

**RICHARD EATON OF LIMESTONE CO., TEXAS**

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RICHARD EATON OF VA, KY, IL AND TX  
1M MARY "POLLY" ROBERTSON, 2M CHARITY (ARNOLD) EATON

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<u>Richard Eaton &lt;RDZ'S 3GGF&gt;</u>				<u>(1,2)</u>
Probably son of Thomas Eaton.				<u>(3)</u>
b ca 1781-1782	?	?	VA	
d ca 1855	Eatontown	Limestone	TX	
bur ca 1855	Eaton cem	Limestone	TX	<u>(4)</u>
1m 3 Jan 1803	Russellville	Logan	KY	
<u>Mary "Polly" Robertson &lt;RDZ'S 3GGM&gt;</u>				
b ca 1784	?	?	TN	
d bef 1 Feb 1846	Eatontown	Limestone	TX	<u>(5)</u>
bur ?	Eaton cem	Limestone	TX	
2m ?	?	?	pb TX	
Charity (Arnold) Eaton				<u>(6)</u>
b ca 1787-1790	?	?	SC	
d aft 1850	?	?	pb TX	
bur ?	Eaton cem	Limestone	TX	
Children:				
1. Absolum Eaton <RDZ's GGU>				<u>(7)</u>
b 20 May 1803	?	pb Logan	KY	
d 1863	Humboldt	Allen	KS	
bur 1863	?	?	?	
1m 19 Jul 1833	?	Crawford	IL	
Elizabeth Miller				
b 1800-1810	?	?	?	
2m 12 Feb 1841	?	Jasper	IL	
Rachael Miller				
b ca 1818	?	?	IL	
2. Malinda Eaton <RDZ's 2GGA>				
b 12 Nov 1805	?	?	KY/TN	<u>(8)</u>
d 1873	Eatontown	Limestone	TX	
bur 1873	Eaton cem	Limestone	TX	
m 6 Apr 1826	Palestine	Crawford	IL	
Benjamin Eaton, Jr.				
b ca 1806	?	?	KY	
d ca 1874	near Kosse	Limestone	TX	
bur ca 1874	Eaton Cem	Limestone	TX	
3. Squire Eaton <RDZ's 2GGU>				
b 6 Nov 1806	?	pb Logan	pb KY	
d 10 Jan 1833	?	Crawford	IL	
bur 1833	?	pb Crawford	pb IL	
4. Mary "Polly" Eaton <RDZ's 2GGA>				<u>(9)</u>
b 18 Nov 1813	Palestine	Crawford	IL	
d aft 1860	?	pb Palo Pinto	TX	
1m 7 Nov 1832	?	Crawford	IL	<u>(10)</u>
John Welch				
d aft 1860	?	?	TX	
2m bef 1838	?	?	TX	
---?--- Pruitt				
3m bef 1850	?	?	?	
---?--- Thomas				
4m aft 1851	?	?	?	
---?--- Eaden				
<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Comments</u>
5. Elizabeth B. Eaton <RDZ's 2GGA>				
b 12 Sept 1816	Palestine	Crawford	IL	<u>(11)</u>
d 26 Mar 1885	Gatesville	Coryell	TX	

bur	Mar	1885	Coffey Cem	Coryell	TX	
m	15 Jan	1834	?	?	?	
	William Welch					
b	17 May	1812	?	?	TN	
d	?		Parker		TX	
6.	Lucinda Eaton	<RDZ's 2GGA>				
b	14 Jan	1820	Palestine	Crawford	IL	
d	27 Jan	1847	near Elkhart	Anderson	TX	(12)
bur		1847	Pilgrim Bapt cem	Anderson	TX	(13)
m	1 Oct	1837	?	?	TX	
	Dickerson/Dickinson/Dickson	Parker				
Son	of Daniel & Patsy	(Dixon/Dickerson)	Parker.			
b	29 May	1812	?	?	TN	
d	1 Aug	1844	near Elkhart	Anderson	TX	(12)
bur	Aug	1844	Pilgrim Bapt cem	Anderson	TX	(12)
7.	Rachael Eaton	<RDZ's 2GGA>				
b	20 Jul	1821	Palestine	Crawford	IL	
d	18 Oct	1887	Gatesville	Coryell	TX	
bur	Oct	1887	?	?	?	
m	1841		?	?	pb TX	
	Josiah "Joseph" "Joe" K. Culp					(14)
b	7 Apr	1819	?	?	TN	
d	17 Oct	1879	?	pb Coryell	pb TX	
8.	Richard Eaton, Jr.	<RDZ'S 2GGU>				
b	13 May	1823	Palestine	Crawford	IL	(15)
d	24 Feb	1894	pb Brownwood	Brown	TX	
bur		1894	?	?	?	
1m	?		?	?	?	
	----?---- Ferguson					
b	?		?	?	IL	
2m	?		?	?	?	
	Sarah Jane Davis					
Dau	of Brinkley Davis					
b	ca	1831	?	?	IN	
d	16 Mar	1869	?	Limestone	TX	
3m	Spring of	1870	?	pb Limestone	TX	
	Malinda (Mary) (McGee) Kilpatrick					(16)
Dau	of John & Edna McGee					
b	ca	1831	?	Pickens	AL	
d		1870	?	Limestone	TX	
bur		1870	?	Limestone	TX	(17)
4m	14 Nov	1870	?	Coryell	TX	
	Louisa (Jones) Painter					(18)
Dau	of ---?--- & Mary Jones.					
b	ca	1837-1838	?	?	TN	
d		1873	?	Coryell	TX	
5m	?		?	?	?	
	Elizabeth Jane (Easlea) Davis					(19)
b	17 Jun	1817	Fairfield Dist	?	SC	
d	13 Mar	1911	Hope	Eddy	NM	
	Date	Location	County	State	Comments	
9.	Daniel D. Eaton	<RDZ'S 2GGF>				
b	25 Mar	1825	Palestine	Crawford	IL	
d	27 Sept	1867	?	Coryell	TX	
bur		1867	pb Coffey	pb Coryell	TX	
m	ca	1845	?	?	?	
	Dicy Ann McCallister	<RDZ'S 2GGM>				(21)
Dau	of Michael & Hannah McCallister.					
b	31 Dec	1831	?	?	MI	
d	18 Feb	1911	near Moran	Stephens	TX	79y2m13d
bur	Feb	1911	near Cisco	Eastland	TX	(22)
10.	Jesse Eaton					

b	6 Feb 1827	Palestine	Crawford	IL	
d	1875	Denison	Grayson	TX	
m	28 May 1849	?	Anderson	TX	
	Elizabeth Hoffman				
b	ca 1828	?	?	IL	
11.	Sarah Ellen Eaton				
b	25 Nov 1830	Palestine	Crawford	IL	(20)
d	ca 1888-1889	Gatesville	Coryell	TX	
bur	?	Coffey Cem	Coryell	TX	
m bef	20 Mar 1848	?	?	?	
	David Crockett McCallister				
Son of Michael & Hannah McCallister					
b	ca 1828-1829	?	?	AL	
d	ca 1868-1869	?	Coryell	TX	

Comments:

1. Residence VA; Bourbon & Logan Co, KY; Dickson Co, TN; Crawford Co, IL; Jasper Co, IL; Robertson Co, TX (formerly Milam), Houston (formerly Nacogdoches), Shelby, Anderson (formerly Houston), Limestone (formerly Robertson) Co, TX. Reports of him having lived at Anderson in Grimes Co & in Burnett Co, TX have not been investigated & are suspected to be erroneous.
2. Information from **A History & Genealogy of Pioneer Eatons of TX & Their Descendants**, Burney W. Eaton, 1936; R.G. Tucker; Mrs. Wilma Roesler; & Mrs. Frankie Tigner.
3. <My research of microfilmed early tax records of Bourbon & Logan Counties, KY leads me to believe that Thomas Eaton was the father of Richard Eaton. These tax records list the males over 21 and males 16-21. Thomas Eaton of Logan Co was the only Eaton in either county to have a son the age of Richard Eaton in the 16-21 age range between 1798 & 1803, the years Richard would have been 16-21. Also, Richard came of age and married there in Logan Co where Thomas Eaton lived, while none of the other Eatons in Logan & Bourbon counties, including Benjamin Eaton of Bourbon Co had a son listed in the 16-21 age range during the proper years. Crawford Co history lists the father of Richard as William Eaton, while family tradition lists his father as Benjamin. B.W. Eaton suspects that his mother was named Malinda because of the frequency of use of this name in the children & grandchildren of Richard. Nancy Eaton, supposedly the sister of Richard, is shown to be the daughter of Benjamin & Phebe Eaton in a land deed where John York, her husband, received land from them on the condition that they be cared for in their old age. Abbie Eaton, supposedly the sister of Richard Eaton is shown by a statement with her marriage license to be the daughter of Joseph Eaton.
4. Off Highway 14 between Kosse & Thornton, TX.
5. Mary apparently died between 15 Aug 1845 when they withdrew their membership from the church in Anderson Co & 1 Feb 1846 when Richard started selling land to his children in Limestone Co without Mary signing the deeds.
6. Many records show her to be Charity Parker in error. Mrs. Frankie Tigner asked that I footnote for posterity that she was the source of this error & that Charity Arnold is the correct wife of Stephen Eaton as shown by Logan Co, KY marriage records.
7. Absolum had one child by his 1m & four by his 2m.
8. 1850 & 1870 census said TN, 1860 census said KY.
9. Last residence was in Palo Pinto Co, TX.
10. Polly Eaton & John Welch marriage license was issued 7 Nov 1832, but not completed, so cannot be sure that they married at that time or in TX.
11. Burney W. Eaton & her tombstone say that Elizabeth was b on 12 Oct 1816, while the probate record of Squire Eaton says 12 Sept 1816. The probate record is believed to be correct.
12. Formerly Houston Co.
13. Pilgrim Bapt cem.
14. Richard Eaton land deed of 12 Apr 1847 says "K." while R.G. Tucker says "C."
15. Burney W. Eaton says that Richard was b on 13 Jan 1823, but the probate of Squire Eaton says 13 May 1823.
16. First marriage Elijah Kilpatrick, 11 Jan 1850.

17. Faulkenberry Cem.
18. First marriage Robert F. Painter.
19. First marriage Leroy Davis, 20 Feb 1842. Richard & her separated.
20. Burney W. Eaton says that Sarah was b ca 1820. Squire Eaton's probate record says 25 Nov 1830.
21. Her 2m Silas Griffin, s/o Spencer & Cynthia (Burch) Griffin, b 20 Apr 1845, IN.
22. Battle Creek cem.

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- 1654 - Col Wood explores KY.
- 1673 - Arthur & Needham explore in general area of KY.
- 1739 - M. Longueil discovers Big Bone Lick of KY.
- 1750 - Celeron, Sieur de Bienville, claims <KY> region for France.
- 1751 - Christopher Gist explores KY.
- 1756 - French traders establish village in KY opposite Portsmouth, OH.
- 1763 - George III prohibits settlement in KY.
- 1769 - Daniel Boone first visits KY.

**Enchantment of America, KY**, J.H. Carpenter, 1979, p 90.

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Sept 1773, Daniel Boone moved his family into the KY area from Rowan Co, NC. The first permanent settlement in KY was at Harrodsburg <Lincoln Co, present day Mercer Co> in 1774. **The Handy Book For Genealogists**, 7th Edition, p 108-109.

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The territory covered by the State of IL was originally one of the counties of VA, created thus by act of the VA House of Delegates passed in 1778. **IL, Historical Crawford Co**, Bateman & Paul Selby, 1909, p 619.

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- 1774 - Harrodsburg becomes first permanent European settlement in KY.
- 1775 - Boonesborough begun in KY.
- 1776 - KY organized as a VA Co.

**Enchantment of America, KY**, J.H. Carpenter, 1979, p 90.

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Kentucky Co, VA formed <in 1777> from Fincastle Co, VA. **History of Bourbon, Scott, Harrison & Nicholas Co, KY**, W.H. Perrin, 1882, p 39-40.

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Settlements were made in Bourbon Co, KY as early as 1776, but were not permanent. A colony, consisting of the Millers, McClellans, Thompsons, McClintocks & others, settled in the neighborhood of Millersburg in 1778, but, like many of the early settlers of this section, they were forced to leave on account of Indians. They returned, however, the following year, & erected a block-house where Millersburg now stands. John Martin built a cabin, which was afterward changed into a block-house, about three miles south of Paris. Houston's cabin, on the present sit of Paris, was also fortified, or changed into a block-house, the better to afford protection to the scattered settlers. Thus, amid dangers & hardships, the whites obtained a foothold in what now forms Bourbon Co. **History of Bourbon, Scott, Harrison & Nicholas Co, KY**, W.H. Perrin, 1882, p 37.

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Nov 1780, Kentucky Co, VA was split up into Fayette, Jefferson & Lincoln counties, KY. **History of Bourbon, Scott, Harrison & Nicholas Co, KY**, W.H. Perrin, 1882, p 40.

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- 1777 - Indian attacks leave KY almost desolate.
- 1778 - Louisville founded in KY.
- 1778 - On the Illinois frontier during the Revolutionary War, George Rogers Clark and his "Long Knives" captured Kaskaskia and Calhokia from the English in 1778. As a

result of this victory, the region became a part of the United States. Eaton Kith and Kin, Frankie Toole Tigner, 1996, p 10.

1779 - Lexington founded in KY.

**Enchantment of America, KY**, J.H. Carpenter, 1979, p 90.

Richard Eaton, aged 53, <b ca 1781>. Sworn 22 Dec 1834. **Papers Concerning Robertson's Colony In TX**, Vol XI, M.D. McLean, 1984, p 212-213.

Richard Eaton, age 68, <b ca 1782>, VA. 1850 TX census, Limestone Co, p 369.

	sex	age	by	bp		
				p	f	m
Elizabeth Welsh	F	63	1817	IL	TN*	TN*
1880 TX census, Coryell Co, 9 & 10 Jun 1880, E.D. 23, p 15.						
*<This says that both her father, <u>Richard Eaton</u> , & her mother, <u>Mary (Robertson) Eaton</u> , were born in TN. TN is in error for <u>Richard Eaton</u> as his 1850 census said VA.>						

	sex	age	by	bp		
				p	f	m
Rachel Culp	F	58	1822	IL	AL*	TN*
1880 TX census, Coryell Co, 28 Jun 1880, E.D. 25, p 464.						
*<This says that her father, <u>Richard Eaton</u> , was born in AL & her mother, <u>Mary (Robertson) Eaton</u> was born in TN. AL is in error for <u>Richard Eaton</u> as his 1850 census said VA.>						

	sex	age	by	bp		
				p	f	m
Richard Eaton	M	57	1823	IL	IL*	IL*
1880 TX census, Brown Co, Precinct 1, pp 37-38.						
*<In error. Both <u>Richard Eaton</u> & <u>Mary (Robertson) Eaton</u> moved to TX from IL, but were not born there.>						

	sex	age	by	bp			Comments
				p	f	m	
Sarah McAllister	F	49	1831	IL	IL*	AR*	Cattleraiser, widow
1880 TX census, Coleman Co, TX, 30 Jun 1880, pct 2, dw/fm 27/27, p 3.							
*<The birth places of her parents are in error.>							

The place & date of birth\* of Richard Eaton is as indefinitely settled as that of Benjamin. Judging from the date of his first marriage, one may with a fair degree of certainty place his birth as about the time of the American Revolution. **A History & Genealogy of Pioneer Eatons of TX & Their Descendants**, B.W. Eaton, 1936, p 16.

\*<1834 TX census said b ca 1781. 1850 TX census said b ca 1782, VA.>

1782 - British driven from KY. **Enchantment of America, KY**, J.H. Carpenter, 1979, p 90.

Rev land grants <aft 1783> brought many adventurous individuals hither, & KY became at once the center of attraction. The rich lands of Central KY were settled rapidly after the close of the Rev war. **History of Bourbon, Scott, Harrison & Nicholas Co, KY**, W.H. Perrin, 1882, p 36, 39.

1785 - Danville made seat of KY government. **Enchantment of America, KY**, J.H. Carpenter, 1979, p 90.

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In the following year (1785), Bourbon was formed from the territory of Fayette, thus being the fifth Co erected in what now comprises the State of KY, & was created 7 years before KY became a member of the Federal Union. Bourbon, at the time of its formation as a Co, extended north to the Ohio River, & covered a large area since divided into a number of counties. The first division of her territory occurred in 1788, when Mason was set off; in 1793, the formation of Harrison took off a large slice, & in 1799, Bourbon & Mason contributed jointly to the formation of Nicholas. As bounded now, Harrison lies on the north, Nicholas & Montgomery on the east, Clark on the south, & Fayette & Scott on the west. **History of Bourbon, Scott, Harrison & Nicholas Co, KY**, W.H. Perrin, 1882, p 40.

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In 1785 Bourbon Co, KY contained the following present day counties: Bath 1811, Boyd 1860, Bracken 1796, Breathitt 1839, Campbell 1794, Clark 1792, Elliott 1869, Estill 1808, Fleming 1798, Floyd 1799, Greenup 1803, Harrison 1793, Johnson 1843, Knott 1884, Lawrence 1821, Lee 1870, Letcher 1842, Lewis 1806, Magoffin 1860, Martin 1870, Mason 1788, Menifee 1869, Montgomery 1796, Morgan 1822, Nicholas 1799, Pendleton 1798, Perry 1820, Pike 1821, Powell 1852, Quarter 1838, Robertson 1867, Rowan 1856, Wolfe 1860. **Paris (Hopewell) Sesquicentennial, A Record of the 150th Anniversary of The Founding of Bourbon's Co Seat**, Mrs. W.B. Ardery, 1939, map insert.

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1786, Bourbon Co, KY formed from Fayette Co, KY. **The Handy Book For Genealogists**, 7th Edition, p 113.

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In 1787 the Illinois country was included in the Northwest Territory. Eaton Kith and Kin, Frankie Toole Tigner, 1996 p 10.

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1790, St. Clair Co, IL formed from NW Territory. **The Handy Book For Genealogists**, 7th Edition, p 83.

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1792, Logan\* Co formed from Lincoln Co, KY. **The Handy Book For Genealogists**, 7th Edition, p 116.

\*<Both Richard & Stephen H. Eaton were married here.>

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1792 - KY statehood & first constitution. **Enchantment of America, KY**, J.H. Carpenter, 1979, p 90.

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1794, Harrison Co formed from Bourbon & Scott counties, KY. **The Handy Book For Genealogists**, 7th Edition, p 115. <Harrison Co had a number of early Eaton settlers.>

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1795, Randolph Co, IL formed from NW Territory & St. Clair Co, IL. **The Handy Book For Genealogists**, 7th Edition, p 83.

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John Eaton\* was born in 1796 in Bourbon Co\*\*, KY. **A History & Genealogy of Pioneer Eatons of TX & Their Descendants**, Burney W. Eaton, 1936, p 24.

\*<He is a son of Benjamin & Phebe Eaton and some believe he is a brother of Richard Eaton.>

\*\*<In 1796 Bourbon Co, KY contained the following present day counties: Bath 1811, Boyd 1860, Bracken 1796, Breathitt 1839, Elliott 1869, Estill 1808, Fleming 1798, Floyd 1799, Greenup 1803, Johnson 1843, Knott 1884, Lawrence 1821, Lee 1870, Letcher 1842, Lewis 1806, Magoffin 1860, Martin 1870, Menifee 1869, Montgomery

1796, Morgan 1822, Nicholas 1799, Pendleton 1798, Perry 1820, Pike 1821, Powell 1852, Quarter 1838, Robertson 1867, Rowan 1856, Wolfe 1860. **Paris (Hopewell) Sesquicentennial, A Record of the 150th Anniversary of The Founding of Bourbon's Co Seat, Mrs. W.B. Ardery, 1939, map insert.**>

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Thomas Heaton, 26 Aug, 1 male over 21, 1 male 16-21 <pb Richard, b ca 1782, age 18>, 3 horses. 1800 Logan Co, KY Tax List. Same list: John Heaton.

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<Check 1800 census for the father of Richard Eaton.>

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Thomas Etdon\*, 2 males over 21 <Thomas & possibly Richard, b ca 1782, age 19>, 3 horses. 1801 Logan Co, KY Tax List. Same list: James Etdon\*.

\*<Not positive that this is Eaton; it could be Eden.>

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Richard Eaton, m 3 Jan 1803, to Mary Robertson. Logan Co\*, KY Marriage Records. The marriage licenses from 1790 to 1818 were copied by the Russellville DAR Chapter from records in possession of Mr. Eugene M. Nourse whose father Mr. Richard Nourse & Mr. John Orendorff copied from the original ones before they became too dim with age. After the original ones became entirely indecipherable many years ago they were destroyed. 1951. Copied by Mrs. J. Wells Vick.

\*< Possible sisters of Mary "Polly" (Robertson) Eaton married in Logan County, KY: Elizabeth Robertson m 22 Jan 1804 Robert Paisley; 16 Aug 1802, Elizabeth Robertson m 16 Aug 1802 Robert Paisley. Stephen Eaton, brother of Richard, married Charity Arnold in Logan Co on 4 Mar 1807 which indicates that this family of Eatons lived in Logan Co during this time period. Logan Co was formed from Lincoln Co in 1792. Lincoln Co was formed from Kentucky Co, VA in 1780. Bourbon Co was formed from Fayette Co in 1786. Fayette Co was formed from Kentucky Co, VA in 1780. The records of these counties should be researched thoroughly, as past research has centered mostly in Bourbon Co.>

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Richard Eaton, m 3 Jan 1803, Russellville, Logan Co, KY, to Mary Robertson. **IGI**, Batch 7501704, Serial 41, 9-81, p 1810.

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Richard Eaton, m 3 Jan 1803, Mary Robertson, Logan Co, KY, 18071. **KY Marriages 1780-1900**, N.R. Murray, Hunting For Bears, Inc, p 2.

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Absalem Eaton was born 20 May 1803\*. The dates when the children of Richard Eaton were born taken for the purpose of distributing the estate of Squire Eaton deceased to them. Squire Eaton Estate Record, File Box 21, Case 3, Benjamin Eaton, Administrator. Probated 7 Apr 1835, Crawford Co, IL.

\*< The 1860 Allen Co, Kansas census said that Absolum Eaton was b ca 1798, KY. The 20 May 1803 birth would be less than 5 months after Richard Eaton's marriage. It is possible due to the faintness of the marriage records that Richard was actually married in 1802 rather than 1803. See the previous note with his marriage record. Absalom was pb b in Logan Co, KY.>

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In 1803, John & Sarah, Daniel & Patsy, and other Parker family members moved to Dickson County, Tennessee <from Franklin County, Georgia>. Before the Parkers moved to <Dickson County>, Tennessee, the Nail's Creek church had licensed Daniel to the ministry. In August 1803, Daniel and Patsy settled on Turnbull Creek. Daniel Parker (Baptist), Wikipedia.

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Richard Eaton, 1 male over 21, 1 horse, 200 acres on Elk Lick Creek. <Check for a land deed.> Thomas Eaton, 1 male over 21, 1 male 16-21 <pb Stephen, b ca 1785, age 19>, 2 horses, 150 acres on Elk Lick Creek. 1804 Logan Co, KY Tax List.

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20 Aug 1804, Richard Eaton\*, 1 white male over 21, 0 blacks, 1 horse, Thomas Rule, Commissioner. Others: Benjamin Heaton. Bourbon Co, KY Tax Records, KY Historical Society, microfilm drawer 23, Box 28.

\*<This was clearly listed Eaton, but is probably Richard Easton, husband of Elizabeth Eaton, who appears on other years tax lists with Benjamin Eaton.>

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Ritchard Heton, 1 male over 21, 2 horses. Thos Heaton, 2 males over 21 <Thomas & pb Stephen, b ca 1785, age 20>, 2 horses, 200 acres on Mudy\*. 1805 Logan Co, KY Tax List.

\*<Runs right down the center of present day Logan Co.>

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Malinda born 12 Nov 1805. The dates when the children of Richard Eaton were born taken for the purpose of distributing the estate of Squire Eaton deceased to them. Squire Eaton Estate Record, File Box 21, Case 3, Benjamin Eaton, Administrator. Probated 7 Apr 1835, Crawford Co, IL.

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The 1850 & 1870 census said Malinda, dau of Richard Eaton, was b in TN\* & the 1860 census said KY.

\*<Richard Eaton lived in Dickson County, TN in 1809-1810 according to land deeds. Other land deeds and church minutes need to be checked to determine when he arrived and left Tennessee.>

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Malinda Eaton, b 12 Nov 1805, KY/TN, d/o Richard & Mary Eaton. Residence: Robertson & Limestone Co, TX. Husb: Benjamin Eaton, a cousin. Children: Silas, John, Richard, Benjamin, Mary, Malinda, William M., James. H. Information from Robert G. Tucker. **Citizens Of The Republic Of TX**, TX Gen Soc, 1977, p 458.

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The Turnbull Baptist Church <in Dickson County, Tennessee> was organized by fourteen members (mostly the Parker family) in the home of John Parker in April 1806. The Turnbull Church ordained Daniel Parker as a minister of the gospel on May 28, 1806. Daniel Parker (Baptist), Wikipedia.

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Squire Eaton born 6 Nov 1806. The dates when the children of Richard Eaton were born taken for the purpose of distributing the estate of Squire Eaton deceased. Squire Eaton Estate Record, File Box 21, Case 3, Benjamin Eaton, Administrator. Probated 7 Apr 1835, Crawford Co, IL.

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May 1808, Richard Heaten\* (Heden?), 1 male over 21, 1 horse, Thomas Rule, Commissioner. Other Eatons: Richard Eastin <husb of Elizabeth Eaton>, Benjamin Heten. Bourbon Co, KY Tax Records, KY Historical Society, microfilm drawer 23, Box 28.

\*<This was not clearly written & looked like Heaten overwritten with Heden.>

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The Illinois Territory was created from what is now Illinois and Wisconsin in 1809. Kaskaskia became the capital. Eaton Kith and Kin, Frankie Toole Tigner, 1996, p 10.

