

RECTOR, ELBRIDGE GERRY --Born in Sevier County, Tennessee February 19, 1816. In Headright Certificate No. 205 issued to him in 1838 for one-third of a league of land by the Board of Land Commissioners for Fort Bend County it is stated that he came to Texas in December, 1835. He was issued Bounty Certificate No. 253 for 640 acres of land April 16, 1847 for having served in the army from March 1 to September 1, 1836. He was a member of Captain William H. Patton's Columbia Company and was on February 17, 1840 issued Donation Certificate No. 1022 for 640 acres of land for having participated in the Battle of San Jacinto. On page 232 of the army rolls in the General Land Office there is an affidavit signed June 21, 1856 by Colonel Jesse Benton, Jr. in which he stated that Mr. Rector was wounded in an arm in the battle.

Mr. Rector was married to Amanda M. McFarlane. Mr. Rector died October 19, 1902 while an honorary member of the Texas Veterans Association. Mrs. Rector, born in Warren County, Tennessee in April 1831, died in December, 1927. Mr. and Mrs. Rector are buried in the Masonic Cemetery in Merced, California.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Rector were William Fielding, Thomas Blackstone, Elbridge Nelson, Mary Elizabeth and Dollie Rector. Their surviving grandchildren are William and Thomas Rector of Merced, California. Judge N. A. Rector of Laredo, Texas, is a nephew.