

BOX, JAMES EDWARD Born in Tennessee, January 5, 1814, a son of John M. Box. In the headright certificate issued to him by the Houston County Board for one-third of a league of land, January 19, 1838, it is stated that he came to Texas in January, 1834. On July 30, 1835 he received title to a league of land in Vehlein's Colony situated in the present County of Houston. The brothers of Mr. Box, Rolen W., John A., Samuel C., and William S. Box, also came to Texas with their father.

On a muster roll at the land office, Mr. Box is shown as having enlisted in the army, March 6, 1836. He was a member of Captain Hayden Arnold's Company at San Jacinto and on May 11, 1841 was issued Donation Certificate No. 1148 for 640 acres of land for having participated in the battle.

On October 14, 1838 Mr. Box was elected Captain of a volunteer company. On November 15 and 16, 1839 he commanded a company in the battle with the Cherokees in which Chief Bowls was killed.

Captain Box moved from Houston County to Anderson County, being one of the first to settle there. In 1840 he was married to Mary Douthet. To them were born the following children, William, December 16, 1840; J. J. W., December 15, 1842; James Knox Polk, in 1845; Robert D. in 1847, and Margaret Ann Box in 1851.

Captain Box died January 15, 1851. Mrs. Box, born in Tennessee in 1816, died February 21, 1872. Mr. and Mrs. Box are buried in marked graves in the old cemetery in Palestine.

A grandson of Captain Box, J. F. Box, resides in Crockett.