, reside in Salt Lake City, Utah.

(2) Martha Young was married to Ison Harbuck. They had three children, William, Albert, and Lucien Harbuck, all of whom are deceased.

(3) Jane Young was married to Thomas Nixon. Their children were:

- a. William H. Nixon, Normangee, Texas.
- b. Thomas Nixon, Died at Rogers Prairie. Unmarried.
- c. Carroll Nixon - Died at Midway, Texas, unmarried.
- d. Walter Nixon - Normangee. Unmarried.
- e. Frank Young Nixon - Normangee. Married.
- f. Richard Nixon - Houston. Married.
- g. Elisha Nixon. Married _____ Jacobs. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs

reside in Houston.

h. Miss May Nixon resides in Houston.

i. _____ married James Mayfield. Mr. and Mrs. Mayfield live in Austin.

(4) William C. Young was married to Mary Hayes, daughter of Dr. P. H. Hayes. Their children were (a) Amanda Young, who married Wesley Rogers. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers reside in Midway, Texas. (b) Melissa Young was married to P. K. Goree. Both Mr. and Mrs. Goree are dead. (c) Mary Wingo Young was married to Dr. W. E. Riley. Mr. Riley is dead. Mrs. Riley resides in Midway. (d) William Foster

Young married Loula Forrest. Mr. Young is dead. (e) Frank Lawson Young is dead. (f) James Hayes Young married. He lives at Midway. (g) Miss Margaret Penelope Young resides in Midway, Madison County, Texas.

"William Foster Young, son of James and Ann Foster Young was born in South Carolina December 6th, 1800. His father, James Young and elder brother Capt. Billy Young fought and engaged in many battles of the Revolutionary war under Gen. Francis Marion. William Foster Young married Hester Wingo and settled, I believe in Carroll Co. Miss. where his wife died, leaving him with four small children, one son William G. Young (--my father) and three daughters, Mary, Martha and Jane. He moved to Georgia to place the children with relatives, he coming to Texas, engaging in all pioneer activities against Mexicans and Indians of that troublous time.

In 1836 he joined the army against Mexican invasion, often scouting with Deaf Smith. In the battle of San Jacinto, he served with Lamar's Cavalry and was seriously wounded. He went after the battle to New Orleans to recuperate from his wounds, after which he engaged in the purchase of large bodies of land for wealthy parties, in Georgia, South Carolina and Miss. as Alien's were not permitted to take up Texas lands.

He again married, establishing a home; and having his children come to Texas - After maturity his son married Mary Hayes, daughter of Dr. P. H. Hayes, so he made his home at my fathers, engaging in the mercantile business, in which is now the small town of Midway. My Grandfather was remarkable for honesty, t~~r~~uth and benevolence, bearing the sobriquet of "Honest Billy Young."

His recitals of early days in Texas, with thrilling adventure, entranced his grandchildren much as would the reading of tales from

fairy land - but never bringing into the lime light any personal achievement; he was known as a man of strength, energy and courage. In one early edition of Texas history, I remember reading he was credited as taking off his hat on the charge at San Jacinto waving it and crying "Remember The Alamo," when it flew like a watchword over the Army. "I do not know if it is now in print - wish I did, but he knew of the statement and verified it and his veracity no one ever discredited. He said he wore high leather army boots and his mount was a tremendous gray horse, he didn't know he was wounded till he had a feeling of faintness, and looking saw blood running out of the top of his boots, and the side of his horse stained with blood. He wheeled his horse riding rapidly to camp and came near tramping a wounded Mexican, being a powerfully strong man he took the Mexican into Camp and both their wounds were dressed after the best method then available. He witnessed the bringing of Santa Anna into Camp. In childish horror of killing, he asked, "You didn't kill anybody, did you Grandpa?" He said "we drove em into a marsh, I shot em till my ammunition gave out, then turned the butt end of my musket and knocked em in the head." I held him till then on a hero's pedestal, then my patriotism slumped to Zero. He lived with us until his death in 1876 - is buried in Cemetery here."