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The records of the Co Clerk's office show that the first conveyance of realty in

Crawford Co was from John Dunlap, of Edwards Co, to Samuel Harris, the deed bearing date 10 Dec 1816. The names of a number of families have been handed down as residents at an earlier date, & among the first were those of Kitchell, McGahey, Eaton, Pierson, Woodworth, Van Winkle, Newlin, Cullom, Kennedy, Wood, Houston, Hutson, Waldrup, Hill, Wilson, Brimberry & Laglow. **IL, Historical Crawford Co**, Bateman & Paul Selby, 1909, p 618-619.

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The first deed recorded in the clerk's office is dated 10 Dec 1816, but it is beyond dispute that there were a considerable settlement here several years prior to that time. The following families, so far as we can learn, were among the first settlers: The Eatons, Van Winkles, McGaheys, Kitchells, Woodworths, Culloms, Woods, Isaac Hutson, Dr. Hill, the Lagows, Brimberrys, Wilsons, Waldrops, Piersons, Houstons, Kennedys & the Newlins. The Eatons are believed to have been here as early as 1809, & very generally admitted to have been the first actual settlers though no one can definitely settle the point now. There were Benjamin, Joseph, John, Stephen & Richard Eaton. They were genuine pioneers & frontiersmen, & were in the fort at Palestine. They disagreed with some of the other inmates of the fort, withdrew from it & built another fort at some distance, which received the name of Fort Foot, in consequence of the fact that the Eatons possessed extraordinarily large feet. The McGaheys (Allen & David) are supposed to have come to the country in 1809 or perhaps in 1810; **History of Crawford & Clark Co, IL**, W.H. Perrin, 1883, p 31.

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This indenture made this 9th day of December in the year of our Lord 1809 between John Parker\* of Dickson Co & state of Tennessee of the one part & Stewart Pipking of the Co & State aforesaid of the other part. Witnesseth that the said John Parker hath for the sum of \$500 to him in hand paid by the said Pipkins the receipt whereof is hereby Acknowledged before the signing of these presents hath bargained sold Aliened & Confirmed & doth by these presents give grant bargain sell & Set over to the said Stewart Pipkins a certain tract or parcel of land containing 200 acres more or less, lying & being in Dickson Co & on the waters of Turnbults Creek it being a part of a 640 acre tract granted to said Parker 'begining' at SE corner & 'runing' West to Richard Eatons lines then north with said Eatons line to the Hickory corner then on the same course to the first branch then down said branch to where the East 'Boundry' line then south to the 'begining' to have & to hold all & singular that Tract or parcel of land with all the Rights Titles Mines Minerals & Water courses & every part Thence of to the said Stewart Pipkins his Heirs & Assigns forever & the said John Parker for my self my heirs & Assigns do Agree to Warrant & forever Defend the aforesaid land & bargained premises Against myself my heirs etc & Every Other person or persons what ever & In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & year first above written. <Witnesses> Samuel Taylor, Aaron Laws, Daniel Taylor. <Signed> John Parker. Dickson Co, TN land deeds, Book A, p 378.  
<\*John Parker was the father of Daniel Parker. Richard Eaton's land bordered John Parker's land. This is the first contact I have found between the Parkers and Richard Eaton. Daniel Parker lived in Dickson County from 1803-1817. Richard Eaton could have been a member of Turnbull Primitive Baptist Church that ordained Daniel Parker. Palestine, IL to Dickson, TN is 224 miles.>

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The steamboat, beginning in the 1810s, made the river routes <in KY> more useful. **KY, A Pictorial History**, J.W. Coleman, Jr, 1971, p 123.

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<Richard Eaton's census record for 1810 has not been located. There were no Eatons on the 1810 IL census. From the land deeds dated 9 December 1809 and 1 February 1810, he lived in Dickson Co, TN. Census records there need to be checked.>

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According to Frankie Tigner's calculations, between 1810 and 1815 there was an unknown daughter born to Richard and Mary "Polly" Eaton. On the 1830 census of Crawford Co., IL, there is a female, age 15-20, who cannot be accounted for.

<Richard's daughter, Mary M. "Polly" Eaton, was also in that age group, born on 18 Nov 1813 in Palestine, Crawford Co. Eaton Kith and Kin, Frankie Toole Tigner, 1996, p 11.

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This Indenture made this 1 Feb 1810 Between Howell Adams & John Huddleston each of the Co of Dickson & State of Tennessee of the one part & Richard Eaton of the State & Co aforesaid of the other part, Witnesseth that Howell Adams & John Huddleston have this day covenanted Bargained & Sold unto Richard Eaton his Heirs & assigns forever one certain tract or parcel of Land containing 260 acres & for & in consideration of the sum of \$500 to them in hand paid by the said Eaton the Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged has given granted & Sold in fee simple unto the said Richard Eaton his Heirs & assigns forever the above mentioned Tract of Land whereof the said Huddleston now lives (Viz) Begining on the SW corner of Howell Adams survey of 640 acres, Runing North with said Survey to the Beaver Creek Hence East, 320 poles to the East boundary of said Survey. Thence South with the East boundary line to the SE corner of said Adams survey Thence West 320 poles to the begining. To have & to hold the said Land, & premises with all & every part thereof & all & singular the priviledges and 'and' appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining to him his Heirs & assigns forever & Howell Adams & John Huddleston shall & do forever warrant & Defend the Right & title of the said Land & premises unto Said Eaton his heirs & assigns against themselves & their heirs & every other person or persons, Witness their hands & seals the date above written. <Witnesses> Cuthbert Hudson, John Rauburn, James McCallister, David Hogan. <Signed> Howell Adams, John Huddleston.

State of Tennessee, Dickson Co. April Term 1810. Then was the within deed of conveyance acknowledged in open court & 'ordereded' to Certified for Registration. Tuld Farrar clerk.

State of Tennessee, Dickson Co. 26 Jul 1814. Then was the within deed of conveyance Registered in Book B, p 296-297. James Walker Register by his Deputy Cyhriaw? Farrar.

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Methodists & hardshell Baptists came first to La Motte twp, Crawford Co, IL. Thos Kennedy\* was an early hardshell preacher. La Motte Baptist Church organized by Elder Daniel Parker <in 1812>, first church built in the twp, had large congregation, was in La Motte Prairie, now long extinct. **Crawford Co, IL History**, 1883, p 137.

\*<Married Elizabeth Eaton in Bourbon Co, KY in 1793.>

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1812, Gallatin Co\* formed from Randolph Co\*, IL & Madison Co\* formed from St. Clair Co\*, IL. **The Handy Book For Genealogists**, 7th Edition, p 81.

\*<Need to check all three counties for early Eatons.>

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On 1 June 1812 President Madison asked Congress to declare war against Great Britain. He gave as his reasons the impressment of United States seamen and the interference with United States trade. He charged also that the British has stirred up Indian warfare in the Northwest. Congress declared war on 18 June 1812. Eaton Kith and Kin, Frankie Toole Tigner, 1996, p 11.

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On 18 April 1813, Richard Eaton's brothers, Daniel and Job, were killed by Indians. Richard performed the burial services for his brothers with their wives and children present, probably outside the old fort, Fort La Motte, Crawford Co, IL. Eaton Kith and Kin, Frankie Toole Tigner, 1996, p 11.

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Polly Eaton born 18 Nov 1813\*. The dates when the children of Richard Eaton were born taken for the purpose of distributing the estate of Squire Eaton deceased. Squire Eaton Estate Record, File Box 21, Case 3, Benjamin Eaton, Administrator. Probated 7 Apr 1835, Crawford Co, IL.

\*<The 1850 & 1860 census both said that Mary was b in IL.>

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1814, Edwards Co\* formed from Madison & Gallatin Co, IL. **The Handy Book For Genealogists**, 7th Edition, p 81.

\*<Need to check for early Eatons.>

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In the Territorial Papers for 1814-1818, p 30, was a list of names who wanted to buy land in IL: John Heaton, Joseph Heaton, Smith Shaw, Jas. D. Shaw, Brimberry Yong, Benj. Shook (m 1821, Abby Eaton, d/o Joseph), Wm. Hearn, Thos. Harden (m 1820, Anna Eaton, sister of Richard), Richard Eaton, Jno Waldrop Sr., Jno Waldrop Jr., Stephen Eaton, Richd Easton, Thomas Eaton, Edmond Hearn, Jas Kenedy, Jno Heaton, Benj Heaton, Andrew Montgomery. Endorsed 30 Sept 1814. Eaton Kith and Kin, Frankie Toole Tigner, 1996, p 11.

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Petition to buy 160 acres, reference to Law of Feb 1813 where they remained on the frontiers: John Heaton, Joseph Heaton, Smith Shaw, Jas D. Shaw, Brimberry Yong, Benj Shook <m 1821, Abby Eaton, d/o Joseph>, Wm Hearn, Thos Harden <m 1820, Anna Eaton>, Richd Eaton, Jno Waldrop Sr, Jno Waldrop Jr, Stephen Eaton, Richd Easton <m 1803, Bourbon Co, KY, Elizabeth Eaton>, Thomas Eaton, Edmond Hearn, Jas Kenedy <a Thomas Kennedy m 1793, Bourbon Co, KY, Elizabeth Eaton>, Jno Heaton, Benj Heaton, Andrew Montgomery. Endorsed 30 Sept 1814. **IL Territorial Papers**, p 30.

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In Nov of 1814 26 families were domiciled within Fort Lamotte, & the fort built at the beginning of the War of 1812 was guarded by a body of 90 frontier troopers, commanded by Capt. Pierce Andrew. The fort stood <on> the present site of Palestine. **IL, Historical Crawford Co**, Bateman & Paul Selby, 1909, p 618-619.

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1816, Crawford Co, IL formed from Edwards Co, IL. **The Handy Book For Genealogists**, 7th Edition, p 81.

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Elizabeth Eaton was born 12 Sept 1816. The dates when the children of Richard Eaton were born taken for the purpose of distributing the estate of Squire Eaton deceased. Squire Eaton Estate Record, File Box 21, Case 3, Benjamin Eaton, Administrator. Probated 7 Apr 1835.

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Elizabeth B. Eaton, d/o Richard & Ann\* Eaton, b 12 Sept 1816, Palestine, Crawford Co, IL. **IGI**, Batch 8122204, Serial 82. See source record below.

\*<Should be Mary, rather than Ann.>

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Elizabeth B. Eaton, b 12 Sept 1816, Palestine, Crawford Co, IL, d/o Richard & Ann\* Eaton, source of information census report of 1830, Crawford Co, IL, relationship to Elizabeth 3rd gr niece. Entry form (for individual ordinances), Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, by Shelby Mays Box, Box 1, Little America, WY 82929, Stake/mission Green River, WY.

\*<Should be Mary, rather than Ann.>

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The 1850, 1860 & 1870 census all said that Elizabeth was b in IL.

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Elizabeth B. Eaton, b 12 Sept 1816, Palestine, IL, d/o Richard & Mary Eaton. Residence: Milam, Limestone, Coryell Co, TX. Husb: William Welch. Children: Caroline, John, Rebecca Jane, William, Elizabeth, Harvey, Harriet, Charles, Josephus,

James Franklin. Information from Robert G. Tucker. **Citizens Of The Republic Of TX, TX Gen Soc, 1977, p 458.**  
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Elder Daniel Parker, who formed the Pilgrim Baptist Church that moved to TX in 1833, came to Crawford Co, IL in 1817.  
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Richard Eaton served on the first Grand jury for Crawford Co, IL in 1817. He assisted in the building of a house & establishing a school. This building also served as a church, & he served that group as a deacon. **A History & Genealogy of Pioneer Eatons of TX & Their Descendants**, Burney W. Eaton, 1936, p 16.  
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Richard Eaton, 28 Jun 1817, Fr. N  $\frac{1}{2}$  - Sect 4, Twp 7N R12W, 200.9 acres. (Original) Deed Entry Book, p 49, Crawford Col, IL. Eaton Kith and Kin, Frankie Toole Tigner, 1996, p 12.  
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Richard Eaton purchased a "rifle gun" for \$25.00 in the estate sale of Job Eaton. The appraisement of goods was on 14 Jun 1817, while the sale was on 6 Sept 1817. Crawford Co, IL Estate Record File Box 21, Case 6, Job Eaton, Noel M. Jones Administrator.  
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Richard Eaton, 28 Jun 1817\*, Fr. N 1/2 - Sect 4, Twp 7N R12W, 200.90 acres. Original Deed Entry Book, p 49, Crawford Co, IL.  
\*<Also see 27 Sept 1817 & 25 Mar 1818. See 20 Apr 1826 for sale of half.>  
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Richard Eaton purchased a rifle for \$7.00 in the estate sale of Job Eaton. The appraisement of goods was on 14 Jun 1817, while the sale was on 6 Sept 1817. Crawford Co, IL Estate Record File Box 21, Case 6, Job Eaton, Noel M. Jones Administrator.  
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The first Circuit Court, held for Crawford Co, convened on Monday 15 Sept 1817 at the house of Edward N. Cullom, agreeably to an act of the General Assembly, passed at its last session, & was presided over by the "Honorable Thomas Towles, Judge". The following are the names of the first Grand jury: William Howard, foreman; Daniel Travis, William Travis, Thomas Mills, Ira Allison, Samuel Allison, Asahell Haskins, John Waldrop, Sen., Richard Eaton, Thomas Jones, Daniel Martin, William Garrard, Benj. Parker, Jonas Painter, Samuel Brimberry, Peter Price, John Lamp, William Everman, William Hicks, George Smith & Newberry York, who were "sworn to inquire for the Co of Crawford," & who "received their charge & retired out of court to consider their presentment". **History of Crawford & Clark Co, IL**, W.H. Perrin, 1883, p 47.  
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27 Sept 1817\*. No. 811, Vincennes, Patent dated 25 Mar 1818. Recorded Vol 625, p 136.

Land Office at Vincennes, 27 Sept 1817. It is hereby certified, That pursuant to the acts of Congress providing for the sale of the Lands of the United States Richard Eaton of Crawford Co, IL on 28 Jun 1817 purchased of the Register of the Land Office at Vincennes, the Lot North Half of Section number 4 in Township No. 7N of Range No. 12W of the Vincennes District containing 200.9 acres, at the rate of \$2 per acre for which Half Section the said Richard Eaton has made full payment, his account therefore being finally settled & closed in the books of this Office, as will appear by the following statement thereof, viz.

Debit. 6 Aug 1817, To amt of the purchase ---?--- of said Half Sec. \$401.80.

Credit. 6 Aug 1817, By amt of the 1st instnt paid 7686 dated same day, \$100.40.  
27 Sept 1817, By Sundries Do of the 23V4 Do paid 8285 dated same day, Viz Amount of discount \$66.39, Cash account \$234.96, <subtotal> \$301.35, Total \$401.80.

Now Therefore be it known, That on presentation of this Certificate to the Secretary of the Treasury, Richard Eaton shall be entitled to receive a Patent for the Section above described. John Budollet, Register of the Land-Office.

National Archives, Record Group No. 49, Vincennes, IN, Credit Prior FL811.  
\*See 28 Jun 1817 & 25 Mar 1818. See 20 Apr 1826 for sale of half.>>

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Richard Eaton, 27 Sept 1817\*, E-NW- Sect 3, Twp 7N, Range 12W, 50.70 acres. Original Deed Entry Book, p 49, Crawford Co, IL.

\*See 21 Sept 1821 & 18 Jul 1823.>>

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Daniel and Patsy Parker moved to Crawford County, Illinois in December 1817, shortly before Illinois entered the Union. Daniel Parker (Baptist), Wikipedia.

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In 1818 Illinois was admitted to the Union as the 21<sup>st</sup> state. Eaton Kith and Kin, Frankie Toole Tigner, 1996, p 13.

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25 Mar 1818\*. Pat. G-811, Vol. G-38, page 136, order 172562-NS. James Monroe, President of the United States of America, To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting: Know Ye, That Richard Eaton of Crawford Co, IL Territory, having deposited in the General Land Office, a Certificate of the Register of the Land Office at Vincennes whereby it appears that full payment has been made for the North half of section four, in township Seven (north) of Range twelve (west) of the lands directed to be sold at Vincennes by the Act of Congress, entitled "An Act providing for the sale of lands of the United States, in the Territory north-west of the OH, & above the mouth of Kentucky River," & of the Acts amendatory of the same, There is Granted, by the United States, unto the said Richard Eaton the half lot or section of Land above described: To have & to hold the said half lot or section of Land, with the Appurtenances, unto the said Richard Eaton his heirs & assigns forever.

In testimony whereof, I have caused these Letters to be made PATENT, & the Seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand at the City of Washington, the twentyfifth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & eighteen & of the Independence of the United States of America the forty-second. By the President, J.M. J. Meigs, Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Eastern States Office, 350 South Pickett, Alexandria, VA 22304, 5 Aug 1983. I hereby certify that this reproduction is a true copy of the official record on file in this office. Authorized signature: Roger Johnson.

\*See 28 Jun 1817 & 27 Sept 1817. See 20 Apr 1826 for sale of half.>>

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Richard Eaton, 1818 census, Crawford Co, IL, p 276. 1 White male over 21 <Richard>. 7 Others\*

Others Eatons in Co: Benjamin, p 26; Benjamin Jr, p 392; John, p 139; Joseph, p 166; Solomon, p 387; Stephen, p 294.

\*Mary, b ca 1784; Absolum, b 1803; Malinda, b 1805; Squire, b 1806; Mary, b 1813; Elizabeth, b 1816; & one unknown person.>>

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7 Aug 1818, Richard Eaton apptd Justice of the Peace, Crawford Co, IL. **Exec. Rec, 1809-1818**, Vol B, p 81.

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24 Mar 1819, Richard Eaton nominated for JP, Crawford Co, IL. **House Journal 1819**, (MS copy), p 192.

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Richard Eaton nominated for JP, Crawford Co, IL. Serate J., 1819, p 198.

26 Mar 1819, Richard Eaton commissioned Justice of the Peace, Crawford Co, IL. **Exec.**  
**Rec., 1818-1832**, Vol 1, p 8.

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Lucinda Eaton was born 14 Jan 1820. The dates when the children of Richard Eaton were born taken for the purpose of distributing the estate of Squire Eaton deceased. Squire Eaton Estate Record, File Box 21, Case 3, Benjamin Eaton, Administrator. Probated 7 Apr 1835, Crawford Co, IL.

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Lucinda Eaton, d/o Richard & Mary Eaton, b 14 Jan 1820, Palestine, Crawford Co, IL. **IGI**, 8122204-84. See source record below.

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Lucinda Eaton, b 14 Jan 1820, Palestine, Crawford Co, IL, d/o Richard & Mary Eaton, d 27 Jan 1847, source of information census report of 1830, Crawford Co, IL, relationship to Lucinda 3rd gr niece. Entry form (for individual ordinances), Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, by Shelby Mays Box, Box 1, Little America, WY 82929, Stake/mission Green River, WY.

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Lucinda Eaton, b Jan 1820, Palestine, IL, d/o Richard & Mary Eaton. Residence: Elkhart, Anderson Co, TX. Husb: Dickinson Parker. Children: John, Benjamin, Ira, Mary Ann, Daniel. Information from Robert G. Tucker. **Citizens Of The Republic Of TX**, TX Gen Soc, 1977, p 458.

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Richard Eaton, b 1776-1794, age 26-44, 3 engaged in agriculture. 1820 IL census, Crawford Co, p 41.

<u>Age</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	
0-10	1810-1820	0	3	<Lucinda, Mary, Elizabeth>
10-15	1805-1810	1	1	<Squire, Malinda>
16-18	1795-1797	1		<Absolum>
16-25	1795-1804	1	0	<Absolum>
26-44	1776-1794	1	1	<Richard, Mary>
45+	bef 1775	0	1	<May be the mother of Richard or Mary.

Others in Co: Benjamin, b bef 1775, age 45+, p 41; Benjamin, b 1776-1794, age 26-45, p 9; John, b 1795-1804, age 16-25, p 41; Joseph, b bef 1775, age 45+, p 41; Stephen, b 1776-1794; age 26-44, p 41.

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1820 IL state census, Dubois, Clark Co, #76, Jesse Eaton, 1 white male, 3 other whites, 2 Horses. Others in the census: #77 John Parker 3-4, #78 James W. Parker 1-3, #79 Daniel Parker 1-3. <Clark co was formed from Crawford Co in 1819. This is the first contact I have found that the Eatons had with the Parkers as the census taker had them side by side in this census.>

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In 1821 Mexico gained its independence from Spain and Texas became a Mexican state. The year before, Moses Austin had secured permission from the Spanish government to set up an Anglo-American colony in Texas. When he died, his plans were carried out by his son, Stephen F. Austin, who established his first settlement, San Felipe de Austin, on the Brazos late in 1821. During the next few years Austin and other colonizers brought in so many settlers that by 1830 there were more than 20,000 Anglo-Americans in the province. Eaton Kith and Kin, Frankie Toole Tigner, 1996, p 14.

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5 Jun 1821\*. This Indenture made & entered into this 5 Jun 1821 between the Co commissioners of Crawford Co & State of IL & on behalf of said Co of the first part,

& Richard Eaton of the Co & state aforesaid of the Second part Witnesseth that for & in consideration of the Sum of \$75 to them in hand paid on behalf of Said Co for the use of the Same, have bargained & Sold & by these presents do bargain sell alien convey & confirm unto the Said Richard Eaton his Executors Administrators & assigns a certain Lot of Land Situate in the Town of Palestine the Seat of Justice for Said Co containing in & about 1/4 of an acre, & known & designated on the ground plot of Said Town as recorded in the records office of Said Co by Lot No. 99, Together with all & Singular the rights & appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise 'appurtaining' to the own proper use & behoof of the Said Richard Eaton his heirs & assigns forever, & the undersigned commissioners, do bind themselves & their Successors in office to forever warrant & defend the Said Richard Eaton his heirs Executors Administrators & assigns in quiet & 'peaceble' 'possession' of the above described Lot of Land, with the rights 'priviledges' & appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise 'appurtaining' from all right title claim Interest or demand whatsoever, further the Said commissioners do for themselves & their Successors in office, covenant & agree to & with the Said Richard Eaton, his heirs Executors Administrators & assigns that they were Lawfully Seized of the Said Lot of Land at & before the Sealing of these presents in trust for Said Co, & that they by a Special law of IL they have good right & Lawful authority to convey the Same in manner & form aforesaid, In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands & caused to be affixed the Seal of Said court the day & date first written. David Stewart, Aarron Ball, Ed N. Cullom. Test: Ed N. Cullom, Edward H. Piper. Crawford Co, IL, Deed Book A, p 64.

\*<See 12 May 1828 for sale of Lot 91.>

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State of IL, Crawford Co. Personally came William Gregg before me Richard Eaton a justice of peace in & for said Co & acknowledged the above assignments of the Certificate therein described to be his 'voluntary' act & deed. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my name & affixed my seal this 26 Jun 1821. Richard Eaton, JP.

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Rachel Eaton born 20 Jul 1821. The dates when the children of Richard Eaton were born taken for the purpose of distributing the estate of Squire Eaton deceased. Squire Eaton Estate Record, File Box 21, Case 3, Benjamin Eaton, Administrator. Probated 7 Apr 1835, Crawford Co, IL.

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Rachel Eaton, d/o Richard & Mary Eaton, b 20 Jul 1821, Crawford Co, IL. **IGI**, 8122204-84, 9-81, p 1086, cleared.

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Rachael Eaton, b 20 Jul 1821, Palestine, Crawford Co, IL, d/o Richard & Mary Eaton, d 18 Oct 1887, source of information census report of 1830, Crawford Co, IL, relationship to Rachael 3rd gr niece. Entry form (for individual ordinances), Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, by Shelby Mays Box, Box 1, Little America, WY 82929, Stake/mission Green River, WY.

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21 Sept 1821\*. No. 392, Vincennes, patent dated 18 Jul 1823, Record Vol 4, p 36. <On front.>

IL Final Certificate, Where no part of the Tract has been relinquished, (under the Act of Congress, of 2 Mar 1821.) Rd. No. 523. No. 392. Land Office, at Vincennes, 21 Sept 1821. It is hereby certified, That pursuant to several acts of Congress, providing for the sale of Lands of the United States, Richard Eaton of Crawford Co, IL on 27 Sept 1817 purchased of the Register of the Land Office at Vincennes the Lot or North West quarter of Section, No. 3, in Township, No. 7N of Range, No 12W of the Vincennes District containing 101.5 acres, at the rate of \$2 per acre; & that to complete the payment of said Lot or E 1/2 of NW 1/4 of a section, William Newlin of Crawford Co IL assignee of Richard Eaton has availed himself of the relief granted by the act of Congress, passed on 2 Mar 1821, entitled "An Act for the relief of the purchasers of the Public Lands prior to 1 Jul 1820". His account for

said Lot or quarter section, has, therefore, been finally settled & closed in the books of this Office, as will appear from the following statement thereof.

DR. 27 Sept 1817 to Sales of Public Lands \$203.04. Note The quantity contained in the past to be patented is acres 50"76.

CR. 27 Sept 1817 By Cash \$50.76. 21 Sept 1821 By this sum transferred from Viz SE 1/4 of the Sec No. 3 T7N R12W relinquished \$50.76. W 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Sec No. 3 T7N R12W for proportion of purchase money \$101.52. Total \$203.04.

Now, therefore, be it known, that on presenting this Certificate to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, the said William Newlin shall be entitled to receive a patent for the Lot or 1/2 of Section above described. John Brdollet, Register of the Land Office.

For a valuable consideration I do hereby assign & set over to William Newlin all my Right Title interest & Claim in & to the NW quarter of Sect No. 3 in No. 7N of Range No. 12W in the district of Land offered for sale at Vincennes given under my hand & Seal 26 Apr 1820 in the presence of George W. Bratton, I.S. Nordworth?.

<Original signature:> Richard Eaton (Seal). NW 3 7N 12W.

