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HAWKINS, WILLIAM WASHINGTON. Born in Washington, Mississippi, May 1, 1812, and came to Texas in 1829. He applied for land in Austin's Colony, as is shown in the Spanish Archives, December 24, 1832, the same day that General Sam Houston made application. He received title to one-fourth of a league of land in Austin's second colony, two thirds of which was surveyed in what is now Lee County, and one-third in the present county of Burleson. He was issued a Headright Certificate for one twelfth of a league of land by the Washington County Board, July 5, 1838 having previously received one-fourth of a league.

In Service Record No. 1613 it is certified that Mr. Hawkins enlisted July 20, 1835, in Captain George W. Barrett's Company; enlisted March 1, 1836, in Captain William W. Hill's Company; fought at San Jacinto; was discharged May 30, 1836, and allowed eight days in which to reach home. He was issued Bounty Certificate No. 3871 for 320 acres of land for serving in the army from March 1 to June 1, 1836.

Mr. Hawkins is shown on an original roll as a member of Captain W. Hill's company at muster April 11, 1836. He was enlisted by Captain Joseph P. Lynch at Asa Mitchell's in Washington County. He was described as being 5 feet, 6 inches high; of dark complexion, with hazel eyes and brown hair. The Probate Minutes of Washington County disclose that Mr. Hawkins was a brother-in-law of Ashley R. Stephens, who was mortally wounded at the battle of San Jacinto.

Mr. Hawkins was issued Donation Certificate No. 170 on May 22, 1838; for 640 acres of land for having participated in the battle of San Jacinto.

On September 29, 1851 Mr. Hawkins was married to Miss Janet B. Edwards, daughter of a Dr. William Edwards and Mrs. Ellenor Hood Edwards, in Burleson County. Mrs. Hawkins was born in Tennessee and died in Texas, May 25, 1874. Mr. Hawkins died July 6, 1886 and was buried beside his wife at Early Chapel Cemetery near Lexington, Lee County, Texas.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins were Augustus, William Robert, Sophia Elizabeth, Thomas Jefferson, Vitula, Susan Kiska, Louis Napoleon and Eugene Adolphus. Augustus, William Robert, Louis Napoleon and Sophia Elizabeth and Thomas Jefferson Hawkins are dead and all are buried in the Early Chapel Cemetery, except William Robert who died in La Salle County,. Vitula, Eugene Adolphua and Susan Kiska are alive.

Vitula Hawksin was born May 29, 1860. She was first married to William Mathis. Their children were Rufus, Matilda, who married a Mr. Whitehead; Hallie, who married a Mr. Weir; Roy and Eugene Mathis. At the death of Mr. Mathis, his widow was married to Mr. J. Sills. Mr. and Mrs. Sills live near Thrall, Texas. Mrs. Sills is blind.

Susan Kiska Hawkins was born January 13, 1863. She was married to Zackary Taylor Ball who died January 4, 1926. Mrs. Ball lives near Thrall, Texas, R. F. D. 2. Their children were Mary, who married a Mr. Dickerson; Ellen, who married Mr. Stubbs; Frank; Sarah, who married J. G. Smith, Eugene A; Emma V. who married a Mr. Wilson and is living at Brownsville; Minnie Estell who married a Mr. Stubbs and is living at Victoria and Nora who married a Mr. Rudolph Phillips,

and Jesse Lee Ball who is living at Ingram, Texas.

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Mrs. S. K. Ball
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Thrall, Texas
% J. G. Smith

Mr. Hawkins was married to
Sophia E. Ridgeway in Burleson
County, June 7, 1847.