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ANDERSON, JOHN W. - Born in Alabama in January 1815. He was a son of Benjamin Anderson who was born in Green County, Alabama in 1757 and was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, in which struggle Benjamin's father was killed by the Tories. Benjamin Anderson emigrated to Texas early and settled at San Antonio. Early in the twenties he moved to East Texas. He was twice married, his first wife being Polly Cureton. After her death he married Jane Williams. He had nine children by his first wife and sixteen by his second. The second son by his second wife was John W. Anderson. (Texas 1835 H. R. No. 80 L & L San Augustine.)

John W. Anderson was issued a headright certificate February 1, 1838 for one-third of a league of land by the Nacogdoches County Board of Land Commissioners. He was in the San Jacinto campaign but his name is not on the rolls published in 1836 of those who participated in the battle. It appears, however, on the army rolls in the General Land Office of those who were detailed to guard the baggage at the camp opposite Harrisburg, April 21, 1836. Donation Certificate No. 98 for 640 acres of land was issued to Mr. Anderson February 13, 1860 for having participated in the battle of San Jacinto. It was not unusual for a soldier who remained at the camp to receive a certificate for land for having participated in the Battle of San Jacinto. In the Court of Claims in the General Land Office there is an affidavit signed by John F. Gilbert, February 9, 1858 in which he said that Mr. Anderson was detailed to wait on the sick at the camp at Harrisburg and that it was his special duty to wait on Mr. Hunter.

Mr. Hunter died April 20, 1836.

Mr. Anderson was married to Elizabeth Briley. Miss Briley was born in Mississippi in 1822 and died in January 1891. Mr. Anderson was a member of the Texas Veterans Association. He died in <sup>June</sup> 1899.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are buried in marked graves in the cemetery in Cold Springs, ~~San Jacinto~~ <sup>Nacogdoches</sup> County.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Anderson were Missouri, who married H. K. Foote and now resides in Covington, Texas; Jack, who married first Ora Carroll and after her death, Lucy Pensey; Mary, who died unmarried; Mirah, who married Wiley Shipp; William, who died unmarried; Benjamin, who died unmarried; Sallie, who married Charles Strickland; Harriet, who married James Elders; Ellen, who married Wall Hunt and Omev Anderson, who married C. Peterson.

The names and addresses of some of the grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Anderson are J. T. Foote, Durant, Oklahoma; G. H. Foote, Holdenville, Oklahoma; Ellen Griffin, Covington, Texas; J. C. Shipp, Garrison, Texas; J. H. Shipp, Garrison, Texas; Ben Strickland, Garrison; Mrs. Cora Keys, Route 3, Wortham, Texas; and Ada Foote Thomason, Mexia, Texas.

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Mrs. H. K. Foote: I am writing short sketches of the prominent men and women of the Republic of Texas. You are receiving two copies of this sketch. One is for you to keep. I will appreciate it if you will correct any mistakes you may detect in the other and return it to L. W. Kemp, 214 Westmoreland Avenue, Houston, Texas.

The above correction is all that is necessary so far as I know. Respt.  
Mrs. H. K. Foote. Thanks for the copy you sent me.

Affidavits relative to the military record of Mr. Anderson are among the Pension papers in the Archives of the State Library, Austin.

The following was copied from them:

The State of Texas     |  
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Nacogdoches County    | Personally appeared before the undersigned  
authority John W. Anderson the above applicant for pension, who after  
being by me duly sworn on his oath says: that he was a soldier in  
the Army of Texas from about the first day of March A. D. 1836 to  
about the first day of May A. D. 1836 -- that he was a soldier in  
said army before and at the Battle of San Jacinto -- and served as  
such at that time -- that he was during said period a private in  
the company commanded by Captain Benjamin Bryant -- which company  
belonged to Colonel Sherman's Regiment.

JOHN W. ANDERSON

Sworn to and subscribed at Nacogdoches this the 30th day of December,  
A. D., 1870.

The State of Texas     |  
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Trinity County        | Personally came and appeared before me the  
undersigned authority, William Earl a credible citizen of said State  
and County, to me well known who being duly sworn according to law,  
says that he knows of his own personal knowledge that John W. Ander-  
son was a soldier in the army of Texas in the year A. D. 1836 dur-  
ing the struggle for Independence, before and at the Battle of San  
Jacinto. Affiant states that said Anderson is a citizen and resi-  
dent of the County of Nacogdoches in said State, and is aged about

fifty five years. Affiant believes that said John W. Anderson is justly entitled to a pension for services under an "act granting pensions" etc. Approved August 13th A. D. 1870.

(signed) Wm Earl

The State of Texas     §  
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Nacogdoches County   X     Personally came and appeared before me the undersigned authority Jacob Lewis a credible citizen of Nacogdoches County and State aforesaid, to me well known, who being duly sworn according to law, on his oath says that he known of his own knowledge, that the applicant for pension named in the accompanying petition therefore, John W. Anderson, was a soldier in the army of Texas in the year A. D. 1836 (One thousand eight hundred and thirty six) prior to the battle of San Jacinto -- that he was a private, and belonged to the Company of Captain Benjamin Bryant -- which said company as affiant was informed and believes was engaged in said Battle -- and as he was informed and believes that at that time he said John W. Anderson was then in the service and belonged to said company.

That said John W. Anderson is about Fifty five years old, and is a citizen of Nacogdoches county and that he believes him to be justly entitled to a pension for services under the "Act granting pensions" etc. approved Ausugt 13th, 1870 (Erasure of the words Willis H. Landrum & interlineation of the words Benjamin Bryant made before signing--)

JACOB LEWIS

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Mr. Anderson was a member of the Texas Veterans Association. He is shown by that organization as having "served in the army in 1836" and his place of residence in 1874 is shown as Nacogdoches County (Baker's Scrap Book, p. 586.)