The National Archives, Record Group 49, Vincennes, IN, Credit Under FL392.  
\*See 27 Sept 1817 & 18 Jul 1823.>

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10 Jun 1822, Commissions ---?--- to the following present Officers -?- Militia, Crawford Co 16 Regt: Allen McGahey, Major; Adam V. Hatfield, Captain; Jube Bate & John Eaton Lieutenants & Richard Eaton, Ensign. **Executive Record**, Vol I, p 56. IL State Archives, Springfield, IL.

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Richard Eaton born 13 May 1823. The dates when the children of Richard Eaton were born taken for the purpose of distributing the estate of Squire Eaton deceased. Squire Eaton Estate Record, File Box 21, Case 3, Benjamin Eaton, Administrator. Probated 7 Apr 1835, Crawford Co, IL.

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Richard Eaton, s/o Richard & Mary Eaton, b 13 May 1823, Crawford Co, Palestine, IL. **IGI**, 8122204-79, 9-81, p 1086, cleared.

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Richard Eaton, b 13 May 1823, Palestine, Crawford Co, IL, s/o Richard & Mary Eaton, source of information census report of 1830, Crawford Co, IL, relationship to Richard <Jr> 3rd gr niece. Entry form (for individual ordinances), Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, by Shelby Mays Box, Box 1, Little America, WY 82929, Stake/mission Green River, WY.

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Richard Eaton, b 13 May 1823, Palestine, IL, s/o Richard & Mary Eaton. Residence: Limestone, Coryell & Brown Co, TX. 1m ---?--- Ferguson, 2m Sarah Jane Davis, 3m unknown, 4m Louisa ---?--- Painter, widow of Robert F., 5m Elizabeth Jane Easlea\*. Children: (1) None. (2) John Terrell, Frances Tipton, Nancy E., George Washington, David Brinkley, William C., Jefferson Davis, Albert S., Mary Jane, Richard A., Martha/Ellen. (3) unknown. (4) Florence, Elizabeth. (5) none. Information from Robert G. Tucker. **Citizens Of The Republic Of TX**, TX Gen Soc, 1977, p 458-459.  
\*Elizabeth Jane Easlea Davis.>

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18 Jul 1823\*. Pat. G-392, Vol. G-79, page 36, order 172562-???. James Monroe, President of the United States of America, To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting: Know Ye, That, William Newlin assignee of Richard Eaton having deposited in the General Land Office, a Certificate of Register of the Land Office at Vincennes whereby it appears that full payment has been made for the East half of the North West quarter of section Three in Township Seven (north) of Range Twelve (West) containing Fifty Seven & Seventy six hundredths of an acre of Lands directed to be sold at Vincennes by the Act of Congress, entitled "An Act providing for the sale of lands of the United States, in the Territory north-west of the Ohio, & above the mouth of Kentucky River," & of the Acts amendatory of the same, There is Granted, by the United States, unto the said William Newlin the half qt. lot or section of Land above described: To have & to hold the said half quarter lot or section of Land, with the Appurtenances, unto the said William Newlin his heirs & assigns forever.

In testimony whereof, I have caused these Letters to be made PATENT, & the Seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand at the City of Washington, the 'eighteenth' day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty three & of the Independence of the United States of America the forty-eighth.

By the President, J.M. G.G., Commissioner of the General Land Office.

\*See 27 Sept 1817 & 21 Sept 1821.

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Daniel Eaton born 25 Mar 1825. The dates when the children of Richard Eaton were born taken for the purpose of distributing the estate of Squire Eaton deceased. Squire Eaton Estate Record, File Box 21, Case 3, Benjamin Eaton, Administrator. Probated 7 Apr 1835, Crawford Co, IL.

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Daniel D. Eaton, s/o Richard & Mary Eaton, b 24 Mar 1825 <in error - should be 25 Mar 1825>, Palestine, Crawford Co, IL. **IGI**, 8122204-79.

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Daniel D. Eaton, b 25 Mar 1825, Palestine, IL, s/o Richard & Mary Eaton. Residence: Limestone & Coryell Co, TX. Wife: Dicy Ann McAlester/McCallister. Children: Jacob Daniel, William Ira, John W., Thomas Greenberry, Squire, George W., Sarah Elizabeth, Houston. Information from Robert G. Tucker. **Citizens Of The Republic Of TX**, TX Gen Soc, 1977, p 459.

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Daniel D. Eaton, b 24 Mar 1825, Palestine, Crawford Co, IL, s/o Richard & Mary Eaton, d 27 Jul 1867, source of information census report of 1830, Crawford Co, IL, relationship to Daniel 3rd gr niece. Entry form (for individual ordinances), Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, by Shelby Mays Box, Box 1, Little America, WY 82929, Stake/mission Green River, WY.

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5 Oct 1825\*. This Indenture made & entered into this 5 Oct 1825 between William Everman\*\* of the Co of Crawford & state of IL of the one part & Richard Eaton of the Co & State aforesaid of the other part. Witnesseth that for & in consideration of \$100 to him in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have bargained & sold & by these presents do bargain, sell, alien convey & confirm unto the said Richard Eaton his executors administrators & assigns a certain tract or parcel of land situate & being the west half of the SW quarter of Sect 35 in Twp 7N or range 14W together with all & singular the rights & 'appertenances' thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining to the own proper use & behoof of the said Richard Eaton his heirs & assigns forever & the afore said William Everman do bind himself his heirs executors & administrators to forever warrant & defend the said Richard Eaton his heirs executors administrators & assigns in quiet & peacable possession of the above described tract of land with the rights privileges & 'appertenances' thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining from all rights title claim interest or demand whatsoever. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this day & date

above written. William Everman (his mark)(Seal). Attest: John Eaton, Andrew Everman.

State of IL, 'Crawfor' Co. Be it remembered that on the 5 Oct 1825 before me the subscriber a justice of the peace in & for said Co personally came William Everman of said Co & acknowledged the within conveyance to be his voluntary act & deed for the purpose therein mentioned & desires the same to be recorded. Given under my hand & seal this day & date above written. John Boyd JP (Seal). Crawford Co, IL, Deed Record Book A, p 249-250.

\*<See 29 May 1833 & 6 Jul 1833 for sale.>

\*\*<Benjamin & John Eaton m Barbara & Nancy Everman, respectively.>

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Benjamin Eaton, Jr m 6 Apr 1826, Malindy Eaton\*, by John Boyd. Crawford Co, IL Marriage Record Book A, p 22.

\*<Dau of Richard & Mary (Robertson) Eaton.>

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20 Apr 1826\*. This Indenture made this twentieth day of April Anno Domini 1826 between Richard Eaton & Polly his wife of the Co of Crawford in the State of IL of the one part, & Eldrige S. Janney of the Town of Alexandria in the District of Colombia of the other part Witnesseth That the said Richard Eaton & Polly his wife for & in consideration of the Sum of Six hundred Dollars lawful money of the United States to him the Said Richard in hand paid by the Said E.S. Janney (The Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged) have given granted, bargained Sold aliened & confirmed, & by these presents do & each of them does give grant bargain Sell alien & confirm to the Said E.S. Janney his heirs & assigns, all that parcel or tract of Land, with all the appurtenances & improvements Whatsoever of every kind belonging to or upon the aforesaid parcel or tract of Land <320a> being the North half of Section No. four in Township No. Seven North, Range No. Twelve west.

To Have & to hold the aforementioned parcel or tract of Land with all its appurtenances & improvements as aforesaid to him the Said Eldrige S. Jenney & his heirs forever free from the claim or claims of all & every person or persons whatsoever, & the Said Richard Eaton for himself & his heirs, does hereby further covenant to warrant & defend it against the future claim or claims of all & every person or persons whatsoever - - - In Testimony whereof the parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands & affixed their seals the day & year being first before written. Signed: Richard Eaton (Seal), Mary Eaton (Seal). Signed sealed & delivered in presence of John Boyd, John Grigg.

State of IL, Crawford Co. Be it remembered that before me a Justice of the peace in & for the Co of Crawford State of IL, came Richard Eaton & Mary his wife & acknowledged the within conveyance to be their voluntary act & deed for the purposes therein mentioned & described, the Same to be Recorded, witness my hand & Seal this 20th day of April 1826. John Boyd J.P. (Seal). Crawford Co, IL Records, Deed Record, Book A, p 275-276, listed in index Book A (1816-1859)

\*<See 28 Jun 1817 for purchase. Land was originally sold to Richard Eaton by John Eaton; see 25 Dec 1835 where E.S. Janney sold it back to John Eaton.>

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Richard Eaton was living across the Embarras River from Oblong, Jasper Co., IL, in 1827.(There was no Jasper Co., IL, until 1831. Oblong would have been in Crawford Co., IL in 1827, but is now in Jasper Co.) Eaton Kith and Kin, Frankie Toole Tigner, 1996, p 18.

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Jesse Eaton born 6 Feb 1827. The dates when the children of Richard Eaton were born taken for the purpose of distributing the estate of Squire Eaton deceased. Squire Eaton Estate Record, File Box 21, Case 3, Benjamin Eaton, Administrator. Probated 7 Apr 1835, Crawford Co, IL.

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Jesse Eaton, s/o Richard & Mary Eaton, b 6 Feb 1827, Palestine, Crawford Co, IL. IGI, 8122204-79. See source record below.

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Jesse Eaton, b 6 Feb 1827, Palestine, Crawford Co, IL, s/o Richard & Mary Eaton, d 1875, source of information census report of 1830, Crawford Co, IL, relationship to Richard <Jr> 3rd gr niece. Entry form (for individual ordinances), Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, by Shelby Mays Box, Box 1, Little America, WY 82929, Stake/mission Green River, WY.  
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Jesse Eaton, b 6 Feb 1827, Crawford Co, IL, s/o Richard & Mary Eaton. Residence: Coryell & Grayson Co, TX. Wife: Elizabeth J. Hoffman. Children: John Daniel, Thomas Jefferson. Information from Robert G. Tucker. **Citizens Of The Republic Of TX**, TX Gen Soc, 1977, p 459.  
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12 May 1828\*. This Indenture made & entered into this Twelfth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty eight. Between Richard Eaton, & Polly his wife, of the Co of Crawford & State of IL of the one part & Alexander M. Houston of the Co & State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that for & in consideration of the Sum of fifty Dollars to them in hand paid at & before the Sealing & delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged. Have given granted bargained & Sold, 'aleined' released conveyed & confirmed, & do by these presents, give grant, bargain & Sell, 'aliene', release, convey & confirm to the Said Alexander M. Houston, a certain Lot or parcel of Land lying, & being in the Town of Palestine, Co of Crawford & State of IL aforesaid, & known & designated on the ground Plot of Said Town, by Lot Number ninety one, as will appear from a Record Thereof in the Recorders office of Said Co --Together with all & Singular the 'priviledges' & appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining -- To Have & to hold the above granted premises to the Said Alexander M. Houston & his Heirs Executors Administrators & assigns forever, & the Said Richard Eaton & Polly his wife for themselves, their Heirs Executors & Administrators, shall forever, Warrant & defend the Same to the Said Alexander M. Houston his heirs & assigns forever free from the claim or claims of all & every person or persons whatsoever. In 'Testimony' whereof the Said Richard Eaton & Polly his wife have hereunto Set their hands & affixed their Seals to. Said Polly Eaton wife of the Said Richard, hereby relinquishing her right of Dower in the above described premises the day & date as above written. Signed: Richard Eaton (Seal), Polly Eaton (Seal) Her (X) mark. Signed Sealed & delivered in the presence of us: H. Alexander, David Steward.

State of IL, Crawford Co. Be it remembered that on the 12th day of May AD 1828. Personally appeared before me, Edward H. Piper clerk of the Circuit Court of Said Co. Richard Eaton & Polly his wife, who are personally known to me to be the Same persons who have Subscribed their names to the above Deed & acknowledged that they had Signed & conveyed the Same for the purposes therein mentioned, & the Said Polly Eaton being examined 'Seperate' & apart from her Said husband acknowledged that She had Signed the Same of her own free will, without any compulsion of her Said husband.

In 'Testimony' whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & affixed the Seal of Said Court the day as above written. Edward H. Piper, ck. Crawford Co, IL Records, Deed Record, Book A, p 373-374, listed in index Book A (1816-1859).

\*<See 5 Jun 1821 for purchase of lot 99.>  
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Purchaser Richard Eaton, Residence of Purchaser Crawford, Aliquot Parts or Lot W2SE, Section Number 34, Township 07N, Range 14W, Meridian 2, County of Purchase Jasper, 80 acres, price per acre \$1.25, total price \$100, Type of Sale FD, Date of Purchase 22 Sept 1828, Volume 291, page 19. Illinois State Archives, Illinois Public Domain Land Detail.  
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Together with Robert Watts, arrived Jeremiah and Jesse York, cousins, and later, in 1831 Jesse Eaton. Jesse Eaton lived a while on North Fork, moving then to the northeastern part of the township, which was his home until 1863. He was an old school Baptist minister, and preached throughout the township.

In 1836 the community received additions through the arrivals of John Smith, Elijah Smith, Greenberry Eaton and John Salisbury, with their families. Mr. Eaton entered up land in Section 36, near the present village of Oblong, and being a cooper by trade, supplied his neighbors with buckets, tubs and barrels, of which they had much need.

In 1833\*, Richard Eaton put up on North Fork, a frame water-mill of two stones, 20 x 30 feet in dimension. It had a saw attachment, and besides it flour and meal output, turned out a large amount of lumber. Illinois Historical, Crawford County Biographical, Chapter 7, Township History, p 716.

\*<In error as land deeds said that he purchased 80 acres of land in Jasper County, IL on 22 Sept 1828. >

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In 1833\*, just before leaving for TX Richard Eaton built a mill that would grind grain & cut wood. **A History & Genealogy of Pioneer Eatons of TX & Their Descendants**, Burney W. Eaton, 1936, p 16.

\*<In error as land deeds said that he purchased 80 acres of land in Jasper County, IL on 22 Sept 1828 and the mill was built two years later.>

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Richard Eaton settled on the East Fork, in Willow Hill Twp, <Jasper Co>, in 1837\*, & two years after, built a mill on the creek to saw, & grind corn; the mill passed through many hands, but has gone down at last. Mr Eaton went to TX on horse-back, a few years after, & never came back. **Counties of Cumberland, Jasper & Richland, IL**, F.A. Battey & Co, 1884, p 386.

\*<In error as he went to TX in 1833. Land deeds said that he purchased 80 acres of land in Jasper County, IL on 22 Sept 1828. >

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A Pamphlet published in 1947 by the North Fork Church of Primitive Baptist places him <Richard Eaton> in the area prior to 1829 and on North Fork instead of East Fork.

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Extract from Book No. 1, records of Northfork Baptist Church: "Northfork Church was constituted February 10<sup>th</sup> 1829 by the request of the Baptist of the North Fork of the Embarras River and its vicinity. 1<sup>st</sup> Chose Brother Thomas Young, Moderator and Brother William Griggs, clerk, 2<sup>nd</sup> The following members gave in their names for constitution (to wit) Richard Eaton, Mary Eaton, Joseph Kennedy, Abagal Kennedy, Jesse Eaton, Rhoda Eaton." According to the Roll of Members, both Richard and Mary Eaton were "Received March 10<sup>th</sup> 1829, Charter Member". Eaton Kith and Kin, Frankie Toole Tigner, 1996, p 19.

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North Fork (of Embarrass River) Church <Jasper Co, Illinois> was organized on February 10, 1829, at the home of Richard Eaton, about two miles west of present-day Oblong, about one-half mile west of the river from which it took its name. The charter members were dismissed from Grand Prairie Church of Crawford County. The church met for many years in Willow Hill township. In 1884, Jeremiah Doty and wife gave a deed to the church for Lots 4 and 5 in Doty's 2nd Addition to the town of New Liberty (Willow Hill). The church continued to meet there until it closed, in 1979. Pastors of the church included Elders Thomas Young, Daniel Doty, William H. Smith, A. J. Lanter, William Lewis, James George, J. C. Biggs, H. C. Bell, Cina Greathouse, Jasper Dalby, Benjamin Ferguson, George W. Inyart, T. J. Parr, Jerry Brown, William E. Wright, Oscar Wallace, J. D. Vandever, and Cecil R. Fuson. Family names who were members of this church included: Allen, Allison, Anderson, Armstrong, Arnold, Baker, Bartlett, Bartley, Baughess, Beel, Biggs, Bonom, Bridges, Brooks, Bruner, Burcham, Cable, Carpenter, Cawhorn, Chriss, Conrad, Cottrel, Cox, Daubs, Dillman, Dispenny, Dodd, Doty, Eaton, Erwin, Fear, Ferguson, Fowler, Gardner, George, Graves, Greene, Griggs, Hambric, Harrison, Highsmith, Hill, Hilton, Holensaic, Holmes, Hon, Hone Hume, Hunt, Ireland, James, Jeffers, Jennie, Johnson, Jones, Kasserman, Keen, Kennedy, Kermicle, Kibler, Kinkade, Lameron, Lanter, Laws, Lewis, Manning, McCoy, McDaniel, McKenzie, Metcalf, Miller, Mock, Musgrove, Neal, Nebergall, Newkirk, Odell,

Oef, Parr, Phelps, Pierson, Pile, Portlock, Powell, Price, Purcell, Rice, Richards, Ridlen, Robinson, Rodd, Rowe, Salisbury, Sheller, Skidmore, Smith, Stall, Stone, Tarpley, Taylor, Todd, Trowbridge, Van Black, Watts, Weaver, Welch, Wolensaid, Wright, York, Young. <http://genealogytrails.com/ill/jasper/baptists.html>.

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16 Mar 1829\*. Certificate No 939, pat 939, vol 2\*\*, p 450, order # 199761-NS. The United States Of America. To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting: Whereas, Richard Eaton of Crawford Co, IL has deposited in the General Land Office of the United States, a certificate of the Register of the Land Office at Palestine whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said Richard Eaton according to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for the W half of the SE Q of Sect 34 in twp 7N of Range 14W in the District of lands offered for sale at Palestine, IL, containing 80a according to the official plat of the survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General, which said tract has been purchased by the said Richard Eaton. Now Know Ye, That the United States of America, in consideration of the premises, & in conformity with the several acts of Congress, in such case & provided, have Given & Granted, &, by these presents do give & grant, unto the said Richard Eaton & to his heirs the said tract above described: To Have & to Hold the same, together with all the rights, 'privileges', immunities & appurtenances, of whatsoever nature thereto belonging, unto the said Richard Eaton & to his heirs & assigns forever.

In Testimony whereof, I, Andrew Jackson, President of the United States, have caused these letters to be made Patent, & the seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the 16 day of March in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred & twenty nine & of the Independence of the United States the fiftythird. By the President, A.J. G.G. Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Eastern States Office, 350 South Pickett, Alexandria, VA 22304, 4 Aug 1983. I hereby certify that this reproduction is a true copy of the official record on file in this office. Authorized signature: Roger Johnson.

\*<Palestine Cash Volume according to letter from U.S. Dept of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States Office to Roger Zimmerman dated 27 May 1983.>  
\*\*<See 12 Aug 1833 for sale.>

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March the 21, 1829. "The (North Fork Baptist) Church met 'Acording' to 'ajornment' And after divine 'Servis' proceeded to business. 1 Opened A 'dore' for the 'Recption' of members 2 and received brother John Miller buy 'Leter' 4 And Sister Mary Miller 'Buy' 'leter' 5 Received Melinda Eaton <daughter of Richard Eaton> by experience 6 Received Polly Eaton <Mary "Polly" Eaton, daughter of Richard Eaton> 'buy' experience 7 Appointed 'Bretheran' R Eaton J Miller J Eaton and Joseph 'Kenedy' a 'Commotee' to draft a form of decorum for this church and report at the next meeting."

On 11 April 1829, the North Fork Baptist Church "requested Bro R Eaton to serve 'Hur' as 'hur' deacon he being an ordained Deacon of grand prairie Church.

Saturday, May the 23, 1829 "The church met and in order 'proceeded' to 1 Chose R Eaton for moderator 2 Brother R Eaton presented the church three yards of factory for 'hur' table 'clo(th)' At twenty five 'sents' per yard 'wich' 'Receied'."

Saturday, May the 30, 1829 "the Church 'taks' up the letter respecting brother Joseph Eaton and lay it over until next meeting and appointed a 'Commetee' of 'betherans' to Wit J Miller J kennedy and ritchard Eaton to Inquire after the reports that are in Circulation."

Saturday, June the 27, 1829 "The church met and After 'pray' proceeded to business the 'referances' being Called for and the 'Commetee' Report follows we the 'commetee' appointed to 'examin' into reports respecting Br Joseph Eaton make the following report we find that there is contradictions between him and Sister Elizabeth Miller that appears to amount to such difficulty that fellowship cannot be obtained between to such parties. (signed) John Miller Ritchard Eaton Joseph Kennedy."

Also "The Church appointed Bro Ritchard Eaton to serve 'hur' as moderator in the absence of a regular preacher of our order."

Saturday, July the 25, 1829 "1<sup>st</sup> The Church agrees to Call Elder Young to take the pastoral care of the church and to attend us once a month 'buy' his consent 2<sup>nd</sup> And the Church agrees to 'wright' to the grand 'payrery' church requesting part of Elder youngs time and appointed Bro ritchard Eaton to 'bare' the same." Minutes of North Fork Baptist Church, Crawford County. (later Jasper Co., Illinois.) Eaton Kith and Kin, Frankie Toole Tigner, 1996, p 20-21.

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4 Aug 1829. State Of IL, Crawford co, ss. The People of the State of IL, to the sheriff of Crawford co. Greeting. We command you to summon James Highsmith & William Highsmith to appear before the 'juge' of our Crawford circuit court at the Court House in Palestine on Thursday after the third Monday in Sept next. To answer Richard Eaton in a plea of Debt for \$100, Damages, \$100 & have then & there this writ. Witness the honorable William Wilson, Judge of Said Court this 4 Aug 1829. Edward H. Piper, Ck Tst.

State of IL, In the Crawford Circuit Court, Sct. Sept Term 1829. James Highsmith & William Highsmith were summoned to answer Richard Eaton of a lea, that they render to him the sum of \$131.43 1/3 cents which they owe to & unjustly detain from him & therefore the sd Eaton by Jamey his atty complains for that whereas heretofore to wit on 22 Dec 1826 at Palestine in the Co aforesd by the ---?--- writing obligatory sealed with their seals here shown to the court the date whereof is the day & year aforesaid the sd James & William Highsmith jointly & severally acknowledged themselves to be bound to the sd Eaton in the sum of \$100 lawful money of the United States part of the sd sum of \$131.43 1/3 cts above demanded, to be paid to the sd Richard Eaton on order twelve months after the date of the sd writing obligatory with 12 percent pr annum interest from the date thereof to wit at Palestine in the Co aforesd. Yet the sd James & Wm Highsmith, nor either of them altho often severally requested so to do hath not nor have paid to the sd Eaton or his order the sd sum of \$100 or any part thereof but on the contrary have & each of them has neglected & refused to pay to the sd Eaton or his order the further sum of \$31.43 1/3 cts for interest thereon which became due & still is in 'arear' & unpaid contrary to the form & effect contrary to the form & effect of the sd writing obligatory to wit at -?- aforesd whereby an action hath accrued to the sd Eaton to demand & have of & from the sd J. & W. Highsmith the sd Sum of \$131.43 1/3 cts above demanded - yet the sd defs have not nor has either of them altho often requested so to do paid the said Sum of \$131.43 1/3 above demanded nor any part thereof to the sd Eaton or his order but have & each of them hath wholly neglected & refused & still do & each of them doth neglect & refuse so to do - to the damage of the sd Eaton of \$100 - & therefore he brings his Suit. Jamey, -?-. Crawford Co, IL records, Court Record File Box 4, Case 18.

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Saturday, August the 22, 1829 "2 The church agrees to send a letter to the 'assosiation' and instructed the clerk to prepare the Same and present it at next meeting 3 And the church appointed 'bretheren' R Eaton Jesse Eaton to 'bare' said letter."

Saturday, December the 26, 1829 "2<sup>nd</sup> Brother Ritchard Eaton came 'forword' and made 'Acnolagements' to the church for 'dreenking' 'two' much 3<sup>rd</sup> Brother Joseph Kennedy made 'acnolagment' for 'dreenking' 'two' much and the church 'profest' satisfaction with them both." Minutes of North Fork Baptist Church, Crawford County. (later Jasper Co., Illinois.) Eaton Kith and Kin, Frankie Toole Tigner, 1996, p 21.

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Richard Eaton, b 1780-1790. 1830 census, Crawford Co, IL, p 8.

<u>Age</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
0-5	1825-1830	1	0 <Jesse>
5-10	1820-1825	2	2 <Daniel, Richard, Rachael, Lucinda>
10-15	1815-1820	0	1 <Elizabeth>
15-20	1810-1815	0	2 <Mary, ?*>

20-30 1800-1810 2 0 <Absolum, Squire>  
40-50 1780-1790 1 1 <Richard, Mary "Polly""  
70-80 1750-1760 1 0 <Possibly father of Richard or Mary "Polly""  
Others Eatons in Co: Benjamin Sr, b 1760-1770, p 17; Benjamin, b 1780-1790, p 2;  
Benjamin, b 1790-1800, p 16; Benjamin B., b 1790-1800, p 8; Benjamin, b 1800-1810,  
p 8; Greenbury, b 1800-1810, p 17; Jesse, b 1790-1800, p 15; John, b 1780-1790, p 8.

Close neighbors: Anderson Arnold\*\*, Joseph Arnold\*\*, William Arnold Jr\*\*,  
William Arnold Sr\*\* <b 1760-1770>, John M. Buford, William Cevin?, John Clark,  
Nathaniel Cockran, Daniel Easton, Benjamin Eaton, Benjamin B. Eaton, John Eaton,  
Moses Higgins, Richard Hubbard, Joseph Kennedy\*\*\*, James Landers, John Miller,  
William Price, Michael Rawlings, Benjamin Shook <h/o Abby Eaton, d/o Joseph>, Elijah  
Smith, James Smith, John Vandcord, Drury Wall, Thomas Wall, Lot Watts <h/o Nancy  
Eaton>, Jesse York.

