

ARNOLD, HAYDEN. -- When he took the oath of allegiance to the Government of Texas at Nacogdoches January 14, 1836, Mr. Arnold stated that he was born in Tennessee in 1805. On February 12, 1838, Captain Arnold entered suit in the District Court of Nacogdoches for the land due him as a headright. In his petition he recited that he had arrived in Texas during the latter part of December, 1835, without his family. Due to the fact that his family did not come to Texas with him the Board of Land Commissioners of Nacogdoches County had only granted him a headright certificate for one-third of a league of land. He claimed that as a married man he should have received a league and labor.

On March 6, 1836, a company known as the "Nacogdoches Volunteers" was organized at Nacogdoches. Most of the men lived in the present county of Nacogdoches and adjoining counties. The organization became the First company of the Second Regiment of Texas Volunteers with Captain Arnold as its commander. The company was disbanded June 6, 1836.

In Service Record No. 7460, Captain Arnold certified that his London Yager gun was lost in the action at San Jacinto, being shot nearly off at the breech and later entirely broken and left on the field. He valued the gun at \$35.00. On January 25, 1839, he was issued Donation Certificate No. 781 for 640 acres of land for having participated in the battle of San Jacinto. His heirs on March 15, 1860,

received a Bounty Certificate for 320 acres of land due him for having served in the army for a period of three months, period of enlistment not shown.

On November 8, 1836, President Houston appointed Captain Arnold Secretary of a commission to treat with Indians. He was a member of the House of Representatives from Nacogdoches County in the first Congress of the Republic, October 3, 1836, to June 13, 1837. As late as December 20, 1838, he was district clerk, pro tem, of the Nacogdoches District.

Captain Arnold died in Nacogdoches July 3, 1839, survived by his widow, Mrs. Selena Arnold, and three children, James R., Sophonia and Hayden Arnold, Jr.

The State of Texas erected a monument at his grave in Oak Grove Cemetery, Nacogdoches, in 1936.

Mrs. Arnold died in Nacogdoches, August 3, 1840, and her son, James R. Arnold, was appointed administrator of her estate. Sophronia K. Arnold, the daughter, was married to George W. Long, and died in Rusk County in 1849, survived by her husband and two children, Sarah C. and Nancy Long. Hayden Arnold, Jr., who was an infant when Captain Arnold died, passed away prior to October 1, 1859, single.

The probate records of Nacogdoches County show that James R. Arnold, eldest son of Captain Arnold, was living in Nacogdoches County as late as October 1, 1859. They show that the two grandchildren of Captain Arnold, Sarah C. and

Nancy Long, were living with their father on a farm in Wood
and Hopkins County in 1862.