

TOWNSEND, SPENCER BURTON - Born in Floriad, April 14, 1812, a son of Thomas and Mary Elizabeth (Stapleton) Townsend. He came to Texas sometime between May 2, 1835 and March 2, 1836. In the head-right certificate issued to him January 23, 1838 for one-third of a league of land from the Board of Land Commissioners of Colorado County it is simply stated that he arrived prior to March 2, 1836. Had he arrived before May 2, 1835 this would have been stated in the certificate. Mr. Burton and his brother Stephen appeared before the Colorado Board on the same day. Stephen Townsend stated that he arrived in Texas in 1833. Spencer said that he had arrived prior to March 2, 1836.

Mr. Townsend was a member of Captain William H. Smith's Company of Cavalry at San Jacinto and on July 28, 1851 was issued Donation Certificate No. 352 for 640 acres of land for having participated in the battle. On July 28, 1851 he received Bounty Certificate No. 902 for 320 acres of land for having served in the army from February 1, to May 12, 1836. This he assigned July 28, 1851, while living in Fayette County, to Stephen Townsend. In Comptroller's Military Service Record No. 84 it is stated that he enlisted in Captain Stephen Townsend's Ranging Company February 1, 1836.

Mr. Townsend was married to Louisa H. Dillard, who was born in Tennessee in 1820 and died in Texas, November 11, 1889. She is buried in Weimar. Mrs. Townsend was a Baptist; her husband a Methodist. Mr. Townsend was a Mason, first joining the order at La Grange. He died near Oakland, Colorado County, Texas December 13, 1857 and

is buried in the old Shiloh Cemetery near there. His grave is lost.

Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Townsend, three of whom died in infancy. The others were (1) Spencer Burton (2) Jane Elizabeth (3) Louisa (4) James (5) Mary Lucretia (6) Minerva Ann Augusta and (7) Keetie Blanche Townsend.

(1) Spencer Burton Townsend was married to Mrs. Mary Jane Reese Bonner. Mr. Townsend died in Beaumont in 1933. Mrs. Townsend resides at 1425 McFaddin Street, Beaumont. Their only child, Nancy Louisa, was married to a Mr. Hargreaves.

(2) Jane Elizabeth Townsend was married to Hiram Brown of Galveston. Mr. Brown is dead. Mrs. Brown lives with a daughter in Galveston. Their children were (a) Lulah who was married to J. P. Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Williams reside at 3528 Avenue K, Galveston. (b) Jennie Augusta was married a Mr. Phillips and resides with him in San Antonio. (c) Ora, who was married to Laddie Boone. Mrs. Boone is dead. (d) Jennie Lee who was married to J. H. Hudgins. Mr. and Mrs. Hudgins reside at 4316 Floyd Street, Houston.

(3) Louisa Townsend was married to Gus Clements. Mr. and Mrs. Clements are dead.

(4) James Townsend, deceased.

(5) Mary Lucretia Townsend was married to William Dudley. Mr. Dudley is dead. Mrs. Dudley resides with her daughter Mrs. Van Campbell in San Antonio. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley were John, Stoge, William, Nonnie and Luanes. Luanes was married to Claude Campbell and resides with her husband in Sherman, Texas.

(6) Minerva Ann Townsend was married to John Henry Watts. Mr. Watts is dead. Mrs. Watts resides in New Orleans. Their children were E. H. Watts of Gulfport, Mississippi, John H. Watts, Jr., New Orleans, Daisy, Anna, who resides at 2127 Auduborn Street, New Orleans, and Charles Watts who is dead.

(7) Keetie Blanche Townsend was born August 4, 1858. She was married to Sam Houston Reese, who lived at Columbus, Texas, March 16, 1899. Mrs. Reese resides at 604 West Twelfth Street, Austin. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Reese were (a) Nuddie Ela Reese, who was married to Dr. Joe F. Lessing Box 357 Schulenburg, Texas (b) John Walter Reese who was married to Ethel Cox of El Paso, Texas. Mr. Reese is dead. (c) Spencer Herbert Reese was married to Ivangh Isle of Columbus, Texas. Mr. Reese is dead. (d) Saidee Reese who was married to James Thomas Johnston. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston reside at 4304 Avenue B, Hyde Park, Austin, and (e) Miss Lillian Estelle Reese, who conducts The Austin Conservatory of Music in Austin. She resides at 604 West Twelfth Street.

TOWNSEND, SPENCER - "At a Special Term of the District Court holden in and for the County of Colorado on the Thirteenth day of August 1838, for the trial of

SPENCER TOWNSEND AND LEANDER BEASON

upon a charge of shooting and dangerously wounding the body of

MAHAM MIXON

Present J. W. Robinson, Judge of the District Court.

Court opened according to law; the Jurors were called and there being no Prosecuting Attorney Court Adjourned until tomorrow at Ten o'clock.

Records do not seem to show that this case ever came to trial as the Prosecuting Attorney evidently failed to show up. John H. Beal was the missing attorney.