\*<Unknown daughter?>

\*\*<Stephen H. Eaton, brother of Richard, m Charity Arnold.>

\*\*\*<A Joseph Kennedy who married one of Daniel Parker's daughters went to TX.>

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Saturday, August the 21, 1830 "3<sup>rd</sup> the <North Fork Baptist> church appointed  
'Bretheren' Ritchard And Jessey eaton their 'delegats' to the association And 'bare'  
said contribution and letter."

Saturday, September the 25, 1830 "The church agreed to send a 'commetee' to  
visit Brother Joseph kennedy to 'no' the cause why he failed to fill his 'seet' at  
church meeting and 'in quire' in to other reports respecting his 'condi<tion>' 4  
And the church appointed Bretheran Ritchard And Jessy Eaton as that 'cmmetee' and  
that they Report at next meeting." Minutes of North Fork Baptist Church, Crawford  
County. (later Jasper Co., Illinois.) Eaton Kith and Kin, Frankie Toole Tigner, 1996,  
p 21.

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Sarah Ellen Eaton 25 Nov 1830. The dates when the children of Richard Eaton were  
born taken for the purpose of distributing the estate of Squire Eaton deceased.  
Squire Eaton Estate Record, File Box 21, Case 3, Benjamin Eaton, Administrator.  
Probated 7 Apr 1835, Crawford Co., IL.

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Sarah Ellen Eaton, d/o Richard & Mary Eaton, b 25 Nov 1830, Palestine, Crawford Co.,  
IL. **IGI**, 8122204, 90. See source record below.

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Sarah Ellen Eaton, b 25 Nov 1830, Palestine, Crawford Co., IL, d/o Richard & Mary  
Eaton, d 1888, 3rd gr Granddau, source of information family bible in possession of  
Fay Mays. Entry form for individual ordinances, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day  
Saints, by Shelby Mays Box, Box 1, Little America, WY 82920, Stake/mission Green  
River, WY.

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Sarah Ellen Eaton, b 25 Nov 1830, Palestine, IL, d/o Richard & Mary Eaton.  
Residence: Limestone & Coryell Co, TX. Husb: David Crockett McCallister.  
Children: Mary Ann, Hanna Elizabeth, Angeline, Malissa C., George W., David, James  
Madison, Henry, Sarah Ellen, infant, name unknown. Information from Robert G.  
Tucker. **Citizens Of The Republic Of TX**, TX Gen Soc, 1977, p 459.

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In 1831 Jasper County, IL, was created from Clay and Crawford Counties, county seat  
Newton. Handy Book for Genealogists.

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Saturday, January the 22, 1831 "1<sup>st</sup> The church take up the bisness between Brother  
Ritchard eaton and Bro William 'Robeson'\* respecting their temporal affairs 2<sup>nd</sup> The  
church agrees to lay it over as a reference until next meeting."

Saturday, February the 26<sup>th</sup>, 1831 "2 The reference respecting Brother Ritchard Eaton and brother William 'Robeson' taken up And as brother 'Robeson' is not in this section of country the church agrees to lay over the business for the present and in as much as Brother 'Robeson' in debt to Brother Eaton and brother John Miller has 'som' of brother 'robeson's' property in his hands for safe keeping the church Advises brother Miller to 'geiv' up an 'spcies' of property that might be 'servseble' to Brother Eaton by the said eatons 'indamneyfing' for so doing and becoming responsible for the property to be 'fourth' coming in as good order as when received when ever 'cauld' for."

\*Richard Eaton married Mary "Polly" Robertson. This may be a relative of hers. >

Saturday, May the 21, 1831 "The church 'tak' into consideration to 'no' whether she 'wonts' a meeting house and after investigation agreed to 'bild' one 2<sup>nd</sup> And Appointed a 'comtee' of three to (vis) R Eaton J Eaton and John Miller to select a place to 'bild' on and report at next meeting."

Saturday, June the 25, 1831 "2 We you committee Appointed to select a spot to 'bild' a meeting 'hous' on report as follows that we find a place on Brother Benjamin Eatons land that can be had it lies on the east north and south line on a point adjoining the bottom And Richard Eaton proffers to 'geive' a sufficient quantity of land on the creek to 'bild' Said meeting 'hous' on <signed> Ritchard Eaton Jessy Eaton John Miller 3 and the question being 'cald' for and the church say that they will 'bild' on Brother Ritchard Eatons land in the bottom."

Saturday, August the 27, 1831 "1 the reference respecting making 'chois' of a 'de(acon)' taken up and the church by private vote say that John Miller is 'hur' 'choise' to fill that place and 'appor\_\_\_\_' the 'fir' day before the fourth lords day in October as a day of fasting and prayer to the Lord and the ordaining of the Said Brother Miller to the office of a deacon and agrees to call to 'hur' aid in the work the assistance of 'hur' sister churches (vis) Lamott Grand 'perarie' and mount zion and appointed Ritchard Eaton to Lamott Jesse Eaton to mount zion Joseph Kennedy to grande 'perarie'. 2 Received a letter from our sister church at Lamott requesting our 'ordaind' authority to assist 'hur' at 'hur' meeting on Friday before the 2 Sunday in November in ordaining our beloved 'Bretheran' John 'wod' and Frederic Markley to the office of deacon which request granted 3 the church instructs the clerk to prepare a letter for the association and appointed 'Bretheran' Ritchard Eaton John Miller Jesse Eaton to 'bare' the same 4 the church contribute one dollar to the Assosiation to defray the 'expens' of printing 'minits' 5 the 'reference' respecting Brother Robeson and Brother Ritchard Eaton tacon up and the church instructs Brother R Eaton to send his account against brother 'Robeson'\* by Bro D Parker as he is going to the little Wabash association and lays over any further 'proseidings' on that 'bisness' until the meeting in October next 'a' which time she expects to receive information by Elder parker respecting Bro 'Roeson'\*."

October the 21, 1831 "3<sup>rd</sup> Elder N S Smith from Lamotte church Appeared by the appointment of his church Elder R M Newport from Gladys fork Church and Elder G S Yount from Mount Zion church being present ware in v<ited> by the church to assist brother Smith in the forming of 'pesbattery' 5 the 'presbattery' being formed proceeded to 'choos' brother Newport moderator And brother T young Clerk 6 the church instructs 'hur' deacon brother R Eaton to assist the 'pesbattery' in 'Sd' ordination."

Saturday, October the 22, 1831 "first: Received A letter from brother D. parker Informing us that he had 'herd' of brother William 'robe(son)' And that he 'Robeson' 'Expeted' to be here this fall And the church continues the reference of the August meeting until next meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> The reference being 'cald' for respecting the selection of a spot to 'bilt' a meeting 'hous' on 3<sup>rd</sup> the church still says that they will 'bild' 'hur' Meeting 'hous' in the bottom on Brother R Eatons land fourth In consequence of 'som' 'dissatisfaction' The church agrees to 'dispens' with the 'bilding' of a meeting 'hous' at this time."

Saturday, December the 24, 1831 "first 'Tuck' up the 'Refferance' of last August meeting respecting the debt which is due from brother William 'Robeson' to Brother Ritchard Eaton and after examination it appearing that the amount of 13 dollars exclusive on 'intrust' in and has been justly due from the said 'Robeson' to the said Eaton for more than two years and further it appears that the said 'Robeson' has 'ben' repeatedly 'notefyed' to attend and 'mak' settlement which he had entirely neglected to do the church is 'theirfore' of opinion that Brother Robeson nor no other person what ever can have any just cause of complaint if Brother Ritchard Eaton

exercise his one judgment and avail himself of the best and most 'Legale' way of 'macking' his 'mony' out of the property of said 'Robesons' which is in the hands of brother John Miller."

Saturday, January the 21, 1832 "3<sup>rd</sup> Agreed that our next meeting be holden at Brother Ritchard Eatons."

Saturday, April the 21, 1832 "4<sup>th</sup> The church being informd that 'their' was reports in circulation respecting a certificate 'geiven' by sister Sally Allason to William Highsmith Esquir which in 'their' nature were calculated to wound the \_\_\_\_\_ of brethren in sister churches \_\_\_\_\_ to 'hur' inquiry and the reproach of the \_\_\_\_\_ 'mers' cause the church 'theirfore' agrees to take up the subject 'fro' Examination and appoints Brethren Ritchard Eaton Ritchard Allison and Jesse Eaton to Examine into the case in what \_\_\_\_\_ they may think most advisable and report at next meeting."

Saturday, May the 26, 1832 "The church Met and in order attend to 'bisness'. First The committee appointed last meeting make the following report which was 'red' and received 2<sup>nd</sup> We your 'commetee' being appointed to examine the reports respecting a certificate said to be 'geiven' sister Sally Alison to William Highsmith Esqr upon examination find in our opinion the following facts to exist 1<sup>st</sup> That the certificate now in the hands of the said William Highsmith Esqr which he saith was given him by sister Sally Alison in its nature and by it declaration 'gos' to 'releas' the said Highsmith from any chance of ever having 'maid' any attempt by words or conduct upon 'hur' virtue this fact appears from the inform(ation) of bretheren Richard Eaton and James Pennet have 'herd' the certificate 'red' 2<sup>nd</sup> It 'Appears' from the pointed statements of sister Alison that the said Wm. Highsmith Esqr had at two different times 'maid' attemps on her virtue in vary 'indeasent' conduct. 3<sup>rd</sup> It appears by 'positivete' statements of sister Alison and her husband (bro David y Alison) that she was deceived in the nature and 'baring' of the certificate 'geiven' her stated by the said highsmith that he the said highsmith made 'moat' her and her husband believe that they certificate 'onley' went to contradict the 'fols' reports which went to say that they had been two thick on great 'togeth' stating at the same time the he did not wish her to certify in contradiction to the facts of his conduct 'toword' her which he admitted to be 'factrs' but stated that it was only a romance and not a design on his part to intrude on 'hur' her wishes. 4<sup>th</sup> It appears to be a fact that Bro Ritchard S Alison the subscribing witness did neither see the sister subscribe 'hur' name nor 'hear' her say that she had given leave for 'hur' name to be set to that certificate therefore he is unprepared to say that the sister under stood what she was signing that he (R S Allison) set his name relying the information of 'hur' husband, David y Alison and (David y Allison) saith that he did not understand the certificate to go to contradict the facts of the case that it appears that the name of Ritchard S. Allison as subscribing witness to the certificate now held by Wm Highsmith Esqr should be considered of no 'waight' and upon a close 'exemenination' of the foregoing facts it clearly appears to us your 'commetee' that the sister was deceived in the nature and 'baring' of the certificate said to be given by her and now in the hands of Wm Highsmith Esqr and the reports as first stated by her respecting the conduct of the said Highsmith towards her are facts thus the apparent contradiction in the sisters former statements and the subject matter 'containd' in the certificate said to be 'geiven' by her appears to be reconciled on the part of the in as much as by the sister was deceived as to the subject matter said to be certified by her. 5<sup>th</sup> The circumstance of Highsmith having written and 'red' the certificate himself to Brother and sister Allison and afterward refusing to geiv a copy of the same when especially 'applyd' for his requesting that the church should let the thing rest until after the August Meeting thus manifesting a disposton to let an 'inosent' woman by that length of time under a charge of 'geiven' a 'nowing' 'liebill' or made contradictory statements and the church under the odium of holding such a member in fellowship are things that look to 'youre' 'commetee' vary suspicious more especially when it appears to be a fact he the said Highsmith has told or acknowledged as much himself respecting the case as we can 'lern' that the sister has stated about him so that the said certificate goes fully as much to contradict his own statements as it 'dose' those of the sister 6<sup>th</sup> It appears from the statements made by Brother David y Allison and sister Sally Allison his wife that sister never told the conduct of Wm Highsmith Esqr towrds her to her husband nor any other person till urged upon by her husband to the cause of her unwillingness stay at

home by herself upon which she informed it was on account of Highsmiths conduct towards her (in) his (D Y Allison) 'abence'. 7<sup>th</sup> And lastly We your 'commetee' takes the liberty recommend to the church to 'geiv' the said Wm Highsmith Esqr (should he apply for the same) an 'oppertunty' to produce his reasons and 'evedences' to clear him self from any infingmets he may conceive this report on his 'correcton'.

(signed) Ri Eaton R S Allison and Jes 8<sup>th</sup> Instructed the clerk to furnish the little 'villey' church with a copy of the above report and likewise Wm Highsmith Esqr with a copy of the same." Minutes of North Fork Baptist Church, Crawford County. (later Jasper Co., Illinois.) **Eaton Kith and Kin**, Frankie Toole Tigner, 1996, p 24-25.

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The Battle of Bad Axe, also known as the Bad Axe Massacre, occurred 1-2 August 1832, between Sauk (Sac) and Fox Indians and United States Army regulars and militia. This final battle of the Black Hawk War took place near present-day Victory, Wisconsin in the United States. It marked the end of the war between white settlers and militia in Illinois and Michigan Territory, and the Sauk and Fox tribes under warrior Black Hawk.

The battle occurred in the aftermath of the Battle of Wisconsin Heights, as Black Hawk's band fled the pursuing militia. The militia caught up with them on the eastern bank of the Mississippi River, a few miles downstream from the mouth of the Bad Axe River. The battle that followed was very one-sided: historians have called it a massacre since the 1850s. The fighting took place over two days, with the steamboat Warrior present on both days. By the second day, Black Hawk and most of the Native American leaders had fled, though many of the band stayed behind. The victory for the United States was decisive and the end of the war allowed much of Illinois and present-day Wisconsin to be opened for further settlement.

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Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> 1832 "2<sup>nd</sup> Instructed the clerk to prepare a letter to send to the Association and present to the next meeting for Inspection. 3<sup>rd</sup> Appointed Brethren Ritchard Allison Ritchard Eaton and Jesse Eaton Messengers to the Association."

Saturday, September the 22, 1832 "2<sup>nd</sup> the church agrees that our next meeting be held at Brother Ritchard eatons. 3<sup>rd</sup> the church agrees to retain the letter granted to David y allison and sister Saly his wife 'untill' next 'meeging' and appoint a 'commetee' of three to wit R Eaton R Allison J Kennedy to visit Brother William Highsmith and (in)form him of what they church had done (and) request him to attend our next meeting (to) lay in his 'greavences'."

Saturday Night, September the 29, 1832 "first the reference 'cald' for respecting the commetee appointed to visit Bro William Highsmith and the 'commetee' report as follows that they had converst with him Highsmith and that he agreed to 'bare' his burden and drop any further 'proceidings' with B(ro) david y alison and sister Sally his wife which report was received and the 'commetee' 'sidcharged' Ritchard Eaton Ritchard Allison Joseph Kennedy 2<sup>nd</sup> the church agrees to send the letters to Br and sister Allison."

Saturday, October the 27, 1832 "2<sup>nd</sup> Agreed to hold our next meeting Brother Richard Eatons." Minutes of North Fork Baptist Church, Jasper County, Illinois.) **Eaton Kith and Kin**, Frankie Toole Tigner, 1996.

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Crawford Co, IL court house burned around 1832. **History of Crawford & Clark Co, IL, 1883.**

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On 4 Mar 1833, the state of IL, Co of Crawford, appoints Benjamin Eaton\*, of the Co of Crawford, administrator of the goods & chattels, rights & credits of Squire Eaton <son of Richard Eaton>. Squire Eaton, of Crawford Co, state of IL, died intestate on or about the 10th of Jan 1833. Probate court was held for the Co of Crawford, in the State of IL at the school house in Palestine. Richard Eaton is also assisting in administering the above. Crawford Co, IL Records, Probate Book B, page 214.

\*<There were five Benjamin Eatons on the 1830 census for Crawford Co, IL. I assume, but am not positive, that this was the Benjamin who in 1826 married Malinda, dau of Richard Eaton.>

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4 Mar 1833, p 215, Bond of Admr. Know all men by these presents that we Benjamin Eaton & Richard Eaton of the Co of Crawford & State of IL, are held & firmly bound unto the people of the State of IL, in the penal sum of one thousand dollars, current money of the United States, which payment well & truly to be made & performed, we, & each of us, bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, & assigns, jointly, Severally, & firmly by these presents. Witness our hands & seals this 4th day of March AD 1833. The conditions of the above obligation is such, that if the said Benjamin Eaton, administrator of all & singular the goods & chattels, rights & credits of Squire Eaton <son of Richard Eaton>, deceased, do make, or cause to be made, a true & perfect inventory of all & singular the goods & chattels, rights & credits, of the said deceased, which shall come to the hands, possession, or knowledge of him the said Benjamin Eaton, as such administrator; or to the hands of any other person or persons for him, & the same so made, do exhibit, or cause to be exhibited in the court of probate for the said Co of Crawford agreeably to law, & such goods & chattels, rights & credits do well & truly administer according to law, & all the rest of the said goods & chattels rights & credits which shall be found remaining upon the account of the said administrator, the same being first examined & allowed by the court of probate, shall deliver & pay unto such person, or persons, respectively, as may be legally entitled thereto; & further do make a just & true account of all his actings & doings therein when thereunto required by the said court; & if it shall hereafter appear, that any last will & testament was made by the deceased & the same be proved in court, &

p 216, letters testamentary or of administration be obtained thereon, & the said Benjamin Eaton, do, in such case, on being required thereto, render & deliver up the letters of administration granted to him as afore said; & shall in general, do & perform all other acts which may at any time be required of him by law; then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force & virtue. Attest: Benjamin Eaton (Seal), Richard Eaton (Seal). Thos. Kennedy, judge of probate. Crawford Co, IL Records, p 214-216, Squire Eaton Estate Record, File Box 21, Case 3, Benjamin Eaton, Administrator.

<See Squire Eaton for estate appraisal & sale>.

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Saturday, March the 23, 1833 "2<sup>nd</sup> bro Jesse Eaton came forward and made a satisfactory acknowledgement to the church for his improper conduct to bro James Miller at bro Richard Eatons Mill. As brother James Miller has failed to fill his seat at church meeting appointed Brother William Highsmith and Richard Eaton to visit him and Admonish him to his duty and Request him to attend at next Meeting."

Saturday, April the 27<sup>th</sup> 1833, "Brother Joseph 'Kennada' came forward and made a satisfactory acknowledgement to the church for his wrong in drinking 'to' much and offering to fight on the 12<sup>th</sup> of this month." 3<sup>rd</sup> "Brother John Welch made a satisfactory acknowledgement for his 'rong' in fighting on the 12 day of this month." Apparently they got in to some altercation at Squire Eaton's estate sale. Minutes of North Fork Baptist Church, Jasper County, IL, p 27. Eaton Kith and Kin, Frankie Tigner, 1996.

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29 May 1833\*. This Indenture made & entered into this twenty ninth day of May in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty three Between Richard Eaton of the Co of Crawford & state of IL of the one part, & Ceasor R. Williams of the State of OH & Co of Madison of the other part. Witness that for & in consideration of three hundred dollars lawful money of the United States to him in hand paid this day above mentioned the receipt thereof he acknowledges. He has bargained, Sold & by these presents do bargain, Sell convey & confirm unto the Said Ceasor R. Williams his executors, Administrators or assigns a certain trace or parcel of Land Situate & being the west half of the South west quarter of Section, thirtyfive in Township Seven north Range fourteen west, together with the grist & Saw mills with their

appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise 'appurtaining' to the own proper use & behoof of the Said Ceaser R. Williams his heirs or assigns forever, & the Said Richard Easton <should be Eaton> do bind himself his heirs Executors or administrators to forever Warrant & defend the Said Ceasor R. Williams his heirs executors Administrator assigns in quiet possession of the above described tract of Land with the rights 'priviledges' & appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise 'appurteaining' from all rights title claim interest or demand whatsoever. In Witness I have hereunto Set my hand & Seal this day & date above mentioned. Signed: Richard Eaton (Seal), Mary Eaton (her X mark)(Seal). Attest: J.H. McMickle, John Welch <h/o Mary Eaton, d/o Richard>

State of IL Crawford Co: Be it remembered that on the twenty ninth day of May in the Year of Eighteen hundred & thirty three personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in & for the State & Co aforesaid Richard Eaton & Mary his wife both of Said Co & State, & both of them being personally known to be the Subscribers to the within deed of conveyance & acknowledge the witness deed of conveyance to be their voluntary act & deed for the purposes therein contained & Said Mary being by me examined a 'Seperate' & a part from her husband voluntary acknowledged the deed without any constraint or compulsion from her husband. Given under my hand & Seal this day & date above written. Lot Watts (JP) <h/o Nancy Eaton. Crawford Co, IL Deed Record, Book B, p 263-264. Index Book A (1816-1859)  
\*See 5 Oct 1825 for purchase.>

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Saturday, June the 22, 1833 "1. Brethren Richard Eaton john welch mary Eaton and mary welch Elizabeth aaten And Rachael Eaton came forward and Requested letters of dismission which Request was granted. Minutes of North Fork Baptist Church, Jasper Co., IL. Eaton Kith and Kin, Frankie Toole Tigner, 1966, p 28.  
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6 Jul 1833\*. Crawford Co, IL Records, Deed Record, Book B, p 286-287, listed in index Book A (1816-1859). This Indenture made & entered into this Sixth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred & thirty three between Richard Eaton, & Mary Eaton his wife of the Co of Crawford & State of IL of the first part & Frederick W. H. Claycomb of the Co & State afore mentioned, of the Second part. Witnesseth that the Said 'Partey' of the first part for & in consideration of the Sum of one hundred dollars in hand paid, by the party of the Second part the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged has granted bargained, sold, remised, released & forever quit claimed & by these presents do grant bargain sell remise release & forever quit claim unto the Said party of the Second part his heirs Executors Administrators & assigns a certain tract of Land or lot of ground Situate lying & being in Crawford Co & State of IL towit the north half of West half of the South East quarter of Section thirty four in Township Seven north of Range fourteen west in the District of lands offered for Sale at Palestine containing forty acres. To have & to hold the aforesaid tract of land or lot of ground together with all & Singular the rights profits tenements hereditaments & appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise thereunto appertaining to the only proper use benefit & behoof of Frederick W.H. Claycomb the Said party of the Second part his heirs & assigns forever & the said party of the first part does covenant to & with the Said party of the Second part that they will forever warrant & defend the Said tract of Land from the claim of Richard Eaton & Mary Eaton the Said party of the first part their heirs & assigns & against the claim or claims of any other person or persons whomsoever. In Testimony whereof the Said party of the first part has hereunto Set our hands & Seals, the day & year listed above written. Signed: Richard Eaton (Seal), Mary Eaton (Seal) Her (X) mark. Signed Sealed & delivered in the presence of Wm M. Richards, Samuel Kelem.

State of IL Crawford Co I William M. Richards a Justice of the in & for Said Co do certify that on this the Sixth day of July A.D. 1833 personally appeared before me the within named Richard Eaton & Mary Eaton his wife, who are personally known to me to be the persons whose names are Subscribed to the within 'Indenture', & acknowledged the Same to be their voluntary act & deed for the purposes therein mentioned, the Said Mary Eaton being first 'Seperately' examined from her Said husband (acknowledged upon having the full contents of the within Indenture made known to her) that She executed the Same freely voluntarily & without the compulsion

of her Said husband & freely relinquished her right of Dower to the 'tennements' therein mentioned, given under my hand & Seal this day & Year above written. William M. Richards JP.

\*See 5 Oct 1825 for purchase.>

26 Jul 1833, Elder Daniel Parker formed the Pilgrim Predestination Baptist Church with seven constituent members: Daniel Parker, Patsey Parker, John Parker, Julius Christy, Rachel Christy, Salley Brown & Pheby Parker. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 89.

26 Jul 1833, Elder Daniel Parker, just returned from a trip to TX, organized his Pilgrim Predestinarian Baptist Church with a few of his kinsmen & began organizing his colony to settle in TX. The last meeting of this church in IL was 11 Aug 1833. Richard Eaton continued until the year 1833 to live near the old fort at Palestine. The long trek to the promised land of TX must have started soon after this meeting. ***A History & Genealogy of Pioneer Eatons of TX & Their Descendants***, Burney W. Eaton, 1936, p 16.

Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church organized in IL, 26 Jul 1833 by Daniel Parker. Bronze plaque at the Pilgrim Baptist Church south of Elkhart, Anderson Co, TX.

Replica, oldest protestant church in TX. As Pilgrim Primitive Baptist Church, constituted July 28, 1833, in Crawford Co, IL. Recorded TX Historic Landmark - 1965. Bronze plaque at the Pilgrim Church south of Elkhart, Anderson Co, TX.

To The judge of Probate for Crawford Co, State of IL. Sir this is to authorize, & request you to make an order to authorize Benjamin Eaton Administrator of Squire Eaton <son of Richard Eaton>, deceased, to receive our part of the estate of the said deceased, as witness our hands this 29 Jul 1833. Signed: Richard Eaton, Mary Eaton. Witness: Richard S. Allison, John Miller.

The dates when the children of Richard Eaton was born taken for the purpose of distributing the estate of Squire Eaton deceased to them: Absalem Eaton was born 20 May 1803; Malinda born 12 Nov 1805; Squire Eaton born 6 Nov 1806; Polly Eaton born 18 Nov 1813; Elizabeth Eaton was born 12 Sept 1816; Lucinda Eaton was born 14 Jan 1820; Rachel Eaton born 20 Jul 1821; Richard Eaton born 13 May 1823; Daniel Eaton born 25 Mar 1825; Jesse Eaton born 6 Feb 1827; Sarah Ellen 25 Nov 1830.

Lucinda	aged 15	14 Jan 1835
Rachel	" 14	20 Jul "
Richard	" 12	13 May "
Daniel	" 10	25 Mar "
Jesse	" 8	6 Feb "
Sarah Ellen	" 5	25 Nov "

1835

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Crawford Co, IL Records, p 229-232, Squire Eaton Estate Record, File Box 21, Case 3, Benjamin Eaton, Administrator.

