

SMITH, WILLIAM H. - Migrated to Texas in 1830, as is stated in the headright certificate issued to him August 2, 1838 for one-third of a league of land by the Board of Land Commissioners for Washington County. In 1834 he was living at Tenoxtitlan, the site of which is in the present county of Burleson. From there removed to Washington County. On December 12, 1835, he received ten leagues of land from Williams, Johnson and Feebles. On December 29, 1835, he was appointed First Lieutenant of infantry by the General Council of the Provisional Government. He commanded one of the two cavalry companies at San Jacinto. His Donation Certificate No. 539 was issued September 10, 1836. He was issued Bounty Certificate No. 9438 for 320 acres of land for having served in the army from September 10 to December 2, 1835. Bounty Certificate No. 4275 for 1280 acres was issued him for his services from December 2, 1835, to December 3, 1836. On December 7, 1836, he was appointed Major of a battalion of mounted riflemen with headquarters at Nashville, the site of which is in the present county of Milam, Captain Thomas Robbins succeeding him in command of his former company. This is shown in Comptroller's Military Service Record No. 3139.

The Probate Minutes of Washington County, Book B, page 45, show that Major Smith died in Washington County in 1843. James Hall was appointed administrator of his estate June 26, 1843.

Note: Captain Thomas J. Rusk's Company in 1835 Blake