

CHILDRESS, JAMES R. - Born in Tennessee. He was a brother of George C. Childress, who signed the Texas Declaration of Independence. In Headright Certificate No. 120 issued to him May 14, 1838 by the Board of Land Commissioners for Milam County for one-third of a league, Mr. Childress stated that he came to Texas in 1835. In the Spanish Archives, General Land Office, he is shown as having applied for land in Robertson's Colony, January 12, 1836. He was a member of Captain Sterling C. Robertson's Company which was mustered into service January 17, 1836.

On page 43, Army Rolls in the Land Office, Mr. Childress is shown as having been detailed to guard the baggage at the camp opposite Harrisburg, April 21, 1836, while a member of Captain J. B. Chance's Company.

The only land claimed by Mr. Childress for his services in army was 320 acres on Bounty Certificate No. 9046 issued April 15, 1839 and due him for having served in the army from June 12 to September 12, 1836. The certificate had been assigned to Charles B. Babcock.

Mr. Childress was living in Washington County March 5, 1840, when he appointed F. H. Smiley his agent to secure a patent on his headright land. The land was surveyed in Falls County by George B. Erath in 1838 about fifteen miles from Milam.

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San Jacinto Memorial Museum
San Jacinto Monument, Texas

Dear Sirs:

Sometime ago you sent me photocopy information concerning James Robertson Childress. I had promised you that I would fill in what you did not have, so listed below are the "fill ins":

James Robertson Childress, born Nashville, Davidson County Tenn. in 1801. Son of John Campbell and Elizabeth Robertson Childress.¹ Headright Certificate # 120 is recorded in Volume 7, page 267, Falls County, Deed Records. James was killed by a band of Indians, Dec. 1840 on little Elm Creek., buried in Milam County. He never married.²

1. Harlee, Kinfolks, Volumes 1-3.
2. Death Records of Milam County, Tex.

I sincerely hope this information helps you complete your records. (To our knowledge, so far, there is no picture of James R. Childress) Should I find one, I will send you a photocopy.

Most Sincerely,

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