11 Aug 1833\*. The Pilgrim Church of Predistinarian Regular Baptists met at the house of Elder Daniel Parker Crawford Co IL & in order 'Proseded' to business Elder D. Parker moderator. Received Brother & sister, Robert Davidson (Dead) & Rebecah his

wife as by letter from our sister Church at Turmans (Freeman's) Creek their letters having been granted, but the want of opportunity prevented their getting them. (Dismissed by Letter May, 1859.). Received Brother & sister Stephen Crist, & Anney his wife by letter. 'Recognised' the former act of the members, in giving Brother & sister Christy letters of Dismission. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 91.

\*<This was the last church meeting in IL.>

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12 Aug 1833\*. This Indenture made & entered into this twelfth day of August in the Year of our lord one thousand Eight hundred & thirty three Between Richard & Mary his wife, of the Co of Crawford & State of IL, of the one part & Benjamin Eaton of the other part, of the Co & State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth for & in consideration of fifty dollars to him in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby given & acknowledged, have bargained & Sold & by these presents do bargain & Sell alien convey & confirm unto the Said Benjamin Eaton his Heirs Executors Administrators & assigns, a certain tract or parcel of land situated & being the South half of the West Half of the South East quarter of Section thirty four in Township Seven north & Range fourteen west in the district of Land offered for Sale at Palestine IL containing forty acres. Together with all & Singular the rights & appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining to his own proper use & behoof of the Said Benjamin Eaton his heirs & assigns forever & the Richard Eaton do bind himself his heirs Executors & administrators in quiet & peaceable possession of the above described tract of Land with the rights 'privilidges' & appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining from all rights title claims interest or demand whatsoever. In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands & Seals this day & date above written. <No witnesses.> Signed: Richard Eaton (Seal), Mary Eaton (Seal).

State of IL, Crawford Co. Be it remembered that on the twelfth day of August 1833 Richard Eaton & Mary his wife personally came before me one of the acting Justices of the peace in & for Said Co & acknowledged the within Conveyance to be their voluntary act & deed for the purposes therein mentioned & desires the Same to be recorded. Given under my hand & Seal this day & date above written. Lot Watts J.P. (Seal). <Husb of Nancy Eaton.> Crawford Co, IL Records, Deed Record, Book B, p 287, listed in index, Book A (1816-1859).

\*<See 16 Mar 1829 for purchase.>

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Richard Eaton built a water mill on the North Fork in the western part of the township about the year 1833\*. The building was frame, its dimensions about 20 by thirty feet, and two stories high. It was a combination mill and for a number of years did a very good business both in grinding and sawing. History of Crawford and Clark Counties, Illinois, Chapter 5, Oblong Township, p 177.

\*<In error as land deeds said that he purchased 80 acres of land in Jasper County, IL on 22 Sept 1828. The mill was built two years later.>

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20 Oct 1833\*, Clayburn Parish, 'Stat' of 'Louisana', The Pilgrim Church etc in her travail, 'conveened' on the campground, & in order 'Proseded' to 'buseness'. 1st Received the following named Brethren & sisters by letters. (Viz) Elder Garrison Greenwood, Richard Eaton & Polly Eaton his Wife Joseph Jorden Nancy Faulkenbery Rachel Eaton\*\* & Elizabeth Eaton\*\*. Adjourned. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 92.

\*<The last meeting in Crawford Co, IL was on 11 Aug 1833. If they left the following day, it took them 70 days to get to LA, a distance of about 650 miles as the crow flies, thus covering about 9.3 miles per day. I suspect they probably took a flat boat or stern wheeler down the Wabash, Ohio & Mississippi Rivers & then went overland across LA to TX to travel this fast.>

\*\*<Daus of Richard Eaton.>

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The first business meeting of this church after leaving IL was called 30 Oct 1833\*, Clayburn Parish, state of LA. The Pilgrim Church, etc, in her travail convened on the campground, & in order, proceeded to business. Received by letter Richard Eaton, his wife, Polly, & his daus, Elizabeth & Rachel.

The journey of the colony to TX was made in wagons, about 25 of them, drawn mostly by oxen. Tradition indicates that Richard Eaton & his family may have joined the caravan in route; however, we are certain that the Eatons were with the caravan when it entered TX, pb late in Dec 1833.

The first permanent camp was made on San Pedro Bayou\*\*, a branch of the Neches River. Some of the colonists settled there & established Brown's Fort. Elder John Parker, father of Elder Daniel, soon continued westward & settled with many of his kinsmen at the site of Parker's Fort <Limestone Co>. Richard Eaton settled on a creek, designated in the church records as Boxas (Boxes) Creek\*\*\*. This homestead has not so far been located; but it was near enough to the site of the original home of the Pilgrim Church, now Elkhart, Anderson Co, that Richard & his family were regular attendants upon the religious services there. **A History & Genealogy of Pioneer Eatons of TX & Their Descendants**, Burney W. Eaton, 1936, p 16-17.

\*<It was actually 20 Oct 1833.>

\*\*<San Pedro Creek is located in Houston Co. It runs just north of Tejas Mission State Park, which is just north of Highway 21 near Weches, TX.>

\*\*\*<The old Pilgrim Church is located on Box Creek about 2.5 miles due south of Elkhart on Highway 861.>

Members moved to TX in a body arriving November 12, 1833. First recorded meeting in TX was held in Austin's colony near the present town of Anderson\*, Grimes Co\* January 20, 1834. First meeting here in the home of Daniel Parker July 4, 1835. Log church build here in December, 1848. Present building fourth on the same site. Continuous worship of church since 1833. Daniel Parker, pastor, 1833-1844. Parker family graveyard adjoins. Historical marker erected by the State of TX in 1936.

\*<The location of the meeting was not identified in the church minutes, except Austin's colony. Anderson, Grimes Co, is pb in error. The church is located in Anderson Co.>

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Richard Eaton arrived in TX in 1833 according to a land grant he received on 15 Feb 1838. First class Headright Certificate No. 73, File 11.

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Richard Eaton arrived in TX in 1833 according to a note in the family bible of Emily Jane (Eaton) Gresham, b 1853, d 1938, d/o Silas, gd/o Benjamin & Malinda, ggd/o Richard.>

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Mission Tejas State Historical Park is named for Mission San Francisco de los Tejas, the first Spanish mission in the province of TX. The 188 acre park is situated approximately 21 miles northeast of Crockett & 12 miles southwest of Alto on TX State Highway 21 (the Old San Antonio Road). The entrance to the park is near Weches, where Park Road 44 intersects with Highway 21.

Located in the Davy Crockett National Forest, the park offers an atmosphere of rustic beauty & tranquility. Sites for camping & picnicking are set among tall pine trees, & hiking trails allow visitors to enjoy nature.

Spanish Franciscan priests led by Fray Damian Massanet founded Mission San Francisco de los Tejas in 1690 to bring Christianity to the Tejas Indians & to secure Spain's dominion over TX. The mission was located on San Pedro Creek\*, a few miles west of the Neches River. Three years later, hostilities with the once friendly Indians forced the missionaries to flee the mission which they burned as they departed. In 1716 a Spanish expedition led by Domingo Ramon re-established the mission on the east bank of the Neches River. This mission was abandoned in 1719, re-established in 1721 & eventually removed to San Antonio in 1731 after Spain

withdrew its military support from the East TX mission. In San Antonio the mission was renamed San Francisco de la Espada.

Mission Tejas State Historical Park was founded in 1935 through the efforts of several Houston Co citizens & was administered by the TX Forest Service. The site for the park was based on the discovery of an old cannon believed to have been buried by the Spanish in 1693 when they abandoned the mission. In 1935, the Civilian Conservation Corps built a structure to commemorate Mission San Francisco de los Tejas. Although the structure is not a true replica of the mission (it probably would have built of logs planted in the ground side by side), it serves to remind visitors of the Spanish & religious heritage of East TX. In 1957, the TX Parks & Wildlife Dept acquired the park from the TX Forest Service.

Historical interest was added to Mission Tejas State Park inn 1974 when the Rice Family Log Home was moved to the park. The home which Joseph Redmund Rice, Sr. constructed between 1828 & 1838 is one of the oldest structures in the area. Originally located 16 miles southwest of the park near Crockett, the house served as a stopover for immigrants, adventurers, & local residents traveling the Old San Antonio Road across pioneer TX. Although Rice died in 1866, various family members continued to live in the house until 1919. It remained in the family's possession until 1973 when Mrs. John Rice donated it to the state.

The Rice home is a good example of pioneer log housing. Although it has been modified during the past 150 years, the log form remains original. Restoration was conducted by the Historic Sites & Restoration Branch of the TX Parks & Wildlife Department.

Approximately 40 miles east of the park is Nacogdoches, one of the oldest cities in TX. Located there, on the campus of Stephen F. Austin University, is the Old Stone Fort, built in 1779. Mission Tejas State Historical Park brochure, July 1979.  
\*<This article was included because of its historical significance since the Pilgrim Church was located on San Pedro Creek at one time & Richard Eaton lived nearby. It is interesting to note that the Spanish had been in this area in 1690, about 143 years before being settled by families like the Richard Eaton family.>

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Majr Robinson (Robertson)

D Sir,

I learn from Mr. Eaton\* that you will be in this place on today or on tomorrow. Yr friend, Wm G. Hill

(Addressed:) Majr Sterling C Robertson Brazoria. **Papers Concerning Robertson's Colony In TX**, Vol VIII, M.D. McLean, 1981, p 212.

\*<Richard, Stephen H. & William Eaton were in TX at this time. Pb William Eaton since he owned land in Brazoria Co, but not sure.>

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Elizabeth B. Eaton, d/o Richard & Mary (Robertson) Eaton, m 15 Jan 1834, William Welch.

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'Texes', Austin's 'Colliney', Saturday 20 Jan 1834\*. The Church meet according to a previous arrangement at the House of Elder Daniel Parker's & in order 'Proseded' to business Elder G. Greenwood Clerk Protem. 1st. Agreed, that Saturday before the first Lord's day in each month be the days of holding Church meeting\*\*, & that the House of Elder Daniel Parker be the place of meeting for that Purpose, & that her first cession be in March next. Adjourned. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX. > **The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc**, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 92.

\*<This was the first record of the church being in TX. The location is not specified in the church minutes except being in Austin's Colony.>

\*\*<This was the business meeting, not the worship service.>

Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church first recorded meeting in TX was held in Austin's colony near the present town of Anderson\*, Grimes Co January 20, 1834. Bronze plaque at the Pilgrim Church south of Elkhart, Anderson Co, TX.

\*<The church minutes just said "Texes, Austin's Colliney". Anderson is just SE of Bryan & is pb in error. The plaque should pb read "near the present town of Elkhart in Anderson Co.>

Replica, oldest protestant church in TX. Pilgrim Primitive Baptist Church - - - under guidance of Elder Daniel Parker, a "moving arm" of established church, 11 members entered TX Jan 1834. Recorded TX Historic Landmark - 1965. Bronze plaque at the Pilgrim Church south of Elkhart, Anderson Co, TX.

Saturday, 1 Mar 1834. The following were listed as members of the Pilgrim Church <many joined at a later date>: Easter (a 'colared' woman), Hannah (black woman), Nat (black man), Qually (a colored man), Thomas (blackman), John A. Allison, Charles Barrett, Armsted Bennett, Faith Bennett, Harriet Bennett, Laura Bennett, Mary Bennett, Miles Bennett, Permelia Bennett, Stephen Bennett, Edy Black, Mary Blair, Delpha Blanchard, Fredrick Blanchard, Eli Bowen, Marian Bowen, Rosanna Brittin, William Brittin, Eliza Brooks, Mary Brooks, Thomas W. Brooks, Reuben Brown, Sally Brown\*, Julious Christy\*, Rachel Christy\*, Lemuel Cook, Joseph Crawford, Anney Crist, Stephen Crist, Rebecah Davidson, Robert Davidson <land grant in Robertson's colony Oct 1834 - 20 Mar 1835>, Polly Denson, Thos C. Denson, Benjamin Eaton\*\*\*, Elizabeth Eaton <dau of Richard Eaton>, Malinda Eaton <dau of Richard Eaton>, Polly Eaton, Rachel Eaton <dau of Richard Eaton>, Richard Eaton, Sarah Ellen Eaton\*\*\*\* <dau of Richard Eaton>, Nancy Foulkenbery, Elizabeth Frost, Emely Garret, Robert M. Garret, Richard T. Gipson, Jane E. Graham, Thomas Graham, Elder Garrison Greenwood, John Gregg, John Grigesby, Louisa Grigsby, Anna Harris, William Harris, Pheby Hassell, Saley Hassell, Wm Heaton, Littleton Helm, Mary Helm, B.O. Hendrix, Mary Holway, Charles Huffman, Marthy Huffman, Penelope Hynsley, Amanda Johnson, Luke Johnson, James Jordan, Joseph Jorden, Prudance Jordan, Abigail Kennedy, Joseph Kennedy <lived near Richard Eaton on the 1830 Crawford Co, IL census>, Sary Lagow, Thos Lagow, William Lago, Sarah Lenards, Thomas Lenards, Elizabeth Little, Samuel Little, Samuel Little, Sarah Little, Sarah Little, Robert A. Love, John D. Mathews, Levisa Mathews, S.M. Mathews, Mary B. McKinney, Elizabeth Mead, Marcus P. Mead, John L. Melford, Nathanuil Morgan, Ruth Morgan, Winney Morgan, Mary Moor, Richard Moor, Oliver Morris, Mary Owens, Elder Daniel Parker\*, Isaac Parker, James W. Parker, John Parker\*, Lucinda <Eaton> Parker\*\*, Lucy W. Parker, Patsey Parker\*, Pheby Parker\*, Isaac H. Pate, Rebecca Pate, Emmeley Redman, Isaac Ranfro, Sylpha Renfro, Elizabeth Redgway, John B. Roberts, George Sherwood, J.M. Stallcup, Js W. Stallcup, Jasper Starr, Thomas Star, Hannah Stoe, Joel Stow, Jane Stuart, Samuel Stuart, Sophie Thompson, Jeremiah J. White, John Wilkinson, Susanah Wilkinson, Isabella Worren, Wm H. Worren. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX. > **The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc**, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 92-96.

\*<Charter members.>

\*\*<Actually joined the church at a later date on 5 Apr 1834.>

\*\*\*<Actually joined the church at a later date on 16 Apr 1842. Son-in-law of Richard Eaton.>

\*\*\*\*<Actually joined the church at a later date on 18 May 1844.>

Saturday, 5 Apr 1834. The church met & in order 'proseded' to 'buseness'. G. Greenwood, Clerk Protem. Received Bro Isaac Parker, & sisters, Lucy W. Parker & Lucy Parker <pb Lucinda, d/o Richard & Mary Eaton> by letters. The Quarterly of the Texas State Historical Association, Vol XI, No. 2, Oct. 1907, p 96.

(4 Jul 1834). James Dunn's\* selection 'Labore'. Beginning at a small Brushy creek 2 miles North of Mr. Eatons\*\* improvement, 'runing' down the creek, southwardly, & out eastwardly for compliment. Selection made 4 Jul 1834. Harllee Collection. This was pb the 1/4 league of land in present Robertson Co to which James Dunn received title on 31 Jul 1835, since Richard Eaton's grant joined it on the south. It does run down Campbell's Creek "southwardly, & out eastwardly for compliment".--Taylor, Spanish Archives, p 180. **Papers Concerning Robertson's Colony In TX**, Vol VIII, M.D. McLean, 1981, p 495.

\*A James Dunn, Jr was shown on the 1835 census with Stephen H. Eaton, brother of Richard Eaton.

\*\*About 4 miles NE of Benchley on the north side of the Old San Antonio Road & about 12 miles SSE of Hearne in present day Robertson Co.

Saturday, 4 Oct 1834\*. The Church met & in order 'proseded' to business (Elder G. Greenwood Mor. Protom). 1st. Whereas it appears that the members of this Church is about to 'scater' into different parts, The 'Clerke' is therefore instructed to give up the Church Book to the largest body of members, who are likely to settle 'conveniant', so as to keep up their church meetings, & so preserve the existence of the Church in this wilderness Country to the Glory of God. Adjourned. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> **The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc**, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 98.

22 Dec 1834. 633, Citizen Guillermo H. Steele, commissioner appointed by the Supreme Government of this State to distribute and give possession of lands and to issue titles to the new colonists in the colonization enterprise of the Nashville Company;

Whereas Richard Eaton has been received as a colonist in the colonization enterprise contracted with the Supreme Government of the State of Coahuila and Texas by Robert Leftwick (Leftwich) on April 15, 1825, and later conceded to the Nashville Company of October 15, 1827, and the said Richard Eaton having proved that he is married and finding in him the requirements prescribed by the State colonization law of March 24, 1825; in conformity with said law and the provisions of said contract which authorize the settlement of families within the limits of the said enterprise on any part of the vacant lands for which the Company has contracted, and with the instructions by which I am governed, dated September 4, 1827, and with the additional article dated April 25, 1830, and in the name of the State, I grant, confer, and put the said Richard Eaton in real and personal possession of two and a half labors\*\* < a labor is 177.1 acres, so 2.5 labors is 443 acres>, which land has been surveyed by the surveyor J.B. Chance, previously appointed for that purpose, under the following situation and boundaries.

Beginning at a stake on the north side of the San Antonio Road from which a blackjack 12 inches in diameter bears south 43° east 60 varas\*, and also an oak 14 inches in diameter bears south 36° east 98 varas; thence north 19° east with the San Antonio Road following its meanders 650 varas, at 300 varas crossed a branch of the creek called Peach Creek in English, thence north 41 1/2° east with the road 525 varas to a stake in the prairie; thence north 30° west 2,450 varas to James Dunn's labor and cornered at an oak; thence south 40° west 6,650 varas (sic) with Dunn's said line to the corner; thence south 50° east 2,000 (sic) varas to the corner of Dorsey's (sic) labor; thence south 40° west 450 varas with Dorsey's (sic) line and cornered at a stake, from which a black walnut 8 inches in diameter bears south 30° east 8 varas, and also an oak 14 inches in diameter bears south 83° east 15 varas; thence south 30° east 2,460 varas, at 2,160 varas crossed the creek, and thence to the beginning at 2,460 varas, comprising two and one-half labors in area. The said tract belongs to the class of arable land in 4/25 parts, which serves as classification for the price which he shall pay the State for it in accordance with Article 22 of the said law and under the penalties therein established, he being notified that within one year he must establish permanent landmarks at each angle of

the tract and that he must settle it and cultivate it in conformity with the provisions of the law.

Therefore, exercising the authority granted to me by the aforesaid law and the instructions pursuant thereto, I issue the present instrument and order that a testimonio be made of it and delivered to the interested party in order that he may possess and enjoy the land, he, his heirs and successors, or whoever from him or from them shall have cause or right.

Given in the Town of Viesca <present day Falls Co on the west side of the Brazos River>, December 22, 1834. Guillermo H. Steele, Assisting Witness Valdes Flores, J.G.W. Pierson. (Endorsed) Deed for 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  labors of land upon the San Antonio Road, 22 Dec '34. Vol 452 p 48-50.

General Land Office, Austin, Texas Feb 4, 1985. I certify that the foregoing 2 pages contains a correct translated copy of the original title issued to Richard Eaton existing in the Spanish Archives of this office in Volume 15, p 1175. Galen D. Greaser, Spanish Translator.

I, Garry Mauro Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas, do hereby certify that Galen D. Greaser whose signature is subscribed to the foregoing certificate, is the Spanish Translator of this office, duly qualified according to law, and that his official acts, as such, are entitled to full faith and credit. In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of said office to be affixed, this day and date first above written. Garry Mauro.

\*<A vara is 33.33 inches.>

\*\*<His land grant was in Milam Co (present day Robertson Co) about 4 miles NE of Benchley on the N side of the Old San Antonio Road. This is about 12 miles SSE of Hearne, TX.>

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A survey of 2 1/2 labors <443 acres> made for R. Eaton <in Milam Co (present day Robertson Co)>. Beginning at a stake on the north side of the San Antonio Road from which a Black Jack 12" dia S 43 degrees E 60 <overmarked with 40> vrs also an oak 14" dia S 36 degrees E 98 vrs. Thence N 14 degrees E with the San Antonio Road following its meanders 650 vrs at 300 vrs crossed a branch of Peach Creek. Thence N 41 1/2 degrees E with the said Road 525 vrs to a stake in the prairie. Thence N 30 degrees E 2450 vrs to James Dunn's labor & established a corner at an Oak tree. Thence S 41 degrees W 6650 <vrs> with the line of said Dunn's Labor to the corner. Thence S 50 degrees E 2010 vrs to the corner of Dosse's Labor. Thence S 40 degrees W 450 vrs with boundary line of Dosse's Labor & established a corner at a stake from which a Black Walnut 8" dia S 30 degrees E at 8 vrs also an oak 11" dia S 83 degrees E 15 vrs. Thence S 30 degrees E 2460 vrs in 2160 vrs crossed branch thence 2460 vrs to the place of beginning. Record of Field Notes, Vol 2, p 91-92\*.

\*<The next survey listed was for 6 1/4 labors for H.S. Eaton on the east side of the Brazos River.> This may be Harmon S. Easton, rather than Eaton. There is a possibility that it could be S.H. for Stephen H. Eaton.>

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In 1834, according to **Valid Land Grants** by Berlige & Hollingsworth, Richard Eaton filed on 2-1/2 labors\* of land in <present day> Robertson Co <previously Milam Co>. Tradition in all different branches of the family is that they lived in Robertson Co before moving into Limestone. At the different dates, according to the changing political & geographical divisions, church records of meetings held at the home of Richard Eaton are given as being in Robertson Co, Burnet Co, &, later, as in Houston Co. Further research may locate this original Eaton home\*\* of Richard Eaton; but we are now inclined to believe it was just east of the Trinity River & several miles north to the San Antonio & Nacogdoches road, & that he continued to live there until 1845, when he moved into Limestone Co.

Indian 'depradations' were from the first annoying & dangerous. So many of the colonists were driven by this danger to remove further east or south that at one time we find the church meetings discontinued for several months & then a meeting with none but the immediate families of Elder Parker & Richard Eaton present. **A History & Genealogy of Pioneer Eatons of TX & Their Descendants**, B.W. Eaton, 1936, p 17-18.

\*<A labor is 177.1 acres, so 2.5 labors is 443 acres.>

\*\*<This was not his original home in TX. This was the home in present day Anderson Co (previously Houston Co) on Boxes Creek south of Elkhart.>

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Colony</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Name</u>
22 Dec 1834	2-1/2 Lab*	Robertson	Robertson**	Richard Eaton	

**The Spanish Archives of the General Land Office of TX**, by Virginia H. Taylor, 1955, p 181.

\*<A labor is 177.1 acres, so 2.5 labors is 443 acres.>  
\*\*<Previously Milam Co.>

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Land grants in Robertson's Colony, Oct 1834 - 20 Mar 1835, Richard Eaton, 2 1/2 labors <443 acres>, 22 Dec 1834.

Other persons receiving land grants: Daniel Alexander, David Anderson, Elisha Anglin, William Berryman, William H. Bynum, Thomas Byrd, Juan Cardon, Wiley Carter, Thomas Jefferson Chambers, Robert M. Coleman, Matilda H. (or F.) Connell, William Cook <Patsie Eaton, d/o Stephen H., m a Cook>, Hays Covington, George W. Cox, William R. Cox, Charles Curtiss, Robert Davidson <Member of Pilgrim Church>, George Doharty, Alexander Duggins, Andrew Dunn, James Dunn <James Dunn Jr was shown on the 1835 census for Stephen H. Eaton. James Dunn had land adjoining that of Richard Eaton>, Mathew Dunn, Ashley D. Eason, Harmon S. Easton, Monroe Edwards, Raines Elum, David Faulkenberry, James Fisher, Westley Fisher, Joseph French, Daniel Friar, Samuel Frost, Henry Fullerton, David Galleher, William Garnett, Alexandro de la Garza, Samuel Gholston, Joshua Hadley, Isiah Harland, John Harmon, William E. Harris, William J. Hawkins, Absalom B. Haworth, James A. Head, Hugh Henry, Robert Henry (2), Josiah Hogan, Joseph L. Hood, Samuel Humm, Joseph P. Jones, Samuel Kenney, Thomas Kenney, Lewis Lomas, William McClain, Edward McGary, John Marlin, William Marlin, Charles M. Mathews, Daniel Monroe (or Munroe)(2), Andrew Montgomery, Edley Montgomery, John Montgomery, Samuel Moore, Henry W. Moss, William L. Moss, David Munford, Jesse Munford, John Needham, William Neill, Jorge Antonio Nixon, A.G. Perry, Harriet E. Perry, Niels Peterson, John Goodloe Warren Pierson, John Hogue Pierson, Sarah Pillow, James Powel, Jacob Prickitt, Mary Prior, Henry Purdum, Letsom Purdy, Climant Raney, Henry Reed, Jefferson Reed, Michael Reed, William Reed, Wilson Reed, Baldwin Robertson, Euphemia Lumley Robertson, George Robertson, Joel W. Robertson, Sterling C. Robertson (10), Lavina Rolitson <pb should be Robertson>, Fielden Rubble (or Ruble), Pedro Salinas, Christopher C. Seal, Eli Seal, Narcissa Slatter, John D. Smith (2), John W. Smith, Joshua G. Smith, Niles F. Smith, Sion Smith, William Crain Sparks, William Spurgin, Madison M. Stevens, William L. Swain, Samuel Sward, Alexander Thomson, Jeremiah Tinnan (Tinnin), John K. Tyler, Orville T. Tyler, Manuel Maria Valdes, William H. Walker, James Walters, John Waugh, Andrew J. Webb, James D. Webb (2), Jesse Webb, John B. Webb, Joseph Webb, E.L.R. Wheelock, George Ripley Wheelock, Samuel W. White, Byrum Wickson, Sarah Willhelm, William C. Wilson, William Woodford, Thomas Wootton, Jarrett Young, William Young.

