

## GEORGE WILLIAM HALLMARK

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George William Hallmark was born in Virginia in 1778, the oldest son of George Hallmark, Sr., who came from England. George William Hallmark married Sarah Calvert and they, along with their children, moved to Texas in 1834 and settled on a league of land "on the high lands east of the Trinity", as described in the Mexican land grant, March 24, 1825. Other children of George Hallmark, Sr. were: Polly, born 1790, married Isaac Stedham in 1809 in Madison County, Alabama. John, born 1780, married Amy Satterwhite and moved to Houston County. Minet or Minott, born Oct. 1793 in Tennessee, married (1) Polly Calvert and (2) Mary Morton. Cummings, born about 1800, married Keziah Murphee (2) Sarah Cornelius (3) Patsy Morton. Richard; and Tom.

Known children of George William and Sarah Calvert Hallmark were: Polly, born 1802 in Tennessee, married Roland Box; William Calvert, May 20, 1804 in Tennessee, married (1) Dicey Box (2) Leannah; George Washington, born 1806 in Tennessee, married Jane Duckworth. He died 1873 in Houston County; Rufus, fought in Civil War; Alexander, Civil War and San Jacinto veteran; Minet, fought in Civil War; John B., born 1810 Alabama, married Sussannah; James M., born 1815 in Alabama, married Morning Hallmark; Alfred (or Alphonse) born 1817, married Sarah Hallmark, was San Jacinto veteran; Aveline, born 1822, married Stedham; Matthew D.T. (or D.F.) born 1823, married Anna; Susana Risa; Eliza married Stillwell Box; Nisa married Stillwell Box.

George William Hallmark was a slave owner as evidenced by his will written in 1848 and probated in 1852. In his will he bequeathed to his children 10 slaves. His estate was valued at \$17,000 and was divided among his children and Stillwell Box's six children. Quote from his will: "First I bequeath to my three youngest children, Richard M. Hallmark, Ephram L.B. Hallmark, and Alexander G. Hallmark, three negroes, Solomon, Charity and Little Tom, he being the youngest negro I have, and that they work for the use, benefit and support of the said three children until they shall be of age or the youngest one marries, at which time they shall be equally divided among them. Secondly, I bequeath to the rest of my children seven Negroes. Pray,



Jane and George Washington Hallmark

Elizabeth, and July, together with all the rest of my land and headright, and a half league due me by Hillary Crab, if obtained. Thirdly I bequeath unto my three youngest children three good feather beds, three cows and calves each, and each a horse worth eighty dollars."

Two of George William Hallmark's sons, William C. and Alfred, were San Jacinto veterans, and both their names are engraved on the tablet of the San Jacinto monument.

George William and his sons were signers of the petition to establish Houston County. The petition was dated April 22, 1837 and signed by Sam Houston on June 12, 1837, making this the first county established in the Republic of Texas.

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George William Hallmark was born in Virginia in 1778. He was the son of George Hallmark and Leannah Mynott. He lived in Virginia, South Carolina, Tennessee and Alabama before settling in Texas. George W. Hallmark, his wife and three children

were members of the Velheim Colony. He came to Texas in 1834 and received his land grant in 1835. Chain carriers for his survey were John and Stillwell Box. Stillwell was his son-in-law. He settled at Mustang Prairie, now Houston County, where he served as postmaster and as a justice of the peace during the days of the Republic. George W. Hallmark furnished beef and feed for the troops of Colonel Edward Burleson during the fight for independence. His brothers, Richard and John, and his sister, Mrs. Isaac Mary Steadham, settled in Texas about that time.

George Hallmark and his first wife Sarah Calvert had eleven known children. He had three known sons from his other marriage (s). He married Jincy Box Thompson on April 6, 1831 in Blount County, Alabama. Children of George W. and Sarah Calvert Hallmark were: Mary born in 1801 in Tennessee, died in 1866 in Texas, married in 1820 in Alabama to Rolan William Box (1803-1851); Eunicy born about 1802 and died in 1848, married in 1833 to Stillwell Box (1810-1870); William Calvert born in 1804 in Knox County, Tennessee and died in 1880 in Houston County, Texas, married first in 1823 in Blount County, Tennessee to Dicy Box and second to Leannah Steadham-William Calvert was a veteran of the San Jacinto; George Washington born in 1806 in Tennessee and died in 1873 at Houston County, Texas, married in 1828 at Tuscaloosa County, Alabama to Jane Duckworth\* (1811-1889); Leannah Susan born about 1808 and died ?, married in 1828 at Tuscaloosa County to Josias Rossier; John B. born about 1810, married Serena Hallmark and Susanna Box Hallmark; Elizabeth (1811-1833) married in 1830 to Stillwell Box (1810-1870); James Maddison born in 1815 in Alabama, died in 1882 in Texas, married about 1838 to Mrs. Mourning Hallmark Wortham; Alfred born in 1817 in Alabama, died in 1889 in Texas, married Sarah Hallmark-Alfred Hallmark was a veteran of the San Jacinto; Aveline born about 1822 in Alabama, married about 1840 to Zachariah Steadham; Matthew Dewy Thomas born in 1826 in Alabama, died in 1906 in Haskell County, Texas, married about 1843 to Amy Anna Hallmark. Children of George W. Hallmark from his other marriage (s): Richard born in 1835 in Texas; Ephraim born in 1837 in Houston County, Texas; Alexander born 1845 in Houston County, Texas (these three youngest sons were supposedly killed or died during the Civil War, unmarried and without issues.

George William Hallmark is often referred to as George Washington Hallmark, Sr. as his son George Washington and his nephew George were residents of Houston County. George W. Hallmark died in Houston County in 1852.

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