

CUNNINGHAM, LEANDER CALVIN - Born in the eastern part of Tennessee, July 10, 1810, youngest of the nine children of James and Margaret (Cunningham) Cunningham. The family moved to Alabama in 1815 and at Hanceville, Cullman County, Alabama, Leander C. Cunningham was admitted to the bar. He came to Texas in 1833, as is stated in the Headright Certificate issued to him by the Bastrop County Board, and settled at Bastrop, where he was one of the first, if not the first, practitioner of law. His father settled at Bastrop in 1837 and there the father died in 1844. ✓

Mr. Cunningham was a member of Captain Jesse Billingsley's Company of "Mina (Bastrop) Volunteers" at San Jacinto, and on June 6, 1838, he was issued Donation Certificate No. 293 for 640 acres of land for having participated in the battle. At the same time he received Bounty Certificate No. 3713 for 320 acres of land for having served in the army from March 1 to June 1, 1836.

After the revolution Mr. Cunningham engaged in the mercantile business. He later served three terms as county judge of Bastrop County. In 1860 he moved to Alleyton, Colorado County, where he engaged in the commission business. He purchased many Confederate bonds, and in consequence was wrecked financially. In 1866 he moved to Columbus. In 1874 he became the first agent at Waelder, Gonzales County, for the Southern Pacific Railroad, holding that position for fourteen years.

Judge Cunningham was married in 1838 at Bastrop to Mrs. Ann (Sloan) Slaughter, widow of _____ Slaughter and daughter of Bryan and Nan (King) Sloan. Mrs. Cunningham was born near Frankfort, Kentucky, _____, and died at Waelder, June 19, 1895. Judge Cunningham died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. G. Walker, in Seguin, December 24,

1896. He was a member of the Texas Veterans Association. His remains were shipped to Waelder and placed in the cemetery there by the side of those of his wife.

Children of Judge and Mrs. Cunningham, all of whom are deceased, were Ann Dursilla Cunningham, who died at the age of eight; James Louis Cunningham, who was married to Henrietta Manlove; Andrew David Cunningham, who was never married; Maria Caroline Cunningham, who was married to Dr. J. G. Walker of Seguin; Harriett Jane Cunningham, who was married to Ibsan W. Middlebrook of Columbus; and Virginia Frances Cunningham who was married to Benjamin M. Baker of Columbus.

James L. and Henrietta (Manlove) Cunningham had four children: Louis Charles, Mary Emily, Ben, and William Chauncey. Ben Cunningham died in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1940. Louis C. Cunningham and William Cunningham are living in Washington, D. C., 1510 Newton Street, N. E. and May (Cunningham) Donaldson is living in Houston. Each of these children married and had one or more children. There are eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren of James L. and Henrietta (Manlove) Cunningham.

Maria Caroline (Cunningham) and J. G. Walker had two children: Wycks and Cora G.

Harriet Jane (Cunningham) and Ibsan W. Middlebrook had five children: Earl S. (deceased), Ibbie, Robert M. (deceased), Ray and Percy C.

Virginia Frances (Cunningham) and Benjamin M. Baker had three children: Andrew, Ada, and Bennie.

A photograph of Mr. Cunningham is on page 354, History of Southwest Texas.