LAWRENCE, JOSEPH - Born in Bencombe County, North Carolina, June 15, 1800. In the headright certificate issued to him June 1, 1838 for one-third of a league of land by the Liberty County Board it is stated that he came to Texas in 1824. He was issued Bounty Certificate No. 387 for 320 acres of land, December 28, 1837 for having served in the army from March 1, to May 28, 1836. His name appears on page 15 of the rolls printed in 1836 as a member of Captain William W. Hill's Company and likewise on page 35 of the Land Office San Jacinto rolls he is listed as a member of Captain Hill's Company. On January 16, 1840 he was issued Donation Certificate No. 999 for 640 acres of land for having participated in the battle of San Jacinto.

Mr. Lawrence was married to Mary Elenor McGary in Washington County, March 22, 1839. Mrs. Lawrence was born March 4, 1821 and died July 6, 1864. Mr. Lawrence died October 9, 1897, while a member of the Texas Veterans Association. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence are buried in the Andrews Chapel Cemetery near Hackberry, Lavaca County, Texas, three miles east of the main highway between Hallettsville and Schulenburg.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence, all of whom are deceased, were William L., who married Henrietta Coffee; Cameron, who married Lizzie Williams; Bettie, who married Solomon G. McCown; Margaret, who married Wallace Alexander Chrisman; Mary, who married Henry Smith; Ellen, who married Jim Jameson; Susan, who married Elijah Sewell; Martha, who married J. J. Brown; Joseph, who was never married.
and Andrew Jackson Lawrence, who married Belle Morrow.

Surviving grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence are Mrs. Jep Griffith, Route 5, San Antonio; Mrs. Lula Lawrence Simpson, Hackberry; Mrs. Willie Lawrence English, Hackberry; John Lawrence, San Antonio; Mr. Lizzie Lawrence, San Antonio; Mrs. Mary McCown Sewall, Vernon; Dr. James Rane McCown, Briggs; Alexander Casseday McCown, 101 Rigsby Avenue, San Antonio; Mrs. Alfred Rosenthal, 719 Ridge Street, Houston; Mrs. Walter Remschel, Dickerson; Mrs. H. B. Fortune, Dallas; William Clark Chrisman, 4903 Gurley Avenue, Dallas; Mrs. Lizzie Smith Overton, Floresville; Morris Smith, Floresville; Mrs. Ernest Brown, 208 Avenue M., Lubbock; Arthur Brown, Keller; Cloyd Brown, 4611 Live Oak Street, Dallas; Mrs. Ora Brown Cribbs, Route 1, Saginaw; Mrs. C. A. Bearden, 125 Valentine Street, Tyler; Mrs. R. B. Salter, 2009 Arbor Street, Houston; Henry Auvin Lawrence, 1120 Lipscomb Street, Fort Worth; Mrs. W. G. Butler 419 Fourth Avenue, Mineral Wells and Mrs. J. Mark Brown, Conroe, Texas.