

BUFORD, THOMAS YOUNG -- Born in South Carolina, August 5, 1814. In Headright Certificate No. 384 issued to him March 3, 1838 for one league and one labor of land by the Nacogdoches County Board of Land Commissioners it is stated that he came to Texas previous to May 2, 1835. In the certificate of character issued to him June 2, 1835 by Juan Eugenio Mischamps, Alcalde pro tem, it is stated that Mr. Buford was at that time single but it does not say in it when he came to Texas. That he arrived in April, 1835, is shown in the proceedings of the Nacogdoches County Board of Land Commissioners in Docket No. 470, Thomas Y. Buford, in which Thos. J. Rusk and Adolphus Sterne testified that each of them had "known him since April, 1835, married since Declaration of Independence, performed services in the Army."

Mr. Buford was a member of Company J, Cavalry, commanded by Captain William H. Smith at San Jacinto, and on April 23, 1847, his estate received Donation Certificate No. 72 for 640 acres of land due him for having participated in the battle. In Comptroller's Military Service Record No. 4318 it is certified that he served in the army from March 27 to September 27, 1836. He was promoted to First Lieutenant and put on detached service June 10th and sent to Nacogdoches to recruit for the army.

After the Battle of San Jacinto Mr. Buford was married to Mary B. Simpson, daughter of John J. and Jane M. Simpson, a well-to-do and prominent family of early Nacogdoches. Her brothers and sisters were: William M. Simpson, who married Mrs. Letitia Buford; Jane Caroline Simpson, who married A. A. Nelson; Victor J. Simpson, who first

married Harriet Arnold and later Nannie E. Gilkerson; Fannie A. Simpson, who married Condy Raquet; S. Emily Simpson, who married John S. Griffith; Florence R. Simpson, who married a Mr. Edwards; Augustus J. Simpson, who married Emma J. Kyle, and Isaac J. Simpson.

Mr. Buford died on his farm near Nacogdoches August 23, 1839, survived by his widow and two infant daughters, Mary T. and Susan Jane Buford. William B. Buford afterwards married the widow of Thomas Y. Buford and reared both of the daughters to womanhood.

Mary T. Buford, daughter of Thomas Y. Buford, was born _____. She was married to Robert G. Edwards, son of _____ and _____. Edwards. Mr. Edwards was born _____ and died _____. Mrs. Edwards died _____ at _____.

Surviving descendants of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Edwards are R. Y. Edwards, 323 Hicks Street, San Antonio; Mrs. F. J. Swann, 323 Hicks Street, San Antonio; Mrs. Mamie Killpatrick 323 Hicks, San Antonio; and Mrs. Lottie Moore, Coweta, Oklahoma.

After the death of Mr. Robert G. Edwards his widow was married to T. Watson. There was one child of this union who is now Mrs. Earl Wright, Coweta, Oklahoma.

Susan Jane Buford, daughter of Thomas Y. Buford, was born _____. She was married to William Thomas, son of _____ and _____ Thomas. Mr. Thomas was born _____ and died _____. Mrs. Thomas died at _____ on _____.

Surviving descendants of Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas are William B. Thomas, Sulphur Springs; James E. Thomas, Sulphur Springs, H. Bascom

Thomas, Dallas; E. Marvin Thomas, Dallas; and McTier Thomas, Wichita Falls, Texas. Mr. J. Buford Harrison, P. O. Box 41, Sulphur Springs, Texas, is a grandson of Wm. R. Buford, who married the widow of Thos. Y. Buford.

November 3, 1938

Mrs. Mamie Killpatrick

323 Hicks Street, San Antonio

I am trying to write sketches of the men who participated in the Battle of San Jacinto. You are receiving two copies of this sketch, one of which you are to keep. I shall appreciate it if you will fill in some of the blanks in the other and return it to me in the stamped envelope enclosed.

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