To summarize, then, we can say that, during the six month period covered by this volume, Robertson established Sarahville de Viesca <on the w. side of the Brazos River in present day Falls Co> as the capital of his colony & set up a land office there. During that time a total of 145 land titles were issued to 132 different individuals, for a total of 474,630 acres. If we compare these figures with the 850,250 acres granted between April & October of 1833, when Austin & Williams had control of the area, we see that they granted nearly twice as much land to only about one-fifth as many people. Furthermore, on closer inspection, we find that the Austin & Williams grants were to non-resident Mexico politicians, represented by non-resident Anglo-American speculators who were being charged \$2,000 for the privilege of locating each eleven-league grant in that area. On the other hand, the typical Robertson colonist was actually in the area, with his family ready to build homes, cultivate the soil, raise livestock, fight the Indians, lay out the roads, & do all the other things necessary to make the heart of TX productive. **Papers Concerning Robertson's Colony In TX**, Vol IX, M.D. McLean, 1984, p 52-55.

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Grant to Richard Eaton for 2 1/2 labors <443 acres> of land in present Robertson Co <previously Milam Co>. Surveyed by J.B. Chance. "Beginning at a stake which is on the N side of the San Antonio Road . . ". Crosses Peach Creek. Borders the James Dunn\* labor & the Dorsey (sic) labor. Villa de Viesca <present day Falls Co on the w. side of the Brazos River>. Signed by Guillermo H. Steele. Assisting witnesses: Manuel Valdes Flores & J.G.W. Pierson. An excerpt from the General Land Office base map of Robertson Co, 14 Nov 1945 shows Richard Eaton, T. 22 Dec 1834, Vol 15, p 1175.

Richard Eaton received 22 1/2 more labors <3985 acres> (to complete his total of 25 labors or one league <4428 acres>, the amount he was entitled to as a married man) on 17 Sept 1835. He had come to TX with the Parker caravan in 1833. See **Robertson Colony Papers**, VII, 484-487.

(The following document was found in the collection of Mrs. T.S. Sutherland, Sr.:

Richard Eaton aged 53 <b ca 1781> removed from IL U.S. of the North (wife) Mary aged 50 years <b ca 1784>.

Children	Lucinda	aged 14 years	<b ca 1820>
	Rachael	aged 12 years	<b ca 1822>
	Richard	" 11 "	<b ca 1823>
	Daniel	" 8 "	<b ca 1826>
	Jesse	" 5 "	<b ca 1829>
	Sarah E.	" 3 "	<b ca 1831>

Sworn 22 Dec 1834. (Endorsed:) Richd Eaton affdvt & memo. **Papers Concerning Robertson's Colony In TX**, Vol XI, M.D. McLean, 1984, p 212-213.

\*<A James Dunn Jr was shown on the 1835 census for Stephen H. Eaton, b/o Richard Eaton.>

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Crawford Co, IL Records, p 229-232, Squire Eaton\* Estate Record, File Box 21, Case 3, Benjamin Eaton\*\*, Administrator. Probated 7 Apr 1835.

\*<Son of Richard Eaton.>

\*\*<Pb son-in-law of Richard Eaton.>

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Saturday 4 Jul 1835. After an Elapse of time from 15 Nov 1834 to the present. According to a 'preveous' 'notise' or arrangement, the following named Brethren & sisters (Viz) Garroseon Greenwood, Daniel Parker, Joseph Jorden, Stephen Crist & John Parker, (Sisters) Patsey Parker, Anney Crist, Salley Brown & Pheby Mills (formerly Pheby Parker) Met at the House of Elder Daniel Parker's in Burnets Grant\* 'Juresdiction' of Nacogdoches TX. Being in possession of the Church Book by consent of the Clerk, upon 'Examonation' Consider themselves 'Leagerly' & 'properlay' the Pilgrim predistinarean Regular Baptist Church & therefore 'proseded' to business. Elder G. Greenwood moderator Protem. & D. Parker Clerk Protem. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX. > **The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc**, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 98. <Richard Eaton is not mentioned, so it implies that he is living elsewhere.>

\*<Need to locate where Burnets Grant is.>

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4 Jul 1835, first meeting of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church here\* in the home of Daniel Parker. Bronze plaque at the Pilgrim Church south of Elkhart, Anderson Co, TX.

\*<The church minutes said the meeting was at Burnet's Grant, jurisdiction of Nacogdoches, TX.>

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30 Jul 1835. Grant to Skeaugh Walker for 1/4 League of land in present day Robertson Co <previously Milam Co> surveyed by (deleted: I.E. Robertson) J.B. Chance, beginning at the SW corner of the Richard Eaton labor\* <really 2 1/2 labors> on the N side of the San Antonio Road, on the E side of the Brazos River. An excerpt from General Land Office Base Map of Robertson Co, 14 Nov 1945 shows Richard Eaton, T. 22 Dec 1834, Vol 15, p 1175. The immeditate neighbors of Richard Eaton were Jefferson Gafford, 31 Jun 1835; James Dunn, 31 Jul 1835; Skeagh Walker, 30 Jul 1835. Other

neighbors: Stephen Gafford, 30 Jul 1835; James Dunn, Charles Larbaletrier, Martha Brennan, Hugh Campbell, William Mann, Thomas Wooten. **Papers Concerning Robertson's Colony In TX**, Vol XI, M.D. McLean, 1984, p 225.  
\*<About 4 miles NE of Benchley & 12 miles SSE of Hearne on the north side of the Old San Antonio Road.>>

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31 Jul 1835. Grant to Jefferson Gafford for 1/4 league of land in present day Robertson Co <previously Milam Co>, Note: The date on the map is shown incorrectly as 31 Jun 1835; it should be 31 Jul 1835. Surveyed by J.B. Chance, beginning at the SW corner of Dupus' League (or the SE corner of Stephen Gafford's league?), on the N side of the San Antonio Road. Thence SW with the San Antonio Road, following the meanders of same, to the SE corner of Eaton's labor\* (2 1/2 labors). Thence NW 3691 varas to a stake, crossing Peach Creek - - - - . An excerpt from General Land Office Base Map of Robertson Co, 14 Nov 1945 shows Richard Eaton, T. 22 Dec 1834, Vol 15, p 1175. **Papers Concerning Robertson's Colony In TX**, Vol XI, M.D. McLean, 1984, p 234.

\*<About 4 miles NE of Benchley & 12 miles SSE of Hearne on the north side of the Old San Antonio Road.>>

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Richard Eaton, grantee <buyer>; State of Coahuila & TX, grantee <seller>; kind of instrument - Testimonio; Vol 102, p 606; 1834; filed 26 Mar 1920; 3985 3/4 acres; Richard Eaton survey. Index to Deeds, Grantees, Limestone Co, TX.

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Know all men by these presents that I Richard Eaton of the department of 'of' Brazos & jurisdiction of Viesco do by these presents remise release & forever quit claim with William Walker of the department & jurisdiction aforesaid his heirs or assigns forever all his rights, titles, interests claim & demand of & to the following described land to wit - Beginning at an oak on the North side of the St Antonio road East up the Brazos R 12 inches in diameter S 43 degrees E 60 varas also an oak 14 inches in diameter S 36 degrees E 98 varas, Thence N 19 degrees East along the Saint Antonio Road meandering the same 650 varas at 300 varas cross Peach Creek, Thence North 41 3/10 degrees East along said road 525 varas to a stake thence North 30 degrees E 245 varas to a stake corner of James Dunn lab. Thence S 40 degrees West 6650 varas on the line of said Dun to a stake Thence South 50 degrees East 2000 vrs along the line of Donly labor to a stake corner &c, Thence South 40 degrees W 450 vrs with the line of Donly to a stake &c. Thence South 30 degrees E 2460 varas, comprehending Two labors & a half in Superfine as will 'as will' more fully appear by reference to the Deed of the Commissioners of the Nashville Colony to said Richard Eaton deeded on 22 Dec 1834.

To have & to hold the aforesaid described premises to the proper use & 's' behoof of the said William Walker his heirs or assigns forever (he the said Walker having paid me for the same \$200 to my full satisfaction which I hereby acknowledge to have received & I the said 'richard' Eaton do hereby warrant to defend the premises from the claim or claims of any person or persons claiming by & through me & us other claim or claims whatever.

Signed sealed & delivered in presents of & before James Dun & E.T?R. Wheelock & William Welch <his son-in-law who m Elizabeth Eaton> apt wit for him & Skeaugh Walker & Ben M.? Clark, apt Wit for said Eaton. W Nashville Colony, 11 Jul 1835. Signed: Richard Eaton, apt W, Skeaugh Walker, B.M.? Clark. Apt W, E.L.R. Wheelock, James Dunn Rm Y.V., William Welch (his mark).

I Mary Eaton do hereby release & quit claim for a valuable consideration all right & title I have to the within delivered premises to William Walker, his heirs & assigns. Mary Eaton (her mark). Ap W, Skeaugh Walker, B.M.? Clark. Ap W, EL.R. Wheelock, William Welch (his mark), James Dun Req Y.V.

Rep of TX, Co of Robertson. I certify that the foregoing deed was duly proven for record before me. B.C. Owen, Clk.

The foregoing instrument on transfer was presented for record on 2 Apr 1838. B.C. Owen, Co Record.

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17 Sept 1835. Third Seal. Two Reales. For the Biennium of 1834 & 1835. Citizen Guillermo H. Steele, Commissioner appointed by the Supreme Government of the State to distribute land & give possession, & to issue titles to the new colonists in the Colonization Enterprise of the Nashville Company:

Whereas, Richard Eaton has been received as a colonist in the colonization enterprise contracted with the Supreme Government of the State of Coahuila & TX by Robert Leftwich on 15 Apr 1825, & later conceded to the Nashville Company on 15 Oct 1827, & said Richard Eaton having proved that he is married, & finding in him the requisites prescribed by the State Colonization Law of 24 Mar 1825, in conformity with said law & the provisions of said contract which authorizes the establishment of families with the limits of said enterprise in any part of the vacant tracts which he has contracted with the same company, the instructions which govern me, dated 4 Sept 1827, & the additional article dated 25 Apr 1830, in the name of the State, I concede to, confer upon & put said Richard Eaton in real & personal possession of 22 1/2 labors <3985 acres> of land <in present day Limestone Co>; said tract has been surveyed by the Surveyor, E.L.R. Wheelock, previously appointed for the purpose, & is located & bounded as follows:

Beginning at a stake on the creek called Steel's Creek in English, on the waters of the Navasota River, where an oak 16" in diameter bears south 74 degrees east 6 varas, & another oak 15" in diameter bears north 85 degrees east 8 varas. Thence south 30 degrees east, 4,500 varas to a stake from which an oak 12" in diameter bears south 60 degrees west 2 varas, & another oak 10" in diameter bears north 19 degrees east 11 varas. Thence south 60 degrees west 5,000 varas to a stake from which an oak 8" in diameter bears north 50 degrees east 10 varas, & another oak 7" in diameter bears north 67 degrees east 6 varas. Thence north 30 degrees west 4,500 varas to a stake from which a mesquite 12" in diameter bears south -3-2 west 65 1/2 varas, & another mesquite 5" in diameter bears south 82 degrees west 40 varas. Thence north 60 degrees east 5,000 varas to the place of beginning, comprising 22 1/2 labors of land in area. The aforesaid tract belongs to the class of arable land in four twenty-fifth parts, which serves as classification fro the price he shall pay the state for it according to Article 22 of said law under the penalties therein established, being notified that within one year he shall construct permanent landmarks at each corner of the tract, & that he shall settle & cultivate it in conformity with the provisions of the law.

Therefore, exercising the authority vested in me by the same law & consequent instructions, I issue the present instrument, & order the testimonio taken from it & delivered to the interested party so that he may possess & enjoy the tract, he, his heirs, & successors, or whoever from him or from them shall have cause or right. It is given in the town of Viesca <present day Falls Co on the w. side of the Brazos River> on 17 September 1835. Interlined: 1/2, labors - valid. Guillermo H. Steele (Rubric). Attendant Witness: Elijah S.C. Robertson (Rubric), Manl. Valdes Flores (Rubric).

General Land Office, Austin, TX, 22 September 1981. I certify that the foregoing two pages contains a correct translated copy of the original title to Richard Eaton, existing in the Spanish Archives of this office in Volume 15, page 919. Matilde Rosales-McLemore, Spanish Translator.

I, Bob Armstrong, Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of TX, do hereby certify that Matilde Rosales-McLemore whose signature is subscribed to the foregoing certificate, is the Spanish Translator of this office, duly qualified according to law, & that her official acts, as such, are entitled to full faith & credit.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand & caused the seal of said office to be affixed, the day & date first above written. Bob Armstrong, Commissioner, J.G. <initials>. Vol 102, p 606. Vol 111, p 232, Limestone Co, TX.

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17 Sept 1835, Richard Eaton received 22-1/2 labors <3985 acres> of land in Robertson Colony, present location Limestone. **The Spanish Archives Of The General Land Office Of TX**, Virginia H. Taylor, 1955, p 181.

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17 Sept 1835, Stephen H. Eaton\* received a 1 League\*\* Mexican land grant in the Colony of Robertson, Robertson Co <previously Milam Co>, TX. **The Spanish Archives of The General Land Office Of TX**, Virginia H. Taylor, 1955.

\*<Brother of Richard Eaton. The fact that the grants were dated the same day indicates that Stephen & Richard applied at the same time & thus were very close at this point in their venture in TX. Stephen's grant was 14 miles NE of Benchley, 13 miles SE of Hearne & 9.5 miles NE of Richard Eaton's grant.>  
\*\*<A league is 25 labors or 4,428 acres.>

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17 Sept 1835, Grantee Richard Eaton, 22 1/2 labors <3985 acres>. Land grants in Robertson's Colony <present day Limestone Co> 26 Jul - 14 Oct 1835.

Others receiving grants: George Allen, Samuel T. Allen, Harriett Anderson, John Barron, Seth H. Bates(2), Nancy Boren, John Burgess, Daniel H. Campbell, Jesus Cantun, Mary Carnaghan, Nancy Chance, George W. Chapman, Goldsby Childres, Henry Clarey, Mary Cole (2), Jeremiah Courtney\*\*, Maria Josafa Curhie, David Curry, Thomas Curry, Ansell Darneill, Napoleon Darneill, James Day, James Dunn (Jr)\*\*, G.E. Dwight, John Easley, Stephen H. Eaton\*, Job Fisher, John Fisher, Reubin Fisher, John Fulcher, Clardey Gafford, Jefferson Gafford, John Gafford (2), Stephen Gafford, Moses Griffin, Jessie Hannor, Sarah Hansley, Andrew J. Hensley, Charles Hensley, Edward Lang, Peterson L. Loyd, Warren Lymon, William McFarlin, Bridget McGarry, John Flood McGrew, William A. McGrew, James McLaughlin, Laughlin McLennan, Neill McLennan, Thomas Mackey, Francis Mayhan, Shedrick Meness, Robert Moffitt, Andrew Montgomery, Lewis Moore, Morris Moore, George Morgan, George W. Morgan, William Neill, Samuel Nelson, Frederick Niebling, Orville Perry, William Peterson, Archibald, William Punchard, Henry Purdom, James Reed, Daniel (Heirs of) Robertson, Elijah S.C. Robertson, Sterling C. Robertson (3), Francisco de los Santos, Michael Sessam, M.B. Shackelford, Samuel C. Smith, Erastus ("Deaf") Smith (2), James S. Steele, Christopher B. Stubbins (2), Edward Tatum, Levi Taylor, Pedro del Toro, John Tucker (2), Skeaugh Walker, William Welch\*\*\*, Ann Wheelock, John J. Whitesides, <did not copy rest>. **Papers Concerning Robertson's Colony In TX**, Vol XI, M.D. McLean, 1984, p 40-41.

\*<Brother of Richard Eaton.>

\*\*<Jeremiah Courtney & James Dunn Jr were on the 1835 census for Stephen H. Eaton. Jeremiah Courtney m Martha Eaton, d/o Stephen.>

\*\*\*<Son-in-law of Richard Eaton.>

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Grant to Richard Eaton for 22 1/2 <3985 acres> labors of land in present Limestone Co (17 Sept 1835). Surveyed by E.L.R. Wheelock, beginning at a stake on the arroyo called in English Steele's Creek, on the waters of the Navasota River. Thence SE 4500 varas to a stake. Thence SW 5000 varas to a stake. Thence NW 4500 varas to a stake. Thence NE 5000 varas to the place of beginning. Villa of Viesca <present day Falls Co on the w. side of the Brazos River>, 17 Sept 1835. Signed by Guillermo H. Steele, Land Commissioner. Assisting witnesses: Elijah S.C. Robertson & Manuel Valdes Flores. An excerpt from General Land Office Base Map of Limestone Co, 1 Sept 1971 shows Richard Eaton, T. 17 Sept 1835, V 15, p 212; Bk A, p 207; Bk B, p 157. His immediate neighbors were: Mr. Brennan, Pulaski J. Fisk, Elisha McDonald, Eli Seal, Barry Gillespie. Other neighbors Sam'l Holloway, J.T. Davis, Eli Davis, Sam Holloway, Wm Lauderdale, Thomas Johnson, Thomas N. Hutchinson, B.B. Hutchinson. (In Sept of 1967, when I <McLean> went to Marlin, TX, to make a talk for the Rotary Club about Robertson's Colony, George B. Wilson, Jr, presented me with a Xerox copy of the testimonio version of this grant, which was made on the same date & signed by the same witnesses as the one above, but with the following additional entries:)

Republic of TX, Co of Milam. I certify that the foregoing Deed was this day duly proven for record before me, this 16th day of Mar 1838. G.W. Hill, Ck. P. Tem. M.C.

The foregoing deed was presented for record on the 16th day of Mar 1838, & duly recorded in my office at Nashville. G.W. Hill, Co. Recdr. P. Tem. M.C.

(Endorsed:) Deed for twenty two Labores & a half of land on the waters of the River Navasota. Richard Eaton. left by Tinnon\*. Richard Eaton had already received his other 2 1/2 labors of land on 22 Dec 1834. See **Robertson Colony Papers**,

IX, 212-213.) **Papers Concerning Robertson's Colony In TX**, Vol XI, M.D. McLean, 1984,  
p 442-443.

\*<"left by Tinnon" is exactly as shown in McLean's book.>

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5 Oct 1835. In the town of Viesca <present day Falls Co on the w. side of the Brazos River> on the 5th day of Oct 1835. Before me Joseph L. Hood Judge of the first instance for the said Town & the witnesses named at the end appeared the Citizen Stephen H. Eaton whom I know & to whos act I give faith who declared that by this Instrument he grants in Real & public sale & perpetual alination by way of successive right forever unto the citizen Richard Eaton his heirs & successors 800 acres of land comprised in the following Limits it bearing on the North boundary line of said S.H. Eaton League & to be run so as to include the improvement of the said Richard Eaton & to run as far as the boundary line of that was agreed on & between the parties & to be run in that way it being 800 acres of the League of Land which was granted to the said S.H. Eaton as a colonist in the Nashville Colony by which title it belong to him in possession said property & he declared & '&' 'asured' that he has not heretofore sold or 'morgaged' it & that it is free of all incumbrances whatever & as such he sells it to the said Richard Eaton with all its appurtanenances for the sum of \$100 which he acknowledges to have received to his full 'satisfaction' & ---?--- the Laws of No?- m---?---- p--?-- no --?-- & p--?-- <Latin phrase> & every other Law which might favor him or which might Recend this sale & from this day forward forever he dispossesses himself of said Land & 'relinquishes' it in favor of the purchaser & yields & transfers it to him with all its appurtanances rights & actions that he may 'posess' enjoy exchange alinate & ---?-- of as a thing which is his own acquired by ---?-- & Legal title he binds himself to prove & make & make good This sale & to the observance of all the foregoing he binds his person & property present & future in ---?-- of the purchaser his heirs & Successors all of which he declared & signed the same before me Wilson Reed & Jeremiah Tinnon witnesses who were specially called to be present residents of the said Law together with those of my assistance together with those of my assistance with whom I authinicate in conformity with the Law. Stephen H. Eaton. Inst Witnesses Wilson Reed, J. Tinnon. J.S. Hood, Judge. Assg Witnesses ---?-- A. Head, Wm L. Moss.

I do certify that the within was sold & acknowledged by S.H. Eaton & his wife Charity Eaton before me. J.S. Hood, Judge. William Welch (his mark) <husb of Elizabeth Eaton, d/o Richard, Alfred Eaton <s/o Stephen H.>. Charty Eaton (her mark) (Seal)

Duly proven before me 25 Aug 1839. M. Farley, Notary Public, Milam Co.  
Republic of TX, Co of Milam. I W.D. Thompson Clerk of the Co Court & Co Recorder do hereby certify that the foregoing instrument was 'presinted' & duly recorded in my office This 29th day of Aug AD1837. W.D. Thomson, Co Recorder, M.C.  
I H. Owen Clerk & Recorder in & for the Co of Robertson do certify that the foregoing is a true Copy of an original which was filed for Recd in my office 20 Sept 1842. Given under my hand & private seal having no seal of Office this 16 Dec 1842. Robertson Co, TX, Deed Book C, p 234, abst 10.

<Stephen Eaton received a one league (4428 acres) land grant on 24 Oct 1835, Colony of Zavala, Jefferson Co. It appears that he was selling out in Robertson Co to move there. See 22 Nov 1841 for sale of this land by Richard Eaton.>

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2-4 Nov 1835, TX proclaimed right to secede from Mexico; Sam Houston put in command of TX army. **The World Almanac & Book of Facts 1982**, by Newspaper Enterprise Assoc, p 705.

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This Indenture made this 25 Dec 1835 between Eldridge S. Janney of the Co of Crawford & State of IL of the one part & John Eaton of the Same Co & State of the other part Witnesseth that for & in consideration of the Sum of \$10 lawful money of the United States the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged to him in hand paid the Said Eldridge S. Janney hath given granted bargained & Sold & by these presents does give grant bargain & Sell unto the Said John Eaton & his heirs a certain tract or parcel

of land being a part of the SW quarter of Sect 4 in Town 7N & Range 12W lying on the East end of Said quarter being the Same tract formerly Sold by the Said John Eaton to Richard Eaton & by him conveyed to the Said Eldridge S. Janney\* lying Situate & being in the Co of Crawford & State of IL & containing 5 acres. To have & to hold the aforesaid tract of Land with all & Singular the appurtenances & improvements thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining to him the Said John Eaton & his heirs forever & the Said E.S. Janney doth hereby covenant that he is Seized in fee Simple of the above premises & that he will warrant & defend the Same against the claim or claims of all person claiming by through or under him In Testimony whereof the Said Eldridge S. Janney & Caroline his wife who hereby relinquishes all claim & Right to dower in the above premises have hereunto Set their hands & Seals the day & year above written Signed Sealed & delivered in presence of D.W. Stark Junr.  
<Signed:> E.S. Janney (Seal), Caroline Janney (Seal). Crawford Co, IL, Deed Record Book B, p 467.

\*<20 Apr 1826, Richard Eaton to E.S. Janney. Need copy of land deed for John Eaton to Richard Eaton.>

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Richard Eaton, grantees <buyer>; State of TX, grantor <seller>; kind of instrument - Letter Patent; Vol 111, p 232; 17 Sept 1835; filed 20 Apr 1921; 3984 acres; Richard Eaton survey. Index to Deeds, Grantees, Limestone Co, TX.

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Ritchard Eaton, State: TX, County: Sabine District, 1836, TX Tax List Index, 1830-1839.

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Mexico began to pass laws which the Texas settlers did not like. The colonists became so angry that they revolted. After a few armed fights, the Texans met at their capital, San Felipe de Austin, and organized a provisional government on November 15, 1835. World Book Ency.

On March 2, 1836, the Texans issued a declaration of independence at Washington-on-the-Brazos. David G. Burnet was chosen provisional president. Sam Houston became commander in chief of the famous Texas Rangers. The memorable siege of the Alamo at San Antonio took place between February 23 and March 6, 1836... In March, also, more than three hundred colonists led by Colonel James W. Fannin, Jr., were massacred at Goliad. World Book Ency.

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23 Feb - 5 Mar 1836, Texans besieged in the Alamo in San Antonio by Mexicans under Santa Anna; entire garrison killed. TX independence declared 2 Mar 1836. **The World Almanac & Book of Facts 1982**, by Newspaper Enterprise Assoc, p 705.

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It is not known whether Richard Eaton served an enlistment in the Texas army during the Texas Revolution. It is known that he was not with the family during the flight known as the 'run away scrape'. His grandson, Terrell Eaton, was sure that he did serve one short enlistment, probably arriving too late for the Battle of San Jacinto. A History and Genealogy of Pioneer Eatons of Texas and Their Descendants, Burney W. Eaton, 1936, p 18.

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Saturday, 2 Apr 1836. The Church met <need to establish location>, & in order 'proseded' to business D. Parker Pro. & Jesse Denson Cl. Pro. 1st. Whereas it appears that the members of this church are like to scatter by reason of the 'appearant' danger & unsettled state of the country, & may not 'agane' meet at their 'reagular' meeting. Therefore it is agreed by this Church that should such an event take place, the majority of the members united at this Place removing or remaining are 'entitled' to the Constitution & Church Book. Provided there be a prospect of their keeping up the Church order, if not the body of brethren who are (have) best prospect of sustaining the Church are 'entitled' to the Constitution & Church book. Adjourned. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> **The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc**, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 100.

