

BOSTICK, SION RECORD - Born in Alabama, December 7, 1819. In the headright certificate issued to him January 8, 1838 for one-third of a league of land by the Board of Land Commissioners for Austin County it is certified that he came to Texas in 1831. He came with his parents who first settled for a few months in what is now Shelby County and then moved to San Felipe. Later they settled on the Colorado River near where Columbus now stands and there the father died in 1833.

Mr. Bostick's name appears on the San Jacinto rolls printed in 1836 as a member of Captain Moseley Baker's Company. After the battle he joined Captain William H. Patton's Company. Colonel Jesse Benton, Jr. commanded this company from July 20, 1836 until it was disbanded and on June 21, 1856 Colonel Benton sent to Governor E. M. Pease the names of all of the men who had served from first to last in Captain Patton's Company. Those who participated in the battle of San Jacinto are separated from those who did not. The names of Levi T. and Sion Bostick are listed among those who were not at San Jacinto (Page 233 of the Army rolls in the General Land Office). In the Comptroller's Military Service Record No. 410 it is certified that he served in the army from March 11 to May 29, 1836. He was entitled to receive 320 acres of land for the service but the Land Office records do not show that he applied for it. He assigned his rights to Donation Certificate No. 64 for 640 acres of land due him for having participated in the battle of San Jacinto to Philip Howard for \$75.00, October 23, 1838. The certificate was issued March 8, 1847 in Mr. Bostick's name.

On page 62 of the army rolls Mr. Bostick is shown as having en-

listed in Captain Benjamin F. Reaville's Company July 1, 1836 and on August 30, 1838 Bounty Certificate No. 4236 was issued in his name for 320 acres of land for having served in the army from July 1 to October 1, 1836.

Mr. Sion R. Bostick was married to Susan Townsend, daughter of Acye Townsend, April 4, 1839 in Colorado County. Mrs. Bostick died in 1856 and Mr. Bostick later married Mary Indiana (Mollie) Rhodes. Mr. Bostick died October 15, 1902 of cancer at San Saba while a member of the Texas Veterans Association. He is buried in a marked grave in Odd Fellows Cemetery there. Mrs. Bostick died in March, 1918 at Goldthwaite, Texas.

Children of Mr. Bostick in order of birth were: (1) James, who died in infancy, (2) Susan La Manda, (3) Martha, (4) Lavene, (5) Volney, (6) Hannah Elizabeth, (7) Joshua and (8) Hicks Bostick.

(2) Susan La Manda Bostick was married to William Cummins. Their surviving children are Robert Cummins, Gilmer, Lycurgus Cummins, Flatonio and Leonard Cummins, Holdenville, Oklahoma.

(3) Martha Bostick was married to Jim Thompson. Their surviving children are Will Thompson, Austin; Mary Thompson who married Henry Key and Nora Thompson.

(4) Lavene Bostick was married to Cull Mens. Their children are Tom Mens, Hallettsville and Arthur Mens, Gonzales.

(5) Surviving children of Volney Bostick, sons of Sion R. Bostick are Decker Bostick, Grant Bostick, Edna Bostick, who married Dan Carley, San Saba and Sion R. Bostick, Jr.

(6) Hannah Elizabeth Bostick, daughter of Sion R. Bostick who married H. E. Watson. She is the only surviving child of Mr. Bostick and resides at 10 Marsden Street, Houston. She was first married to William A. Meneley and after his death to Mr. Watson. Her children were by her first husband. They are Abbie Meneley, who married J. S. Gibson and resides at Gonzales; Lazattia Meneley, who married George R. Weir and resides at 10 Marsden Street, Houston; Laura Meneley, who married Robert Whitten and resides in Vaughan, New Mexico; Kate Meneley, who married Alfred Hartman and resides at Skidmore; Sion Meneley, resides at Dilworth; John Meneley, Westhoff, and Hannah Elizabeth Meneley, who married Gilbert Clement and resides at No. 10 Marsden Street, Houston.

(7) Joshua Bostick, Sr., was married to Sallie Hoffman. Their surviving children are Mrs. Blake Wooten, Next, Texas; Amos Bostick, Rotan; Joshua Bostick, South Plains, Texas and Green Bostick, Matador.

After the death of his wife Mr. Joshua Bostick, Sr. was married to Ida Rainey. Their surviving children are Mrs. H. D. Dillingham, Amherst; Mrs. L. Latham, Clairmont; Mrs. A. L. Gray, Middlewater; John Bostick, Rotan; Aoye Bostick, Rotan; Mrs. J. J. Green, Rotan and Mrs. E. R. Mueller, 449 Clinton Street, Abilene, Texas.

Hicks Bostick was married to Mollie Olive. Their surviving children are Mrs. Walter Wilson, Richland Springs; Emma, who married Claude Ford and after their separation to Frank McClair. She lives in Llano; Willie Bostick married Albert Wilson, a brother of Walter Wilson; Thomas J. Bostick, who resides at Arizona; Mollie, who

married Charles King.

Mr. Bostick was a member of the Texas Veterans Association and in 1873 was living in Bostickville, Gonzales County. He moved to San Saba, Mills County in 1888 and was for a time engaged in the freighting business. Later he ran a hotel. He died October 15, 1902 and is buried in a marked grave in the cemetery at San Saba.

A written statement by Mr. Bostick on May 31, 1900 concerning some of the important incidents of his life was published in the Quarterly of the Texas Historical Association in October, 1901. From this the following was extracted:

Capt. Moseley Baker told me on the morning of the 22nd (April) to scout around on the prairie and see if I could find any escapint Mexicans. I went and fell in with two other scouts, one of whom was named Joel Robinson, and the other Henry Sylvester. We had horses that we had captured from the Mexicans. When we were about eight miles from the battle field, about one o'clock, we saw the head and shoulders of a man above the tall sedge grass, walking through the prairie. As soon as we saw him we started towards him in a gallop. When he discovered us, he squatted in the grass; but we soon came to the place. As we rode up we aimed out guns at him and told him to surrender. He held up his hands, and spoke in Spanish, but I could not understand him. He was dressed like a common soldier with dingy looking white uniform. Under the uniform he had on a fine shirt. As we went back to camp the prisoner rode behind Robinson a while and then rode behind Sylvester. I was the youngest and smallest of the party, and I would not agree to let him ride behind me. I wanted to shoot him. We did not know who he was. He was tolerably dark skinned, weighed about one hundred and forty-five pounds, and wore side whiskers. When we got to camp, the Mexican soldiers, then prisoners, saluted him and said, "el presidents." We knew then that we had made a big haul. All three of us who had captured him were angry at ourselves for not killing him out on the prairie, to be consumed by the wolves and buzzards. We took him to General Houston, who was wounded and lying under a big oak tree.