JACK, WILLIAM HOUSTON - Born April 12, 1806 in Wilkes County, Georgia. He graduated from the University of Georgia in 1827 after which he studied law and was admitted to the bar. He moved to Tuscaloosa, Alabama and there practiced his profession. In 1829 he was elected a member of the State Legislature. In 1830 he emigrated to Texas and settled at San Felipe. His brother Patrick C. Jack with others was thrown in prison at Anahuac by John Davis Bradburn, Commander of the post. William H. Jack and others went to their rescue and while at Turtle Bayou waiting for an answer to demand sent to Bradburn, Mr. Jack wrote the "Turtle Bayou Resolutions," signed by all present.

On August 15, 1835, Mr. Jack was elected a member of the Committee of Safety and Correspondence for the jurisdiction of Columbia (Brazoria) He received Bounty Certificate No. 996 for 320 acres of land, December 15, 1837 for serving in the army from March 1 to May 30, 1836.

He was a member of Captain William H. Patton's Columbia Company at San Jacinto and on December 19, 1835 was issued Donation Certificate No. 707 for 640 acres of land for having participated in the battle.

Mr. Jack was appointed Secretary of State by President Burnet serving until in October, 1836. He represented Brazoria County in the House of Representatives of the First, Fourth and Eighth Congresses of the Republic and in the Senate of the Sixth and Seventh. In 1842 he participated in the Vazquez Campaign.
JACK, WILLIAM H. -- Senator Jack died August 20, 1844 at the 
residence of Hiram G. Runnels, former Governor of Mississippi, in 
Brazoria County, of yellow fever. His remains and those of his bro-
thers, Spencer and Patrick C. Jack, were later moved to Galveston and 
reinterred in Lack View Cemetery.

Jack County was named in honor of William H. and Patrick C. Jack,
Senator William H. Jack was married to Laura Harrison, daughter 
of Isham Harrison of Mississippi. Their children were (1) Hally Pat-
rick, (2) Laura, and (3) Thomas McKinney Jack.

(1) Hally Patrick Jack was on April 30, 1850 married to William 
Pitt Ballenger. Their children were (a) Lucy, (b) Betty, (c) Laura, 
and (d) Thomas Jack Ballenger (sic).

(a) Lucy Ballenger was married to Andrew G. Mills. Mr. Ballenger 
Mills, a son of this union, resides at 2908 Avenue O, Galveston.

(b) Miss Betty Ballenger was never married.

(c) Laura Ballenger was married to Edward Randall and now re-
side at 2004 Avenue J, Galveston.

(d) Thomas Jack Ballenger was married to Carrie Mather.

(2) Laura Jack was married to Guy Morrison Bryan. Their chil-
dren were (a) Hally, (b) Guy Morrison, Jr., (c) William Jack, and 
(d) Laura.

(a) Hally Bryan was married to Emmett L. Perry and now resides 
at the Plaza Hotel, Houston.

(b) Guy Morrison Bryan, Jr. was married to Florence Carter.

(c) William Jack Bryan was married to ____________.
(d) Laura Bryan was married to Edwin F. Parker.

(3) Thomas McKinney Jack was married to Annie Know. Their children were Laura, David, Hally, and Thomas McKinney Jack, Jr.