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21 Apr 1836. Santa Anna is defeated at San Jacinto by Sam Houston's troops. <Richard Eaton would be about 54 years old at this time.>

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On 19 May 1836, several hundred Comanche and Caddo Indians raided Parker's Fort (Fort Parker), in present Limestone Co., TX, and killed Elder John Parker (father of Daniel Parker), and his sons, Silas M. and Benjamin F., and Samuel M. Parker and his son, Roger Frost. Cynthis Ann Parker, aged 9, her little brother, John Parker, aged 6 (children of Silas M. and Lucy Parker), Mrs. Rachel Plummer and her son, James Platt Plummer, and Mrs. Elizabeth Kellogg were taken into captivity. A replica of the original fort was constructed in 1936. Cynthis Ann Parker continued to live with the Comanches, married and had children, one of which was Quanah Parker, last chief of the Comanche. *Handbook of Texas*, by Walter Prescott Webb, 1952.

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In 'consequenc' of the war in the 'country' & the appearance of surrounding dangers, The members composing the Pilgrim Church etc became so 'scatered', that they failed to meet in a church 'capasety', until Saturday the 25th of Feb 1837 at which time the following named members met or was Present at the House of Elder D. Parkers their former place of worship (now to be designated In the Co of Nacogdoches\* & Republic of TX, according to the new 'arrangemint' in governmental 'affars') (Viz) Richard Eaton, Armstead Bennett, Stephen Bennett, John Grigesby, Daniel Parker, John Parker, Faith Bennett, Mary Bennett, Harriet Bennett, Permelia Bennett, Polley Eaton, Elizabeth Eaton (now Elizabeth Welch), Rachel Eaton & Patsey Parker & in counsel 'Proseded', D. Parker Mor. Prot. & John Grigsby Clerk Prom. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> **The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc**, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 101.

\*<Pb at San Pedro Bayou in present day Houston Co near Weches.>

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More than a century after the abandonment of the old Spanish Mission, that part of Nacogdoches Co which afterwards became Houston Co, began to be settled by colonists in Vehlin's Colony. Many of these obtained titles from the Mexican Gov before the creation of Houston Co, & quite a number of them fought in the Battle of San Jacinto & are entitled to be numbered with the heroes of that great decisive battle in the history of TX. Many of their names appear in the following document, which was a prelude to the creation of the Co. This is a historic document & deserves a place in the history of the Co. Many of the men whose names appear on this document were prominent citizens in the later development of the Co. It is as follows:

Mustang Prairie, 22 Apr 1837. To the Honorable the Senate & House of Representatives when in Congress Assembled:

We, the undersigned, your petitioners, citizens of said republic, do most respectfully pray that your honorable body make for us a Co on the East side of Trinity River, beginning at Robbins Ferry on said Trinity; Thence running 15 miles each side of the old San Antonio Road & East far enough to make a constitutional Co, & we do further pray that your honorable body appoint three disinterested commissioners out of the bounds of said Co to locate the seat of justice for said Co in granting the aforesaid petition, we, your petitioners as duty bound will ever pray, etc. John B. (illegible)\*, John Adams, Collin Aldrich, Albert Allbright\*, George Allbright\*, Jacob Allbright, John Allbright, John Allbright, Solomon Allbright\*, Elish Anglin\*, William Anglin, Jas. Barns, H. Barrett\*, Miles Bennett, Stephen Bennett, Frances Bettict\*, John Box, Nelson Box, Stephen Box, Stilwell Box, Thomas G. Box, Robin Brown\*, Alfred Buge\*, Joseph Cason, Elijah Cheairs, Frances Cheairs, John Cheairs, John F. Cheairs, William Cheairs\*, Elisha Clapp, John E. Clapp, Jowell Clapp\*, Barton Clark, Samuel Clerlosky\*, Samuel C. Collison\*, Reason Crist, Stephen Crist, Henry P. Crowson, John Denson, Shedrick Denson, Thomas Denson, William Dillard\*, Stephen Dunston\*, G.E. Dwight\*, Richard Eaton, Chas Erwin, John Erwin\*, Peter Gallahery\*, Thos. Garner, A.E. Gossett, E. Gossett, James L. Gossett, James L. Gossett, John V.D. Gossett, Wm. L. Gossett\*, J. Haley\*, John L. Hall, Alfred M. Hallmark, Geo. Hallmark, George Hallmark, George W. Hallmark, James M. Hallmark, John Hallmark, John B. Hallmark, John C. Hayne\*, John H. Holder\*, H.C. Johnson\*, William Johnson, Joseph Jorden\*, Enaske Lapus\*, Joseph Lapus\*, William Leagon, P.O. Lumpkin, R.O. Lusk, Henry Masters, Jacob Masters, Joseph M. Masters\*, Joseph Masterson, John C. Moore\*, Martin Murchison, James Neville, Benjamin Parker, Daniel Parker Jr, Dickerson Parker <son-in-law of Richard Eaton & h/o Lucinda Eaton>, Isaac Parker, J.D. Parker\*, Wm. H. Pate, Samuel Phillips\*, Leon Pritchard\*, Irdell Reding, John B. Reding, Geo. W. Reding, Wm. Riley\*, Geo. W. Robinson, Ira C. Shute\*, Ballin Snelles\*, W.C. Standley\*, Williard Standley, Peterson Tate\*, Thos. R. Townsent\*, H.P. Walker, R.A. Walker, Stephen White, W.M. White\*, John Wortham, Joseph R. Yarbrough\*, Swanson Yarbrough\*. **The History Of Houston Co, TX**, by A.A. Aldrich, 1943, p 7-8.  
\*<Name different in the same account that follows by a different author.>

Petitions from Houston Co may be found in the TX State Archives under Memorials & Petitions. One asking for the formation of a new Co is under Location 2-9/113, Box 38, No. 15.

Petition of Iredel Reading & others for a new Co. Presented by Mr. Arnold. Mustang Prairie, 22 Apr 1837, To the Honorable the Senate & the house of Representatives when in Congress assembled.

We the undersigned your petitioners citizens of said Republic do most respectfully pray that your Honorable Body make for us a Co on the east side of Trinity River beginning at Robbin's Ferry on said Trinity thence running 15 miles each side of the Old San Antone Road & east far enough to make a constitutional Co.

And we do further pray that your Honorable Body appoint three disinterested commissioners out of the bounds of said Co to locate the Seat of Justice for said Co in granting the aforesaid petition.

We your petitioners as in duty will every pray. John C. --?--, John Adams, Collin Aldrich, Edward Allbright, Jacob Allbright, John Allbright, Jorg Allbright, Solimon Allbright, Elisha Anglin, William Anglin, John B--?--, Jas Barns, J.W. Barrett, Alfred Benge, Miles Bennett, Stephen Bennett, Francis Bittict, John H.

Bo-?- , John Box, Nelson Box, Stephen Box, Stillwell Box, Thomas G. Box, Reuben Brown, Samuel C. Callison, Joseph Cason, Elijah Cheairs, Francis Cheairs, John Cheairs, John F. Cheairs, Samuel Cheairs, William Cheairs, Elish Clapp, Joel Clapp, John E. Clapp, Barton Clark, Reason Crist, Stephen Crist, Henry P. Crowson, John Denson, Shedrick Denson, Thomas Denson, William Dilliard, Richard Eaton, Peter Gallaher, Thos Garner, A.E. Gossett, G.G. Dwight, E. Gossett, James L. Gossett, John V.D. Gossett, Wm S. Gossett, John C. Hagan, John L. Hall, Alfred M. Hallmark, Geo Hallmark, George Hallmark, George W. Hallmark, James M. Hallmark, John Hallmark, John B. Hallmark, J. Haly, Charles Irvin, John Irvin, William Johnson, Z.C. Johnson, Josep Jordan, William Leagon, Eno-?- Lopus, Joseph Lopus, P.O. Lumpkin, R.O. Lusk, Henry Masters, Henry Masters, Jacob Masters, Joseph Masterson, Jos M. Masterson, Martin Murchison, James Neville, Benjamin Parker, Daniel Parker jr, Dickerson Parker <son-in-law of Richard Eaton & h/o Lucinda Eaton>, I.D. Parker, Isaac Parker, Peterson Pate, Wm H. Pate, Samuel Philops, Sion Pritchard, George W. Reding, Iredell Reding, John B. Reding, George W. Robinson, Ira C. Shute, Stephen Standley, Williford Standley, W.C. Staneley, Ballin Suelles, Thomas R. Townsin, H.P. Walker, R.A. Walker, M. M. White, Stephen White, John Wortham, Joseph E. Yarborough. **The First Settlers Of Houston Co, TX**, by Gifford White, 1983, p 4-5.

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6 May 1837. The Church met <pb on San Pedro Bayou near Weches in present day Houston Co> & in order 'proseded' to business. Richard Eaton Clerk Prom. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> **The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc**, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 101.

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8 Jun 1837, Houston Co was formed from Nacogdoches Co. Co seat, Crockett.

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Saturday, 2 Sept 1837. The Church <met pb on San Pedro Bayou near Weches in present day Houston Co>, & in order 'proseded' to business. 1st Brother Richard Eaton having heretofore been ordained to the office\*, or work of a Deacon Therefore this Church Calls on him to officiate in that office, in her service. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> **The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc**, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 102.

\*<Richard was ordained as deacon back in the church in Crawford Co, IL before Pilgrim Church was formed. It is Baptist custom that a deacon ordained by another church does not serve in a new church until after a proving period, & then only upon a need for his service in the new church.>

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On 1 October 1837, Richard's daughter, Lucinda, married Dickerson Parker, son of Elder Daniel Parker, and grandson of Elder John Parker who had been killed in the Indian raid on Fort Parker in 1836. Dickerson Parker was first cousin of Cynthia Ann Parker who was captured by Comanches in 1836, and later married Chief Peta Nacona. Dickerson's father, Daniel, and Cynthia Ann's father, Silas M. (also killed in the raid), were both sons of Elder John Parker. *Handbook of Texas & Texas Almanac 1986-87*).

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14 Dec 1837, Robertson Co was formed from Milam Co. The Co seat was Wheelock and then changed to Franklin.

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15 Feb 1838. Richard Eaton received a land grant on 15 Feb 1838; Board of Land Commissioners for the Co of Houston, TX granted one labor\* of land near Daniel Parker's labor on the waters of the Trinity\*\*. Two thirds was arable land & 1/3 was pasture land. Richard arrived in TX in 1833. Titles, **Spanish Archives** 15:919-22 <See deed dated 17 Sept 1835>, 1175-8 <See deed dated 22 Dec 1834>; Houston Co.

First class Headright Certificate No. 73, File 11 <See deed dated 2 Mar 1838>, General Land Office, Austin.

\*<A labor is 177.1 acres.>

\*\*<Trinity River runs just west of Elkhart in present day Anderson Co.>

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15 Feb 1838, 2 Mar 1838\*. No. 73. This is to certify, that Richard Eaton has appeared before the Board of Land Commissioners for the Co of Houston, & proved according to law that (he) arrived in this Republic 1833 & that (he) is a married man & entitled to one labor <177.1 acres> of land, upon the condition of paying at the rate of ---?--- for each labor of irrigable land, - - - for each labor of temporal arable land & - - - for each labor of pasture land which may be contained in the survey secured to him by this certificate. Given under our hands this 15th day of Feb 1838. E. Gopatts, Clerk John Wortham. Attest: Sam G. Welk. File 11 Houston Co 1st Class Headright certificate, Richard Eaton.

Richard Eaton, Certificate No. 73. Survey for Richard Eaton of one labor of land on the waters of the Trinity <near Elkhart in present day Anderson Co> being the quantity of Land to which he is entitled by 'virture' of a certificate No. 73 issued by the Board of Land Commissioners for the Co of Houston. Beginning about 1000 varas west of Daniel Parkers Survey set stake from which a black Jack bears S45W 8 varas marked X a Hickory bears S10 degrees 30' W 21 varas marked R.E. Thence S 20 degrees E 340 varas to a creek runs W 1000 varas to corner set stake from which a pine bears N 32 degrees 30 minutes W 17 varas marked RE a Red Oak bears N31E 24 varas marked X Thence 570 W 1000 varas to corner set stake from which a post oak bears N68W 2 4/10 varas marked RE a hickory bears N39E 110 5/10 varas. Thence N20W 630 varas to a creek runs west 1000 varas to corner set stake from which a black jack bears S211E 9 varas marked X a black Jack bears S86E 6 varas marked R.E. Thence N70E 1000 varas to the beginning corner. Two thirds of which is arable land & one third pasture land.

2 Mar 1838, Waller Dickerson, Depty Surveyor. Chain Carriers: Saml Callison & Isaac Wiley. Examined & approved 16 Jul 1838, Geo Aldrich, Surveyor Houston Co.

Received on the within \$2.6 3/4 Gov. dues, Crockett 15 Jul 1838. J.A. Kirkhoffer, Dr. B.L. Corn, Houston Co.

I W. Dickerson 'solemly' declare under oath of my office that the foregoing survey was made since the first day of Fby last. 2 Mar 1838, W. Dickerson, Dep Surveyor.

\*<See 15 Feb 1838, 1840 census, 26 Nov 1846.>

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Saturday, 30 Jun 1838. The Church met <pb on San Pedro Bayou near Weches in present day Houston Co> & in order 'proseded' to business. First. Agreed, That 'whareas', the members of this Church has become so 'scatred' that they all cannot reasonably meet together at one time & place, & there being no church or churches 'convient', with which they can unite, Therefore, The Church agrees to hold two stated Church meetings, or times & places of Public worship in Each month, one at the time & Place heretofore established <pb on San Pedro Bayou near Weches in present day Houston Co>, The other to be held at the School House in Lathoms & Pearpoints Settlement in Shelby Co\* Republic of TX, on the second Lord's day, & day before it, in each month, or such other times & Places, that the members living 'easterdly' may find most convenient to them, & they are requested & Directed to appoint a Clerk amongst themselves, as an assistant clerk to the clerk who serves the Church at this place. 'Ajorned'. John Grigesby Cl. Daniel Parker Mo. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX. The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 103.

\*<This location is about 80 miles east as the crow flies from San Pedro Bayou. Need to check Shelby Co land deed records.>

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1838 Houston Co, TX, tax list, included Wm Parker, Dan'l Parker, Isaac Parker, Richard Eaton, Dickison Parker <son-in-law of Richard Eaton & h/o Lucinda Eaton>. The Tracings, Vol III, No. 1, Winter 1984, Feb 1984, Anderson Co, Gen Soc, p 15.

19 Oct 1838. No history of Houston Co would be complete, without an account of the terrible massacre that occurred in October 1838, known as the Edens-Madden Massacre, which occurred at the home of John Edens\*, on San Pedro Creek, about 12 or 13 miles northeast of Crockett. At that time many of the citizens of that locality were absent from home, having volunteered under Capt W.T. Sadler, a soldier of San Jacinto, to accompany Major Mabbitt in the Cordova-Kickapoo Expedition. A number of the families of the community were removed for safety to John Edens home & were left under his protection & three other old men -- James Madden, Martin Murchison & Elisha Moore. The others present in the house were: Mrs. John Edens & her daughter, Emily; Mrs. John Murchison, Mrs. W.T. Sadler, her daughter, Mrs. James Madden & two little sons, aged seven & nine years; Mrs. Robert Madden & daughter, Mary; & a negro woman about 60 years of age, named Betsy or Patsy.

The John Edens home later became the home of Judge D.H. Edens, & where he lived & died. The house consisted of two log rooms, 'separated' by a covered passageway. The women occupied one room & the men the other.

On the fatal night, about 19 Oct 1838, after all the inmates had retired, the house was attacked by Indians. The assault was made on the room occupied by the women & children. The savages broke down the door & rushed in, using knives & tomahawks. Mrs. Murchison & her daughter, Mrs. Saddler, were instantly killed. Mrs. John Edens, mortally wounded, escaped from the room & crossed two fences, to die in the adjoining field. Of Mary, d/o Robert Madden; Emily, d/o John Edens, each three years old, & the two little sons of James Madden, no tidings were ever heard, whether carried into captivity or burned to ashes, was never known, but every presumption is in favor of the latter. The room was speedily set on fire. The men did not open the door into the passage. Mrs. Robert Madden dangerously wounded, rushed into the room of the men, falling on a bed. One by one, or rather two by two, the four men ran the gauntlet & escaped, supposing all the others were dead. Early in the assault, Patsy (or Betsy) seized a little girl of John Edens, yet living & the beloved wife of James Duke, swiftly bore her to the house of Mr. Davis, a mile & a half distant, & then moved by an inspiration that should embalm her memory in every generous heart, as swiftly returned as an angel of mercy to any who might survive. She arrived in time to enter the rapidly consuming house & rescue the unconscious Mrs. Robert Madden, but an instant before the roof fell in. Placing her on her own bed in her unmolested cabin in the yard, she sought elsewhere for deeds of mercy & found Mrs. James Madden under the eaves of the crumbling walls, doomed to speedy cremation. She gently bore her to the same refuge, & by them watched, bathed, poulticed & nursed - aye! prayed! - till the morrow brought succor.

Mrs. James Madden thus rescued from the flames, bore upon her person three ghastly wounds from a tomahawk, one severing her collar bone, two ribs cut asunder near the spine, & a horrible gash in the back. But it is gratifying to record that both these wounded ladies recovered, & in 1883 were living near Augusta, Houston Co, objects of affectionate esteem by their neighbors. On the day following this horrid slaughter, the volunteers, the husbands & neighbors of the victims, returned from the battle of Kickapoo, in time to perform the last rites to the fallen & nurse the wounded. The late venerable Capt William Yancey, of Palestine, Robert Madden & Elder Daniel Parker\*\* & others of the Edens & other old families of that vicinity, were among them. **The History Of Houston Co, TX**, by A.A. Aldrich, 1943, p IX-X.

\*<Mary, d/o Richard Eaton, married an Eden after 1851.>

\*\*<The fact that Elder Daniel Parker was there almost surely meant that Richard Eaton still lived in the area of San Pedro Creek at this time.>

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The Mexicans & the Indians came to an understanding in 1838 & rebelled. Some of the Mexicans near Nacogdoches raised a difficulty with the Texans during the summer, before the preparations were all complete for an attack upon the Texans. The Indians held a consultation or council & finding themselves not ready, returned to their homes & the Mexicans fled. I took my part in the suppression of this attempt at rebellion. An army was raised in TX, with General Rusk in command; Generals Douglass & McLeod also having commands under him. I was a member of the Board of War & appointed captain of a company in 1839.

In 1838, a spy company was raised George Hanks was made Captain & I First Lieutenant. In the election of officers for this company Willis Watson & Shem Harris

were candidates & failing, made an effort to rob Sanches by forging bills of sale of his property. The company was on the march when information was received of the action of the men Watson & Harris. I was at once detailed to capture them & with a squad of men rode all night & secured the two men before breakfast at Sanchez's house before they got possession of his property. Here I waited for Captain Hanks & Lieutenant Roberts to come, when Captain Tommie Timson's company, from Harrison Co & Captain Haley with his company from Shelby Co arrived. The three companies were detained here on detached service. I received orders to take the 'prisoners' to Nacogdoches. Hayes, a prisoner, through the influence of his friends, was released at Sanchez's place & the two men, Watson & Harris, were conveyed to Nacogdoches & confined in prison. They gave bond & were released. I was then ordered to arrest John Beauchamp, Jack Crane, Sam Bruton, & old man Pierce, for appropriating confiscated property. Returning to camp, I was sent in the direction of Watson's Ferry, traveling until late in the night. We camped on the road close to the house of old man Pierce, whom we arrested at daylight. Proceeding, we captured Crane. We then went to Bruton's on the Teneha, & he was absent. At Shelbyville, we missed taking Beauchamp, who made his escape & returned to KY, & remained there seven years, leaving his family in TX. Next day on our return march to camp we found & arrested Bruton. Reaching camp we found the army had dispersed without fighting & orders left for us to disband & go home. In compliance with the opinion of the majority of the command, the prisoners were set free instead of conveying them to prison in Nacogdoches. I was then employed by the government of TX to return to the owners the horses that had been pressed unto use of the army.

Immediately after this Leonard Mabbitt was ordered with a company of eighty men to Fort Houston to protect the frontier. The Indians harrassed his men & attacked his foragers. In one skirmish the rear guard had stopped & a little boy, son of Mr. Bates, who had been killed at San Augustine, the boy acting as courier, were fired upon by the Indians. Some of the men were wounded. The boy, endeavoring to escape, was chased by an Indian. The guns of both were empty. The boy got far enough in advance of the Indian to dismount & commence loading his gun. The Indian did the same, but the boy, loading first, fired & killed the Indian, & was rewarded afterwards for the deed by a grant of 640 acres of land from the Republic of TX.

A conspiracy having been entered into by the Indians to take Fort Houston & massacre the people, Captain Mabbitt notified General Rusk who came at once to his relief with what force he could get. Taking the Company of Mabbitt with him he went to the Kickapoo Village, unknown to the Indians, who had camped one half mile from the village on their way to the fort, spies upon their camp notified General Rusk that they had large fires of green wood & were cooking for the trip. The Indians left & General Rusk came & camped at their fires. Supposing the camp to contain only the company of Captain Mabbitt, the Indians made an attack, & the firing by the pickets was kept up during the night. The Indians had been joined by forty Mexicans, & at daylight approached & attacked the camp. They stood three fires, but surprised by the presence of General Rusk they retreated, leaving nine killed, & their children & camp equipage scattered along the line of their retreat. Rusk & Mabbitt fell back to the fort & sent for re-inforcements, & the Indians were making preparations for another battle. I united myself with Captain English's company & marched to Eaton's\*, where the Indians had committed murders. Here we found old Mrs. Eaton\* & several children killed. The house was burned. Old Mrs. Murchison was here, killed & her body dragged out to near the fence. In looking around the premises I found bloody clothes & a musket lying on them. Two daughters of Mrs. Eaton\*, both wives of men named Madden, had been badly wounded near the house, but had made their escape & afterwards recovered. I reported to Colonel Landrum what I had found & that while absent I had heard much firing & I was sent with a file of men to discover the cause. After my departure one of the Maddens, a Mexican & two other men in returning, fired off their guns near the house to alarm the Indians & cause them to leave. Colonel Landrum hearing the firing & presuming that I was attacked, started with his men to my relief & went so far that he could not return the same night. I, with my party, went in the direction of the house of a widow & arriving there, found the house deserted. In the rear, near the house, we saw the tracks of a horse & a mule that had been in full run, & concluded from this sign that Indians were in our rear. Forsythe & I turned back & met many of Rusk's men coming up in disorder. We went to General Rusk & had a council. General Rusk sent orders to Colonel Landrum giving

directions as to his future actions. We remained at Eaton's\* about a week. There were too few to maintain a full guard but the sentinels stood at their stations the full time without relief. I took my own station at a point I believed to be the most liable to the attacked the savages. It was in thick timber, & when all was still I heard an Indian cross the field fence within fifty or sixty yards of my position. The night was starlit, too dark to distinguish anything clearly, but I could discover his movements by the sound of his footsteps in the leaves. He went to a tree about one hundred yards from the fence, stopped, then another crossed the fence, then the first advanced & the second at the same time moved up & took the position of the first, each getting to his position about the same time. When the two made a stop a third crossed the fence & all three commenced walking. I could hear them distinctly. The Indian in front was going in the direction of the post occupied by Lieutenant Bick English. When he approached very near, Lieutenant English called to one Hoof, sergeant of the guard, to come to his relief as he was very cold. This gave the alarm to the enemy & they were seen or heard no more that night. **History of the Regulators & Moderators & the Shelby Co War in 1841 & 1842 in the Republic of TX**, with facts & incidents in the early history of the Republic & State, from 1837 to the annexation, together with incidents of frontier life & Indian 'trubles', & the War on the Reserve in Young Co in 1857, by John W. Middleton, an active participant in all the scenes described & a TX pioneer. **R.B. Blake Research Collection**, Vol XLIII, p 191, 202-206, compiled in the E.C. Barker TX History Center Archives Collection, 1958-1959.

\*<Called Eden rather than Eaton in the preceding article.>

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Saturday, 8 Dec 1838. The Church met <in Shelby Co> in order, appointed Bro. John Parker Clerk Protem, & 'proseded'. 1st. Agreed: That, Whereas, The Church agreed, at the June meeting 1838 That she would hold two church meetings in each month & one of the to be held at this place (School House Lathem's 'Settelment' Shelby Co TX) or where the members in reach of this Place may think most convenient for them & that a clerk should be 'apointed' to serve the church at her meetings in this 'settelment' , as an assistant Clerk to the Principle Clerk of the Church. Whose duty it should be to make 'returnes' of the 'prosedings' of the Church at this Place to the principle Clerk of the Church, as oft as 'opertunity' would permit at lest every twelve 'monthes', & it was made the duty of the principle clerk to report the same to the Church at her former regular Place of holding the Church meetings (Houston Co\* TX) & record the same in order in the Church Book, & it now 'appering' that the Indian wars, & 'Difficulties' are like to deprive the Church of her holding her church meetings at her former times & Place in Houston Co TX, & that a number of the Brethren by 'reson' of those Indian 'difficulties' has moved & are setting convenient to the Church meeting held at this Place, & amongst those Brethren are Bro. John Grigsbey the Principle Clerk of the Church, These 'cercumstances' preventing the assistant Clerk from making returns as Contemplated & Brother John Grigesbey being the Proper & rightful Clerk of the Church, Therefore Brother John Parker the Clerk protem, at this Place, is hereby instructed to give up the church book & Papers to Bro. Grigesbey, & he the said Grigesbey is requested to officiate in his office & serve the Church at this Place as Clerk, & place the 'proseding' of the Church at this Place in order on the Church Book, (it being in our Possession). John Parker C. Pt. Daniel Parker Mo. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX. > **The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc**, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 105.

