

EARL, WILLIAM -- Born in Rapides Parish, Louisiana, August 6, 1811, a son of Matthew and Nancy Earl. In the headright certificate issued to Matthew Earl by the Sabine County Board of Land Commissioners for a league and labor of land it is stated that he had arrived in Texas in 1824; and in the headright certificate issued to William Earl February 1, 1838 by the Sabine County Board for one-third of a league it is stated that he came to Texas in 1824.

William Earl was a member of Captain Benjamin F. Bryant's Sabine Company at San Jacinto. In an affidavit in the Pension Papers signed by him and dated in Houston County December 2, 1870, he stated that he served in Captain Bryant's Company from March 31 to May 2, 1836.

In 1841 Mr. Earl was sheriff of Sabine County. In about 1860 he moved to Houston County and later to Trinity County. He was married to Amanda White, an adopted daughter of James T. White. Mrs. Earl at her death was buried in Mount Zion Cemetery near Wakefield, Polk County, Texas. Mr. Earl died at Pennington, Trinity County, January 6, 1873, and is buried in the cemetery there.

An Affidavit made by the only two children of Mr. and Mrs. Earl, Richard E. and Ada T. Earl, is in the Pension Papers in the Archives of the State Library Austin, dated at Homer, Angelina County, Texas, November 23, 1874. The following was extracted from it: "... and that the said William Earl was born in Rapids Parish in the State of Louisiana on the 6th day of August, 1811,--and that he immigrated to Texas in the year, 1821, and that he was enlisted and served as a soldier in behalf of the Texas cause, in the Revolution that separated

Texas from Mexico,--that he was a private in Capt Grayson's company, Regiment of Col James Bullock, Sabine County Troops, and that he was engaged with his said command in the fight with the Mexican forces at Nacogdoches on the 2nd day of August in the year 1832 was afterwards regularly engaged as a Texas Soldier in said Revolution and participated in the fight at San Jacinto in April 1836--was honorably discharged from the service....."

Richard E. Earl, only surviving child of Mr. and Mrs. William Earl, lives at Pennington, Texas. He was married to Nannie Nixon. Mrs. Earl died at Winnsboro, Louisiana. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Earl were Clarence E., William S., Tom T., Hubbard N., and Edward M Earl, Mrs. Carrie Hais, Mrs. Jessie Wiley, and Mrs. Mary Thames.

Ada T. Earl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Earl, was married to S. E. Buffington. Mr. Buffington died at Pennington March 11, 1900. Mrs. Buffington died there March 31, 1931. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Buffington were Mary, who was married to J. E. Wright and now lives at Glazier, Texas; Alonzo Earl, who married Anna Shuffield and now resides in Pennington; Conie James, who was married to Stella Wilson and now lives at Lake Village, Arkansas; Callie, who married Troy Seal and now resides in Pennington; and Charlie Richard, who was married to Virgie Davis and resides at Pennington; Neva, who married James Morris and now lives in Crecy, Trinity County; Robert Richard, who married Hallie Starling and resides in Pennington; Miss Lucille Buffington, who lives in Houston, Texas; and Linnie Buffington, who married Edward Cravens and now resides at Pennington.