VAN WINKLE, JOHN – Born in Ohio. In the Headright Certificate issued to him for a league of land by the Shelby County Board, May 15, 1838 it is stated that he came to Texas in January, 1836. In Controller's Military Service Record No. 2997, signed at Camp Preston, April 28, 1837, it is certified that Mr. Van Winkle was born in Ohio. He was enlisted at Nacogdoches January 22, 1836 by Lieutenant Henry Teal for the duration of the war. He was described as being 6 feet, 4 inches high, of dark complexion, common nose, light hair and blue eyes. He was discharged from Captain Robert B. Irvine's Company April 28, 1837. Bounty Certificate No. 1263 for 1280 acres of land was issued in his name April 2, 1833, due him for his services in the army from January 22, 1836 to May 31, 1837. The rights to the certificate had been assigned to Henry P. Brewster. Donation Certificate No. 504 for 640 acres of land, due him for having participated in the battle of San Jacinto was issued in his name July 5, 1853. The rights to it had also been assigned to Mr. Brewster, whose home was in Houston County.

In the Court of Claims files in the General Land Office it is shown that Mr. Van Winkle was killed by Indians in 1839. He had no children. His heirs on May 3, 1858 were Rhoda, Isaac and Eliza Walters of Collin County; Elizabeth Main, Anderson County; Halden Walters of California; and the heirs of Susan Hay of Louisiana.