

RECTOR, BENDLETON - Born in Tennessee, November 8, 1807, a son of Rev. Morgan and Amelia (Carter) Rector, who came to Texas in 1830. In Headright Certificate No. 146 for one-third of a league of land issued to Bendleton Rector in 1838 by the Board of Land Commissioners of Brazoria County it is merely stated that he arrived in Texas before May 2, 1835, but in the certificate issued to his brother, Claiborne Rector, it is stated that he came to Texas in January, 1830. On page 104 Vol. 1, Papers of Mirabeau Buonaparte Lamar it is shown that he participated in the battle of Velasco in June, 1832. In the 1874 Year Book of the Texas Veterans Association, of which he was a member, it is stated that he participated in the campaign of 1835. In Comptroller's Military Service Record No. 172 it is stated that he enlisted in the army March 1 and served until September 1, 1836, when he was discharged at Velasco. On October 26, 1848 he was issued Bounty Certificate No. 675 for 320 acres of land for his services from March 1 to May 29, 1836. He was a member of Captain William H. Patton's Columbia Company at San Jacinto and on October 26, 1838 he received Donation Certificate No. 129 for 640 acres of land for having participated in the battle. On page 51 of the army rolls in the General Land Office he is shown as a member of Captain Byrd Lockhart's Company on July 5, 1836. On page 232 it is stated that Colonel Jesse Benton, Jr. succeeded in command of Captain Patton's Company July 23, 1836 and that on a roll of the company prepared by Colonel Benton Mr. Rector is listed as Second Lieutenant. Peter Harper left the army April 27th and Mr. Rector succeeded him as Second Lieutenant.

During the War between the States Mr. Rector was Captain of the Cibolo Guards, 30th Brigade, Confederate army, stationed at Lavernia, Wilson County, in 1861.

Mr. Rector made his home for many years at Brazoria. On April 20, 1848 at Seguin, he was married to Mary Jane Bridges and to them were born two children, Margaret and Stephen C. The family moved to Prairie Lea, Caldwell County, where Mrs. Rector who was born in Illinois, M March 26, 1832, died October 6, 1875, and Mr. Rector died March 10, 1888, while a member of the Texas Veterans Association. Mr. and Mrs. Rector are buried in marked graves in the Happle cemetery in Guadalupe County eighteen miles east of Seguin.

Margaret Rector, daughter of Pendleton Rector, was married to Oliver H. Gregg. Their children were Eleanor, who married Calvin S. Tuttle and resides at San Marcos; Charlotte, who married Will R. Williams and resides at Martindale, and A. Pendleton Gregg, who resides at Rt. 2, Kingsbury, Texas.

Mr. Stephen C. Rector, only surviving child of Mr. and Mrs. Pendleton Rector, was married to Martha R. Smith, Mr. Rector resides at R. F. D. No. 2, Kingsbury, Texas.

Surviving children of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen C. Rector are Miss Maë O. Rector, Emily, who married Harrison M. Daugherty and resides at El Paso; and Robert P. Rector who married Mille Shanklin and resides at Route 2, Kingsbury, Texas.