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FOSTER, JOHN RAY -- Born in Adams County, Mississippi, On November 26, 1832 he received title to one-fourth of a league of land in Austin's Third Colony situated in what is now Jackson County. In Headright Certificate No. _____ issued to him in 1838 for one-twelfth of a league of land by the Board of Land Commissioners for Austin County it is stated that he came to Texas in 1827.

On an army roll on page 106, Volume 1, of the Lamar Papers Mr. Foster is shown as having participated in the Battle of Velasco, June 26, 1832. On May 25, 1838 he was issued Bounty Certificate No. 3573 for 320 acres of land for having served in the army from October 8, 1835 to February 4, 1836. He received Bounty Certificate No. 937 for 640 acres of land December 12, 1837 for his services from April 9 to November 20, 1836. He was a member of Captain Moseley Baker's San Felipe Company at San Jacinto, and on November 13, 1839 he was issued Donation Certificate No. 945 for 640 acres of land for having participated in the battle. He was living in Lavaca County October 30, 1848 when he sold the certificate to Philip Howard for \$50.00.

Mr. Foster was married to Eliza Jones. Mr. Foster died _____ and is buried in a (marked) (unmarked) grave in _____ cemetery _____ miles _____ of _____. Mrs. Foster died _____

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Foster were (1) Sarah Jane, (2) Mattie, (3) Hattie, (4) Richard, (5) Robert, (6) Isaac, and (7) Henry Foster, all of whom are deceased.

(1) Sarah Jane Foster was married to Benjamin Franklin Byrd, son

of George and Percilla Byrd. Their surviving children are (a) Ollie, (b) Mattie, (c) Josephine, and (d) Lula Byrd.

(a) Ollie Byrd was married to Frank Friend and resides in San Angelo.

(b) Mattie Byrd was married to D. B. Jackson, and resides in Van Horn.

(c) Josephine Byrd was married to A. F. Bellows, and resides at 116 Haynes Avenue, San Antonio.

(d) Lula Byrd was married to Matthew Karnes, and resides in Sonora, Texas.

October 22, 1938

Mrs. Frank Friend
San Angelo, Texas

Dear Mrs. Friend:

For the past ten years I have been preparing brief sketches of the men who participated in the Battle of San Jacinto to use in a book I am going to have published. I am sending you two copies of the sketch I am writing of John R. Foster, one of which you are to keep. I shall appreciate it if you will suggest the name of some one for me to write to for additional information.

L. W. Kemp
214 Westmoreland Avenue
Houston, Texas

I suggest that you write to _____
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