

WINTERS, JOHN FRELAN - Born in Giles County, Tennessee, July 13, 1814, the second son of James and Rhoda (Beal) Winters. In Headright Certificate No. 262 issued to him February 1, 1838, for a league and labor of land by the Montgomery County Board it is stated that he came to Texas in 1834. With him was his wife, who before marriage was Margaret Ella Miller, and they settled in what is now Walker County.

Mr. Winters was a member of Captain William Ware's company at San Jacinto and On June 28, 1838, he was issued Donation Certificate No. 385 for 640 acres of land for having participated in the battle. He was issued Bounty Certificate No. 2573 dated March 15, 1838, for 320 acres of land for having served in the army from March 12, to June 12, 1836.

After the death of his wife Mr. Winters was married to Henrietta R. Ramsdell. Mr. Winters died January 16, 1864 and is buried in the family cemetery on land belonging to a Miss Hoat, two miles northesast of Hawthorne, Walker County. After the death of Mr. Winters, his widow was twice married. She was first married to _____, and after his death she was married to _____. She died February 1, 1906 and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Austin.

Children of Mr. Winters by his first marriage were (1) Ruth, (2) Rhoda, (3) Bettie, (4) Sherman (5) James (6) John F., Jr. (7) William and (8) Ella Winters.

(1) Ruth Winters was married to J. M. Shopshire. Their surviving child is Mr. J. T. Cameron, who resides at _____.

(2) Rhoda Winters was married to Robert Love. No children survive them.

(3) Bettie Winters was married to Henry H. Loyd. No children survive them.

(4) Sherman Winters was married to Mollie Caldwell. No children survive them.

(5) James Winters was married to Mary Ellison. John G. Winters is a son of this union.

(6) John F. Winters, Jr. was married and had three children: John F., Willie Wessh and Ella Winters.

After the death of his wife, John F. Winters, Jr. married to Ada Hardy. Surviving children of this union are: John F. Winters, R.F.D. No. 3, Merkel; Pirson Winters; Roy E. Winters; Adolphus Winters; and Ada V. Winters, who married a Mr. Carder.

(7) William Winters was married to Martha Elmore Ellison. Their only child, Willie E. Winters, was married to D. R. Hardy.

(8) Ella Winters died in childhood.

By the marriage of John F. Winters the San Jacinto veteran, ad Henriett a R. Ramsdell Winters two children were born, (1) Cora I. and (2) Gertrude Winters.

(1) Cora I. Winters, only surviving child of John F. Winters, was married to J. J. Walker and resides in Barstow, Texas.

Mr. Kemp: Please check the names of the children of James and Rhoda (Beal) Winters in this and the preceding sketch. You state in one sketch that there were thirteen children; yet in one sketch sixteen are listed, and in the other fourteen. Was Vina Bridges a child or a daughter-in-law?

WINTERS, JOHN F. - Enlisted September 18, 1836; Lieutenant James
T. Sprowl's Company at muster at Velasco September 25, 1836 at Velasco.
See Omissions.