

WERTZNER, CHRISTIAN GOTTHELF - On page 1, Book B, list of applicants for land in Austin's Colonies it is shown that when Mr. Wertzner applied for land November 24, 1832 he stated that he was 32 years of age. He did not get the land and in 1838 he received an unnumbered headright certificate for one-third of a league from the Board of Land Commissioners of Fayette County. In the certificate it is stated that he came to Texas in 1830. In his will filed in the County Clerk's Office in La Grange, Fayette County, Mr. Wertzner states that he was born in Welkenstein, near Menenburg, Kingdom of Saxony, Germany.

Mr. Wertzner, received Bounty Certificate No. 4210 for 320 acres of land, August 18, 1838 for having served in the army from February 1 to May 10, 1836. He was a member of Captain William J. E. Heard's company of Citizen Soldiers at San Jacinto and on May 17, 1839 he was issued Donation Certificate No. 894 for 640 acres of land for having participated in the battle. On August 18, 1838 he received Bounty Certificate No. 4211 for 320 acres for his services from July 20 to November 13, 1836.

Mr. Wertzner was married to Caroline Gosiken in Fayette County September 21, 1840. He signed his will May 27, 1852 and it was opened for probate June 28th of that year. He died in Fayette County.

The following is from a letter written by Mrs. Sophia Steves dated at Fayetteville, Texas, December 5, 1933 and addressed to Mr. Houston Wade, Houston, Texas:

"Your request for information concerning Christian Gottchelf Wertzner, I can add only the additional fact that Charles Christian

Wertzner of Bastrop, Texas now deceased, was a nephew and only relative in America.

My brother-in-law, B. G. Wertzner, is one of the sons of Charles Christian Wertzner. He knows nothing concerning the family connections of C. G. Wertzner in Germany."

The State of Texas had a monument erected at Mr. Wertzner's grave in 1936.