

PETTY, GEORGE WASHINGTON - Born April 7, 1812 in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. In the headright Certificate issued to him February 20, 1838 for one-third of a league of land by the Washington County Board of Land Commissioners it is stated that he came to Texas in the fall of 1835. He located at Cole's Settlement (now Independence, Washington County). He was a member of Captain William W. Hill's Company at San Jacinto and on January 4, 1841 he was issued Donation Certificate No. 1107 for 640 acres of land for having participated in the battle. On May 24, 1838 he received 320 acres for having served in the army from March 1 to June 1, 1836. On an original roll of Captain Hill's Company it is stated that Mr. Petty was enlisted at the home of Asa Mitchell by Captain Joseph P. Lynch. He was described as being five feet, ten inches in height; of fair complexion, with grey eyes and black eyes.

Mr. Petty was twice married. He was first married to Mariam Wood who was born in 1820 and died March 12, 1865. Their children were (1) John A. (2) Sophia, (3) Isham J., (4) Reuben, (5) Louisiana, and (6) Virginia. Petty.

Mr. George W. Petty was married to Mrs. Lizzie Hamm White, daughter of Mansfield Hamm, January 31, 1872. Mr. Petty died during services at a revival meeting at Alexander Camp Grounds at Kenny, Austin County, July 27, 1901, and was buried in Prairie Lea Cemetery, Brenham. He was a member of the Texas Veterans Association. Mrs. Petty died January 11, 1914. The State of Texas had a monument erected at Mr. Petty's Grave in 1936.