

WINTERS, WILLIAM CARVIN - Born in Giles County, Tennessee in 1809, son of James and Rhoda (Beal) Winters. He came to Texas in 1835 with his parents and their children with the exception of James W. and John F. Winters, who had arrived in 1834. The children in order of birth were: William C., Vina Bridges, Caroline, Frant Fannin, James Jones, James W., John F., Nancy, Polly, Sarah Drucilla, Benjamin Franklin, Lillian Ellen, Willis, Billington, Taylor, and Susan Bernice Winters. The family settled in what is now Montgomery County. The town of old Waverly was later located on the Winter's land. On October 30, 1835 William C. Winters received title to one league of land in Vehlein's Colony situated in the present county of San Jacinto. On February 1, 1838 he received Headright Certificate No. 296 for one labor of land from the Board of Land Commissioners of Montgomery County. In the certificate it is stated that he came to Texas in 1835.

William C., James W. and John F. Winters were in Captain William Ware's company at San Jacinto. William C. was second sergeant. On June 28, 1838, he was issued Donation Certificate No. 386 for 640 acres of land for having participated in the battle. On January 24, 1861 he received a league of land for having been wounded at San Jacinto. He was shot in a knee. In Comptroller's Military Service Record No. 8026 it is certified that he served in the army from March 12, to May 3, 1836. For this service he was issued Bounty Certificate No. 767 for 320 acres of land.

Mr. Winters was married to Vina Bridges. Mrs. Winters is buried in the Longview Cemetery near Bog Foot, Frio County. Mr. Winters died

near Wimberly, Hzys County, in 1863.

Mr. J. W. Crouch, 1714 North Hamilton Street, San Antonio, wrote the following of Mr. Winters:

"Seeking health he located in the mountains at the headwaters of the Blanco River; built a water grist mill and saw mill; made plows, hoes, and wagons for famrs, spinning wheels and looms for the homes, also chairs, bedsteads and candles; made and brazed cow bells; made common nails and household utensils."

Children of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Winters, all of whom are deceased, were (1) Rhoda, (2) James, (3) Emeline, (4) Carolina, (5) Naomi, (6) John, (7) Willis, (8) William, (9) and (10) Twins, who died in infancy.

It is not known to whom Rhoda and John Winters were married. Caroline, Willis and William Winters were never married.

(2) James Winters was married to Amanda Davidson. Their children were (a) Thomas, (b) Nathaniel and (c) Vina Winters.

(a) Thomas Winters lives at Kyote, Texas.

(b) Nathaniel Winters is deceased.

(c) Vina Winters was married to John Crawford. She and her husband are deceased.

(3) Emeline Winters was married four times in the following order: to J. M. Thomas, E. Starr, Frank Kniber and James Conley. Her children by J. M. Thomas were (a) John, (b) Ila, (c) Bell, (d) William, and (e) Rufus Thomas.

(a) John Thomas lives at Bigfoot, Texas.

(b) Ila Thomas was married to Mattie Weaver. Mr. Thomas is living in Arizona.

(c) Bell Thomas was married to Will Davidson. Both are deceased.

(d) William Thomas lives at \_\_\_\_\_.

(e) Rufus Thomas lives at \_\_\_\_\_.

(5) Naomi Winters was married to J. M. Cude. Their children were (a) Rhoda, (b) Naomi, (c) Vina, (d) Nina, (e) Thomas and (f) Lillie and Van Cude..

(a) Rhoda Cude was married to Abe Holms. Both are deceased.

(b) Naomi Cude was married to George W. Henson and resides at Big Foot, Texas.

(c) Vina Cude is deceased.

(d) Nina Cude is deceased.

(e) Thomas Cude lives in San Antonio.

(f) Lillie Cude is deceased.