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Mr. Ford was living at, or near, Waelder, Gonzales County, in 1886. The Deed Records of Jefferson County, where he formerly lived,

show that he died at Flatonia, Fayette County, in 1896. The Secretary of Flatonia Chamber of Commerce wrote the compiler July 6, 1936 that he could find no record of Mr. Ford's death.

Mr. Cole P. Hopkins of Garwood, Texas informed Mr. Ike Moore at the San Jacinto monument May 29, 1939 that Mr. Ford is buried in the Pittman Cemetery about three miles west of Muldoon, Fayette County. He stated that Mr. Ford was a tenant farmer who moved to Muldoon from Gonzales County about two years before he died. Mr. Hopkins thought he died in about 1895. He stated that additional information regarding Mr. Ford might be obtained from Mr. Dade Miller or Mrs. Sallie Langston, Muldoon, Texas.

July 18, 1939

Mrs. Sallie Langston:

You are receiving two copied of this sketch, one of which you are to keep. I shall appreciate it very much if you will fill in SOME of the blanks in the other and return it in the enclosed stamped envelope to L. W. Kemp, 214 Westmoreland Avenue, Houston.

Is Mr. Ford's grave marked? _____

If so, what is the inscription on it? _____

Born in _____ on _____

Died _____

Was Mr. Ford married? _____

If so, what was the name of his wife? _____

When and where was she born? _____

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"Mr. Ford was a friend of my fathers. He would often stay at our house when I was a young boy. He would sit up until late at night telling us of the battle of San Jacinto. He died in dire poverty on a little rented farm about four or five miles west of Muldoon, Fayette County.

My father and some other men prepared him for burial. My mother took up a public subscription to bury him and to buy food for his widowed daughter and her children."

Mr. Hopkins stated that Mr. Ford is buried in an unmarked grave in the Pittman Cemetery about three miles west of Muldoon. Mr. Ford was a widower when Mr. Hopkins knew him. He does not know the name of Mr. Ford's wife and he does not know when and where Mr. and Mrs. Ford were born.

Mrs. L. W. Moore, Muldoon, Texas wrote to Mr. Houston Wade, Houston, August 14, 1939 that on that day she and Mr. Dade Miller of Muldoon visited Mr. Ford's grave in the Pittman Cemetery. A rock stands at the head of the grave. Mr. Miller helped to dig Mr. Ford's grave.

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"Since writing you the above I have learned that Mr. Ford has a son in law and Gran Son living right here in the town I do. The Son in law is named Dennis Westbrook, he is 83 years old and is totally blind and destitute. His wife is dead her name was Cintha Ann Ford. The Gran Son is named Will Westbrook, he has a large family and is very poor. Mr. Ford was married three times. His first wifes name was Martha Brack, his Second wife was named Millie Cook. He had a third wife but don't know her name. Mr. Ford had three daughters, all dead. One daughter Mary married Will Rankin, one named Martha married

Milton Kirkham, Cintha Ann married Dennis Westbrook. Mr. Ford was born near Nashville, Tenn. He is buried in a country cemetery near Muldoon, Fayette County, Texas. His grave can be found.

(signed) Cole P. Hopkins.

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