

USHER, PATRICK - The birthplace of Judge Usher is given by John Henry Brown (History of Texas, Vol. 2, p. ___) as North Carolina, and this is accepted by the compiler as being true. Thomas J. Green (Mier Expedition, page 442) shows him as being born in Ireland. In Headright Certificate No. 14 issued to him for one third of a league of land by the Jackson County Board January 20, 1838 it is stated that he arrived in Texas in August 1835. In an unnumbered Comptroller's Service Record signed at Coleta August 6, 1836; it is stated that he served in the army from April 9, to May 28, 1836; enlisted in Captain George Sutherland's Company July 2, 1836, as First Sergeant and was discharged from further service in the army on account of being the only acting Judge in the Municipality of Jackson and had been requested to return home and ordereand election for members of congress. He was a member of Captain Mosely Baker's Company at San Jacinto. On _____ he was issued Bounty Certificate No. 2306 for 320 acres of land for having served in the army from April 9 to May 29, 1836. He did not apply for a donation certificate.

Judge Usher was elected December 16, 1836, by Joint session of Congress as the first Chief Justice of Jackson county. He was a member of the house from Jackson County in theFifth and Sixth Congresses, November 2, 1840 to July 23, 1842. He was a member ofthe Somervill and Mier Expeditions and surrendered at Mier, Mexico, December 26, 1842, with the other Texans. He was thrown in prison in the dungeon of Castle Perote and there died in 1843.