

JENNINGS, DR. JAMES D. - Probably born in Steubenville, Ohio.

His father Rev. Obadiah Jennings, D. D. after graduating at Cannonsburg Academy, now Washington and Jefferson College, studied law in the office of John Simonton of Washington, Pennsylvania, in about 1800. In perhaps the same year he moved to Steubenville, Ohio where his oldest child by his second marriage to Ann Stuart Wilson was born in 1805. Returning to Washington, Pennsylvania in 1811 he joined the Presbyterian Church, studied for the ministry, and was licensed to preach in 1816. In 1817 he accepted a call to a church in Steubenville. He returned to Washington, Pennsylvania in 1823 to occupy the pulpit of the church there. In 1828 he accepted a call to the Presbyterian Church in Nashville, Tennessee. He died in Nashville in 1832. (All of the above was furnished the compiler by Miss Harriet H. Dowe, 20 Lawrence Street, Chelsea, Massachusetts, February 16, 1940)

Dr. James D. Jennings came to Texas in 1835 as a member of a company of volunteers known as the U. S. Invincibles, commanded by Captain John W. Peacock. This company participated in the Storming and Capture of Bexar, December 5 to 10, 1835.

Dr. Jennings's name is listed on page 42 of the army rolls in the General Land Office as one of the members of Captain Joseph B. Chance's company who was detailed to guard the camp opposite Harrisburg April 21, 1836. Following his name is the notation: "in the battle." At San Jacinto he was a member of Captain William W. Hill's company. After receiving his discharge he, on May 16 re-enlisted in the army. He was issued Bounty Certificate No. \_\_\_ for 640 acres of

land for having served in the army from May 15 to November 15, 1836. He died not applying for the bounty land due him for his services in the army prior to May 15.

Dr. Thomas R. Jennings, brother of Dr. James D. Jennings, on December 17, 1858, as one of his brother's heirs applied for the land due Dr. Jennings from the State of Texas. The following information is contained in the Court of Claims files, General Land Office, in the despositions of Dr. Thomas Reed Jennings and Dr. John T. Edgar both of Nashville, Tennessee. (Additional information furnished to the compiler December 10, 1939 by Miss Harriet Hall Dowe, Chelsea, Massachusetts, has been added.)

Rev. Obadiah Jennings, D. D. was married to Ann Wilson. Their children were (1) Thomas Reed, (2) James D., (3) Ann Elizabeth, (4) Mary Stuart, (5) Sarah and (6) Rebecca Stuart Read Jennings and (7) Ellen Jennings.

(1) Thomas Read Jennings, M. D. was married to May Courtney.

(2) James D. Jennings, M. D. was never married.

(3) Ann Elizabeth Jennings was married to Henry A. Wise, Governor of Virginia. Thier children were Mary Elizabeth, who married A. Y. P. Gaunet, M. D.; Obadiah Jennings, who was killed at the battle of Roanoke Island; Ann Jennings, who was married to Frederick P. Hobson; and Henry Alexander Wise, who married Harriet Haxall.

(4) Mary Stuart Jennings was married to Franklin H. Morgan.

By this marriage there was but one child who was born in 1847 and died in 1852.

(5) Sarah Jennings was married to Harrison B. McKay. Their children were (a) Read Jennings and (b) Harrison Briggs McKay.

(a) Read Jennings McKay, M. D. was married to Mary Stuart Elliot. Their two daughters Rebecca Read McKay and Margaret Elliot McKay reside at 1419 Harrison Street, Wilmington, Delaware.

(b) Harrison Briggs McKay was married to a Spanish lady, a daughter of a Governor of the Canary Islands, Josephine Monti Verdi. They had ten children who reside in the Canary Islands.

(6) Rebecca Stuart Read Jennings was married to George Campbell Childress. Mr. Childress died at Galveston October 6, 1841. Mrs. Childress died at the home of her uncle Dr. Samuel Kennedy Jennings at Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Childress were (a) Ellen and (b) Annie Childress.

(a) Ellen Childress was married to Dr. Henderson Pearce Crute. Three of their children lived to become adults, Kate Belle, Frank Jennings and William Dowe Crute.

Katie Belle Crute, who later called herself Kathleen was married to Allen Dale Smith of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Their son Allen Dale Smith, Jr. volunteered with the Canadian forces and died from exposure doing military duty in Canada. He married a daughter of an English officer and had a son.

(b) Annie Childress was married to William Dexter Dowe. The only child of this union, Miss Harriet Hall Dowe, resides in Melrose, Massachusetts.

(7) Ellen Jennings was never married.

Dr. John T. Edgar in his deposition stated that Dr. James D. Jennings had died in Clinton, Mississippi in 1839. He said the house where he died had been pointed out to him.

Dr. Jennings' heirs received his headright certificate for one-third of a league of land in compliance with an Act of the Legislature, approved February 8, 1854. The heirs evidently sold or gave their interest in the other land due Dr. Jennings to Kathleen Belle Crute Smith of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, grand-niece of Dr. Jennings for on February 13, 1860 she was issued Donation Certificate No. 138 for 640 acres of land due Dr. Jennings for having participated in the battle of San Jacinto.

(Born in Tennessee)