

HAMILTON, ELIAS E. - Born in Clarksville, Georgia, in about 1816. His parents, William and Nancy (Hallums) Hamilton, had the following children: Ann, who married Charles Thompson; Louisa, who married a Mr. Burnett; Mary, who married Dr. E. G. Harris; Elizabeth, who married her cousin, Vincent Hamilton; Martha and Elias E. Hamilton.

Dr. Harris, having killed a man, joined a caravan that was leaving for Texas. Among those making the trip were Dr. Harris and wife; Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Hamilton, a Mr. Reid and Elias E. Hamilton. The caravan left Clarksville, Georgia in the fall of 1835. Mr. and Mrs. William Hamilton left for Nacogdoches January 17, 1837 to join their children. They were accompanied by their widowed daughter, Mrs. Louisa Burnett, her two little girls, and a nephew, Andrew S. Hamilton, who had just finished college and was a surveyor by profession. William Hamilton died in Nacogdoches May 3, 1837, and Mrs. Hamilton died in 1864 at her home four miles east of Nacogdoches. Mrs. Burnett died also in 1837, survived by her two small girls.

Shortly after having arrived in Texas, Elias E. Hamilton enlisted in the company recruited in Nacogdoches by Captain Thomas J. Rusk and left with that organization for Bexar, then under seige. On May 14, 1839 he was issued Bounty Certificate No. 9126 for 320 acres of land for having served in the army from October 15, 1835 to January 15, 1836. In Service Record No. 1630, it is certified that he also served in the army from March 6 to June 15, 1836. The Land Office records do not show that he applied for the 320 acres of land

due him for this service. He was a member of Captain Hayden Arnold's "Nacogdoches Company" at San Jacinto and on May 14, 1839, he received Donation Certificate No. 881 for 640 acres of land for having participated in the battle. On February 8, 1838 he was issued a Headright Certificate for one-third of a league of land by the Nacogdoches County Board.

Mr. Hamilton was never married. He was killed by his horse falling on him in Douglass, Nacogdoches County, September 30, 1840. He was buried beside his father, William Hamilton, and his sister, Mrs. Louisa Burnett, in the old Mexican cemetery, located near the Indian Mounds, southwest of where the old Mexican bull pen stood.

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