

PATE, WILLIAM H. -- In the Pension Papers in the Archives of the Texas State Library there is an affidavit by Mr. Pate in which he stated that he was born in Georgia and had arrived in Texas in January, 1836. It is also stated that he came to Texas in January, 1836 in the headright certificate issued to him for one-third of a league of land by the Board of Land Commissioners of Houston County.

Mr. Pate was a member of Captain Benjamin F. Bryant's Company at San Jacinto and on June 20th, 1838 he was issued Donation Certificate No. 348 for 640 acres of land for having participated in the battle. On June 20, 1838 he received Bounty Certificate No. 3898 for 320 acres for having served in the army from March 29, to April 29, 1836, when he was discharged for disability. He was living in Harrisburg County in 1839 and in 1856 he was a member of Woodville (Masonic) Lodge No. 62, Woodville, Texas.

Mr. Pate died in Victor, Krath County, August 29, 1879 while a member of the Texas Veterans Association. The following inscription is on the tombstone at his grave:

"Wm. H. Pate
Born
Oct. 31, 1813
Died
Aug. 29, 1879

Farewell my Wife and Children all
From you a father Christ doth call
Mourn not for me it is in vain
To call me to your sight again."

On Mrs. Pate's tombstone is the following inscription:

"Jane Pate
Born

Mar. 10, 1837

Died

Mar. 18, 1906

Rest, Mother in Quiet Sleep

While friends in sorrow

O'er thee weep."

Mr. T. S. Ross, Gorman, Texas in a letter to the compiler
February 27, 1936 said: "I learn that Mr. and Mrs. Pate had two
sons and two daughters. Some of the old citizens of Victor might
be able to furnish more information."