

CRISWELL, WILLIAM VANOY - Born in Kentucky, April 16, 1815. He came to Texas in February, 1830, as is stated in the headright certificate issued to him January 5, 1838 for one-third of a league of land by the Fayette County Board. He was a member of Captain Jesse Billingsley's company of "Mina Volunteers" at San Jacinto and on February 7, 1840 was issued Donation Certificate No. 1019 for 640 acres of land for having participated in the battle. He received Bounty Certificate No. 9818 for 3250 acres of land for having served in the army from September 28 to December 13, 1835, and Bounty Certificate No. 3408 for 320 acres of land for his services from March 27 to June 27, 1836.

Mr. Criswell was married to Mary E. Mickin at La Grange, February 3, 1842. Mr. Criswell died January 19, 1858 and is buried on the Kubena farm one mile southeast of Praha, Fayette County, in a marked grave.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Criswell were - Bettie, who married Calvin Jones; Sallie E., who married Simmie Lee; Mollie who married James Lyons; John H., who married Josie Jones; James Yancy, who married Aedelle Burks and Lillie Criswell, who married John Waddell.

The only two surviving grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. William V. Criswell the compiler knows of are W. Tom Jones and Mrs. Wesley B. Jones, Muldoon, Texas.

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