\*<On San Pedro Bayou near Weches)

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Saturday, 8 Jun 1839 The Church met <in Shelby Co> & in order 'proseded' to business. 3d. Brethren Eli Bowen & D. Parker, Reported That they had selected Two 'Plases', & submits to the church to 'deside' on which of the two Places she would Build her meeting House. The one on the Ridge between Mrs. Morgans & Wilburns, The other place on the 'Bloof' (Bluff) of the Harrison fork of 'Buyo' Blue north side, 'nere' Elder Parker's on a new Road leading from Hamilton\* to Shelbyville. The Church 'desides' by vote That the Place Selected on the <Bluff> 'nere' Elder Parker's be the place on which she will Build her meeting House, & appoints Brethren Richard Eaton, Wm Britten

& Daniel Parker as a Committee to obtain a bond for right to the land, & 'Superentend' the Building of the meeting House with the 'sise' & manner in which it shall be Built. 'Ajorned'. John Grigby Cl. D. Parker Mo. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 110-111.

\*<There is a community called West Hamilton southeast of Shelbyville in Shelby Co. Just north is Latham's cemetery & Blue Bayou.>

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Saturday, 13 Jul 1839. The Church met <in Shelby Co> & in order 'Proseded' to business. 1st. The Committee appointed to 'superintine' the Business of the meeting House, (to obtain a bond for titles etc Reported a Bond for Titles for two acre & a half of land Executed by John Haley, for the use of the Regular Baptist Church as a Place of Public Worship, & a public Burying ground Which Bond was directed by the Church, to be handed to Brother Richard Eaton, as the Deacon of this Church, to which office in the Church, the Bond was executed. 'Ajornd'. John Grigsby Cl. Daniel Parker Mo. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 111.

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Know all men - - - <paper torn & dark> - - -iel Parker of Shelby County - - - -<paper dark> - - - sum of one hundred dollars to me in hand paid by Richard Eaton of the same county & Republic - - - <paper dark> receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, ?-? held & firmly bound to the said Richard Eaton his heirs & assigns in the just & full sum of one thousand dollars & for my faithful performance in the payment of the said one thousand dollars will & truly to be made --?-- myself my heirs executors & administrators jointly severally & firmly by these presence as witness my hand & seal this 17th day of July 1839.

The conditions of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Daniel Parker should make or cause to be made to the said Richard Eaton his heirs or assigns a good lawfull quit claim deed of conveyence to the following described tract or parsel of land lying & being in the County of Shelby Republic of Texas (Viz). Beginning at the mouth of the Branch which enters into the Hurricane? fork of the Buoy Blue on the south side a --?-- --?-- below where the said Eaton now lives. Then up the said branch with its meanders following the most western part of said branch --?-- --?-- --?-- where a road 'croses' --?-- --?-- or --?-- --?-- --?-- --?--. Haley road until intersecting a line ---?---- J. McKee for Z. Hassell. Thence with said line south -----?---- said line intersecting the south western corner of --?-- third of a league out of which this land to be conveyed, --?- taken said third of a league is the head right of Benjamin Parker & by him to be transferred to the said Daniel Parker. Thence northerly & easterly --?- with the line of the said third of a league out of which taken in their various 'corses' to the palce of beginning, Including the house & farm where the said Eaton now lives. The deed to the made as soon as the title is obtained from government for the third of a league of land, out of which this is a part. Then this above obligation be met. Void & of some affect otherwise to hand in full --?- & virtue in law & equity. Signed sealed & acknowledged the day & date before written. In presence of

Test John --?--  
--?-- --?--

Daniel Parker

For value Recevd of William H. Duncan & assign the written Bond or obligation to him his heirs or assigns witness my hand & seal. November 28th, 1840  
Test Benjamin Parker

Richard Eaton

Republic of Texas & County of Shelby. Know --?-- by these presents that I Wm H. Dunn for & in consideration of Five hundred dollars to --?-- hand paid by --?- --?-- --?-- to him the --?-- --?-- Hafey his heirs or assigns within bond or able --?--.

Witness my hand & seal  
attest  
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H.H. Dunn

W.H. Dunn  
Feby 12th, 1841

Item #9, Daniel Parker papers, The Center of American History, University of Texas, Austin, Texas.

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Saturday, 7 'Desember' 1839. The Church met <in Shelby Co> & in order opened for business by appointing Elder Greenwood Mo. Pro. First the Church agreed to hold her meeting in future at her new meeting House 'nere' Elder Parkers. 'Ajorned'. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 113.

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During the 1840 census Benjamin Eaton, Jr. and Malindy (Richard Eaton's daughter) are still in Jasper Co., IL (census), but moved to Texas shortly thereafter and were in Texas by 1843 when their 6<sup>th</sup> child, Malinda, was born.

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About 1840 Richard's brother, Stephen H. Eaton, died in Texas, some say near Beaumont, some say near Nacogdoches, leaving his widow, Charity, and between 1845 and 1850 Richard's wife, Mary "Polly" died.

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Saturday, 9 May 1840. The Church met <in Shelby Co> & in order 'proseded' to Business. 2d. The Church agrees, That, She having at her last meeting granted the 'Reqests' of Brother Isaac Parker respecting the Constituting of a Church in Houston Co\* his section of Country, & the granting letters of dismissions to himself & his wife. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 115.

\*<Pb San Pedro, their former place of worship. See 3 Jul 1841.>

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27 Jun 1840. The Church <met in Shelby Co &> being informed by Elder Parker That the Brethren of Mount Pleasant Church were willing to meet us on the Saturday before the third Lord's day in October next, at Hopewell Church Nacogdoches Co for the purpose of forming an associated Compact, This Church agrees to meet said Brethren, By messengers & letter, & for that Purpose, appoints Elders G. Greenwood D. Parker, W. Britton & Brethren Eli Bowen, John Grigsby & Richard Eaton 'autherising' said Brethren to form a part of the convention in Constituting an association (if thought advisable) on the Regular Baptist faith & order ('Refering' said Constitution to the Churches for 'aproveal') & then set in an associated 'Capasety'. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 118.

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Sunday, 23 Aug 1840. 3d. The Church <met in Shelby Co &> being informed by Elder Parker That the Brethren of Mount Pleasant Church were willing to meet us on the Saturday before the third Lord's day in October next, at Hopewell Church Nacogdoches Co for the purpose of forming an associated Compact, This Church agrees to meet said Brethren, By messengers & letter, & for that Purpose, appoints Elders G. Greenwood, D. Parker, W. Britton & Brethren Eli Bowen, John Grigsby & Richard Eaton 'autherising' said Brethren to form a part of the convention in Constituting an association (if thought advisable) on the Regular Baptist faith & order ('Refering' said Constitution to the Churches for 'aproveal') & then set in an associated

'Capasety'. 'Ajorned'. John Grigsby Cl. Daniel Parker Mo. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 117-118.

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Richard Eaton, 1840 Houston Co\*, TX census, p 76, 177 acres\*\* under survey based on a grant, but without final title confirmed by the G.L.O. Other Eatons: Josiah Culp <husb of Rachael, d/o of Richard/Mary Eaton>, Houston Co; Dickerson Parker <husb of Lucinda, d/o Richard/Mary Eaton>, Houston Co; George W. Eaton, Shelby Co; T.H. Eaton, Robertson Co; W.J. Eaton Estate, Victoria Co.

\*<Near Elkhart in present day Anderson Co. See 2 Mar 1838, 15 Feb 1838, 25 Nov 1846.>

\*\*<A labor is 177.1 acres.>

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Saturday, 7 Nov 1840. The Church met <in Shelby Co> & in order 'proseded' to business. 1st. Elder Daniel Parker made the following Report. Dear Brethren. In 'accordence' with the duty Enjoined on me by this Church & the authority which she has invested in me I did, with the 'assistance' of Brethren John Grigsby, Isaac Parker & Elder Allin Samuel in 'council', Proceed on the 22d day of Oct 1840, to constitute a church in Fort Houston\* in Houston Co -- on the 'articals' of Faith that this church is united on known by the name of the Regular Baptist Church at Fort Houston & gave up 'fore' members of this church to said constitution (Viz) Stephen Crist, Annay Crist, Naney Falkenbury & Elizebeth Frost as 'formeley', but now (Delap) & I have also given letters of Dismission to Brother James Jorden & sister Lucindy Parker\*\* with the 'assistince' in Part of Elders Greenwood & Brittian. We also have 'organised' an association & are Prepared to make a full report on that subject. Your humble 'servent' in the gospel of Christ. Daniel Parker. 'Ajorned'. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 119-120.

\*<Two miles west of Palestine in what is now Anderson Co.> <This is a different church from the one on Boxes Creek, the present day location of Pilgrim Church.>

\*\*<Pb d/o Richard Eaton.>

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By 1840 Richard Eaton had greatly improved his financial condition. Visitors were welcomed joyously in those days in TX, since that was the only method of getting news of other communities. An interesting story of one noted visitor has been handed down to us. By accident one day Richard met Sam Houston\* in the community. By an ingenious trick he persuaded the General to accept hospitality in the Eaton home. Both men were of gigantic physique. They were both frontiersmen by choice; & the fact that they addressed each other as "Sam" & "Dick" did not seem out of the ordinary to the children.

The period of 1837 to 1845 must have been a happy one for the family. Stories concerning it were handed down to the third generation. There were, of course, no luxuries. Wild game was abundant; small crops flourished; "houseraisings" for newcomers were common & delightful social occasions. There was during the latter part of the period a few weeks of school for the children in a fairly comfortable log building, with "split-log" benches not so comfortable.

Judging from the church records, Richard & two or three others were the mainstays of the new settlement. Because of his spacious home & the hospitality of his family his home was for months at one time <at Boxes Creek in present day Anderson Co> the regular meeting place of the Pilgrim Church. Settlers for forty miles gathered to these services. The demands made on the hospitality of the family must have been enormous. On Saturday\*\* Elder <Daniel> Parker, eternally faithful preached one of his fervid sermons, & the meeting was closed with a short formal business session, in which the Elder, Richard Eaton, Benjamin Eaton, & John Parker would be delegated individually or as a group to visit some nearby settlement - Mound Prairie, Latham's Settlement <Shelby Co>, Grand Prairie, Fort Houston <Palestine, present day Anderson Co>, etc., to organize a church of the regular Baptist faith & order. Richard Eaton

supervised the building of the original log building of the Pilgrim Church <in Shelby Co>. He served as its first deacon. He & Elder Daniel Parker established the first Baptist Association in TX. It consisted of three or four churches around Nacogdoches. **A History & Genealogy of Pioneer Eatons of TX & Their Descendants**, Burney W. Eaton, 1936, p 19-20.

\*<Sam Houston once lived in Logan Co, KY & was involved in the formation of Robertson Colony. Richard Eaton was married in Logan Co. Elder Daniel Parker served in the same regiment in the War of 1812 with Sam Houston. Richard Eaton sold land to Alexander M. Houston on 12 May 1828 back in Crawford Co, IL. B.W. Eaton reports in his book that Sam Houston accepted 'hospatilaty' in the home of Richard Eaton and that they called each other "Sam" & "Dick".>

\*\*<Appears to be in error. They had two day church meetings & conducted business on Saturday & worshipped on Sunday. See 30 Jun & 4 Dec 1838 church minutes on p 873.>

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Saturday, 3 Jul 1841\*. The Pilgrim Church of Regular Baptist(s), again met <at San Pedro Bayou near Weches> in Houston Co at the House of Reuben Brown's her former place of worship, & in order 'proseded' to Business, with Elder Parker moderator & by appointing Brother Isaac Parker Clerk Pro. 2d. The church agrees to revive her Church meetings in Houston to be held at her former times of worship. The Saturday before the first Lord's day in Each month & that the Place of meeting be at the House of Brother Armsted Bennet's. Adjourned. Isaac Parker Cl. Pro. D. Parker M.O. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> **The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc**, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 123.

\*<This record followed that of 7 Aug 1841.>

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Saturday, 7 Aug 1841. The Church met <at San Pedro Bayou near Weches> & in order 'proseded' to business. 1st. Elder Daniel Parker, Presented the minutes of this church at her meeting in Houston Co, Commencing the Saturday before the first Lord's day in July 1841, which is 'spred' on Record at the close of this day's 'prosedings'. 2nd. The Church agrees, that as she, the Pilgrim Church is about to confine her church meetings to her times & Place of worship in Houston Co, & there being a 'nomber' of her members who reside in this part of the Country, that for their advantage in Church 'Previledges', That on the saturday before the first Lord's day in Sept next, that she will 'Proseed' to Constitute them into a Church 'Capasety', if then thought advisable, & that her sister Church at Bethel having at the Request of Elders D. Parker & Wm. Brittain, clothed her ordained authorities with legal Power to aid in said work. This Church approves of & ratifies the request for said helps & requests them to assist her in constituting a part of her members into a church 'capasaty', & appoints such of her ordained authorities as may not go into said constitution to officiate in the work. Adjourned. J. White C.L. D. Parker M.O. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> **The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc**, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 122-123.

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Saturday 2 Oct 1841. The Church met <at San Pedro Bayou near Weches in present day Houston Co> & in order 'proseded' to business, Elder Parker M.O. 3d. Elder D. Parker Reported that he had assisted in ordination of Brother Joseph Pinson in our sister church at Fort Houston <at Palestine>, to the work of a Deacon, as Requested by said Church, & directed & 'autherized' by this the Pilgrim Church, which work is approved by this Church. 5th. 'Whareas' the members of this church Residing in Shelby Co has in Part Returned back in reach of this place of worship & in Part gone into a constitution in that Part of the Country <Shelby Co>, Therefore This Church Calls in her monthly meetings formerly 'autherised' to be holden in Shelby Co, with the 'Priveledges' connected therewith. 6th. The Church takes into consideration the Propriety of Building a meeting House as a Place of divine worship & appoints Brethren Luke Johnson, A. Bennett & Thos. Lago, as a Committee to look out & select the most 'sutable' Place for that object & Report to next meeting. 'Adjorned' in

Peace. A. Bennett Ch. Cl. D. Parker M.O. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX. > ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 127.

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22 Nov 1841\*. This indenture made & entered into this the 22 Nov 1841 between Richard Eaton & William Welch <son-in-law of Richard Eaton & husb of Elizabeth Eaton>. Witnesseth that the said Richard Eaton for & in consideration of the sum of one hundred dollars as to him in hand paid by the said William Welch the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath this day bargained sold conveyed & confirmed to him the said Wm Welch his heirs & assigns forever, a certain tract or parcel of land containing eight hundred acres of land lying & being in Robertson Co Republic of TX, a part of Stephen H. Eaton head right league of land on the North boundary line of said league including the improvement made by the said Richard Eaton, & including all the eight hundred acres of land with its tracts & bounds, which the said Richard Eaton bought & was conveyed to him by Stephen H. Eaton. To have & to hold with all & singular rights title interest & claims thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining to their own proper use & behoof of him the said William Welch his heirs & assigns forever, & the said Richard Eaton further covenant & agree to warrant & forever defend the said William Welch his heirs & assigns in a quiet & peacable 'possession' of the said tract of land hereby conveyed against the claims of himself, his heirs & assigns forever. As witness his hand & seal the day & date above. Witness In presence of Test Josiah Culp, Rachael Culp, Benjamin Eaton. Signed: Richard Eaton. Robertson Co, TX, Book C, p 236, filed 20 Sept 1842.

Republic Of TX, Co of Houston. Personally appeared Josiah Culp & Rachel Culp two of the subscribing to the deed of sale who being duly sworn ----<Did not copy rest>.

\*<See 5 Oct 1835 for purchase of land.>

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Saturday, 4 Dec 1841. The Church met <on San Pedro Bayou near Weches in present day Houston Co> & in order 'proseded' to business. 3d. Owing to the 'scatterd' 'sittuation' of the members belonging to this Church. The Church agrees to hold two Church meetings in each month one on the Saturday\*\* before the first Lord's day, at the House of Brother A. Bennett's (or in that settlement) the Present Place of Public worship. The other to be held on Boxas Creek Burnett Co\*, at the House of Brother Richard Eaton's on the Saturday\*\* before the third Lord's day in each month & the day following at each place. The Brethren on Boxas Creek to appoint a Clerk amongst themselves to keep a minutes of the 'prosedings' of the Church at that Place, who shall Report the same to the Clerk of the church at this Place at lest every three months, & it is his duty to have the same Placed in order on the Church Book. 'Adjorned' in Peace. A. Bennett Cl. Daniel Parker Mo. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX. > ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 127-128.

\*<This is the first mention of Boxes Creek which is in present day Anderson Co near Elkhart. This location is about 15 miles west as the crow flies from the San Pedro Creek meeting place. The reference to Burnett Co is apparently in error as Burnett Co is about 165 miles WSW of Elkhart.>

\*\*<Two day meetings with business on Saturday & worship on Sunday.>

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Saturday 15 Jan 1842. In accordance with order & provision of the Church made at her Dec meeting 1841. The Church met at the House of Brother Richard Eaton's <on Boxes Creek in present day Anderson Co> Burnett Co\* & in order 'proseded' to business. 1st. Appointed Brother John Parker Clerk of the Church at this Place. Adjourned. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX. > ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 129.

\*<The reference to Burnett Co is apparently in error as Burnett Co is about 165 miles WSW of Elkhart.>

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Business done by the Church at Brother R. Eatons. Saturday 19 Feb 1842. The Church met <at Boxes Creek in present day Anderson Co> & in order 'Proseded' to business. 1st. -----. 'Adjorned'. John Parker Cl. D. Parker MO. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 129.  
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Saturday 19 Mar 1842. The Church met at Brother R. Eaton('s) <Boxes Creek in present day Anderson Co> & in order, opened for Business & there being no business before her. 'Adjorned'. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 129.  
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Saturday 16 Apr 1842. The Church met at Brother Eaton's <Boxes Creek in present day Anderson Co> & in order 'proseded' to business. 1st. Received Brother Benjamin Eaton & his wife Sister Malinda Eaton\* by letters. Adjourned. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 129.

\*<Daughter of Richard Eaton.>  
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Saturday, 30 Apr 1842\*. The Church met & in order 'Proseded' <at the San Pedro meeting place>. 3d. The Committee appointed by the church on the subject of 'bulding' a Meeting Hose Reported a Place as selected by them on Reuben Brown's land adjoining Benjamin Davis line, on a point of a Ridge , 'nere' to & on the north side of San Pedro Bayou (A tributary of the Neches, in the NE corner of what is now Houston Co). As a 'sutable' Place on which to build a meeting House. & Mr. Brown being Present 'Prefered' to donate to the church a 'sufficant' 'quntaty' of land at that Place for the 'youse' of a 'Plase' of Public Worship, & to the Settlement for a School House. The Church Recevd the Report of the Committee & agreed to build her Meeting House at that Place. 'Adjorned'. A. Bennett. Ch. Cl. D. Parker M.O. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 131.

\*<This record is included because it gives a good description of the locality where Richard Eaton lived prior to moving to Boxes Creek.>  
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Saturday 4 Jun 1842. The church met <at San Pedro Bayou> & in order 'proseded'. 1st. The 'Committe' on the subject of Building a meeting House Reported as follows, -- That they had got \$44 & 8 days work subscribed for Building said Meeting House, & that they had Contracted Mr. Commical (pb intended for Carmichael) to build said House for the amount subscribed, with the additional help which he has the prospect of getting from some individuals. The House is to be 20 feet 'sqare' (The logs cut that 'lenth' & balled) Hewed down inside & out. A Clabboard 'Rouff'. A good 'Punchen' 'flowre' One door & one window & a Pulpit four feet 'squire'. The 'Committe' Recommended to the Church to take under consideration the Propriety of Building her meeting house on the Point of the Ridge on the north side of the Creek just below Reuben Brown's farm as they now believe that it will be more to the advantage of the Church & settlement. 2d. The Church received the Report of the Committee in their Program & arrangements in Building the meeting House, & agrees to change the Place of Building said House to the place recommended by the Committee, & continues the said committee under instruction still to designate the 'quntaty' of land 'nesessary' for the objects intended & to have the rights of the land\* secured to the Church & to act in Conjunction with Mr. Commical in 'examoning' the timber out of which said House is to be built, & if the timber will admit add 'foure' or five feet to the 'lenth' of said House & to agree with the said Commical in the extra Pay,

to be given for said 'exray' 'labour' etc. Adjourned. A. Bennett Ch. Cl. D. Parker M.O. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 131-132.

\*<Need to locate the land deed for this church. Also, there should be a land deed for Richard Eaton nearby.>

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Saturday 19 Jul 1842. The Church met at Brother R. Eaton's <Boxes Creek in present day Anderson Co> & in order 'proseded' to business. 1st.----- Adjourned. John Parker Ch. Cl. D. Parker M.O. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 129.

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Saturday 20 Aug 1842. The Church met <at Richard Eaton's house, Boxes Creek in present day Anderson Co> & there being no business 'Adjorned'. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 130.

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Saturday 17 Dec 1842. The Church met <at Richard Eaton's house on Boxes Creek in present day Anderson Co> & (there) being no business, 'Adjorned'. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 130.

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Saturday 14 Jan 1843. The Church met <at Richard Eaton's house on Boxes Creek in present day Anderson Co> & there being no business 'Adjorned'. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 130.

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Saturday 18 Feb 1843. The Church met <at Richard Eaton's house on Boxes Creek in present day Anderson Co> & in order opened for business. 1st. Appointed Brother Richard Eaton Clerk Pro tem. & there being no business Adjourned. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 130.

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Saturday 18 Mar 1843. The church met <at Richard Eaton's house on Boxes Creek in present day Anderson Co> in order & there being no business Adjourned. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 130.

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Saturday, 15 Apr 1843. The Church met (at Bro. R. Eaton's) <on Boxes Creek in present day Anderson Co> in order & (there) being no business 'Adjorned'. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 137.

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Saturday 20 May 1843\*. The church met <at Richard Eaton's house on Boxes Creek in present day Anderson Co> & in order 'proseded'. 1st. By Request of E.F.\*\*, & on motion investigated the 'marage' of said E.F. to M.L.\*\* & the church is of opinion that the Parties had a lawful right to come together in 'matrimoney', as it 'appears'

to this church from all the information she is able to get that the former woman said E.F. was 'maried' to was the wife of another man. 3d. The church believing that she needs the 'servise' of another deacon agrees that at her next meeting to select a Brother to serve the church in that office, acting in conjunction with the church when setting on San Pedro Bayou. 4th The church agrees to Build a meeting House, & appoints Brethren Benjamin Eaton\*\*\*\*, Stephen Bennett, & John Parker, to select the Place to Build said House & to Report the same next meeting, with their Views of the Plan of said House & the 'meens' & ways of building it. 5th. Houston Co\*\*\* Republic of TX. The Pilgrim church of regular Baptist faith -----.'Ajorned'. John Parker Cl. Daniel Parker MO. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 101.

\*<See 13 Oct 1843, 18 Nov 1843, 16 Dec 1843, 17 Feb 1844, 16 Mar 1844.>

\*\*(The initials in this & subsequent paragraphs relating to the same subject are substituted for the names given in the original.)

\*\*\*<Need to check Houston, Nacodoches & Shelby Co land deeds for land owned by the church & Richard Eaton.>

\*\*\*\*<Son-in-law of Richard Eaton.>

Saturday 3 Jun 1843. The church met in order <at San Pedro Bayou>, & in (order) 'proseded' to business. 2d. The church viewing that her 'situation' requires the work of another deacon, takes the subject under consideration, & agrees that at her next meeting she will try to select some Brother to fill that office acting in conjunction in her 'vots' with the church when setting at Brother Richard Eaton's <at Boxes Creek in present day Anderson Co>. Adjourned. A. Bennett Ch. Cl. D. Parker MO. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 135.

Saturday. 17 Jun 1843. The church met <at R. Eaton's house on Boxes Creek in present day Anderson Co> & in order 'proseded'. 1st. Appointed Brother Lemul Cook Moderator Protem. 2d. The committee to whom was 'Referred' the subject of selecting a Place for Building a meeting House, Reported two Places to the Church for her to select one out of the two. One on Dickerson Parker's\* land south east side of the creek, the other on elder D. Parker's land same side of the creek, on the road leading from Crockett to Fort Houston Both well 'supplied' with spring water & convenient to building timber. Said Committee Recommend that the House be 18 feet by 20 feet & that the logs be hued before raised. Adjourned. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 139.

\*<Married Lucinda Eaton, d/o Richard Eaton.>

Saturday 15 Jul 1843. The church met <at the house of Richard Eaton on Boxes Creek in present day Anderson Co> & in order 'proseded' to business with A. Bennett Clerk Protem. 1st. The church agrees to build her meeting House on Dickerson Parker's\* land, the Place selected by the committee & 'conkers' with them in the size & way of building the House. Adjourned. A. Bennett Cl. Pro. D. Parker Mo. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 139.

\*<Married Lucinda Eaton, d/o Richard Eaton.>

Saturday 5 Aug 1843. The Church met <at San Pedro Bayou> & in order 'proseded'. 2d. The church at this Place 'proseaded' to Vote for a deacon but the vote was not made known, until the question is acted on by the Brethren on Boxas Creek\*. Adjourned. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus

Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 136.  
\*At Richard Eaton's house in present day Anderson Co.><-----

Saturday 18 Aug 1843. The church met <at the house of Richard Eaton on Boxes Creek in present day Anderson Co> & in order 'proseded'. 1st. Agreed that their meetings hereafter, until otherwise directed, be held at the House formerly 'occupyed' by Josiah Culp\*. 2d. The church by her Vote, including the Vote given by the church on San Pedrow Bayou, Selects or appoints Brother Benjamin Eaton\*\* to the work or office of a deacon in this church. 3d. The church appoints the ordination of Brother Benjamin Eaton to the work of a deacon to be Performed on the Friday of her next meeting in 'couse', as a day of fasting & 'Prayr' for that Purpose, as well as for the Purpose heretofore designated & agrees to Request her sister church at Fort Houston <Palestine> to send her ordained authorities to assist this church in said work of ordination, & the clerk is instructed to prepare a letter for that Purpose, & Elder Parker (to) bare the same, & this church also appoints her own ordained authorities to form a part of the Presbytery in orda(in)ing Brother Benjamin Eaton <son-in-law of Richard Eaton> to the work of a deacon. Adjourned. John Parker Ch. Cl. Daniel Parker Mo. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 140.

\*Married Rachel Eaton, d/o Richard Eaton.>  
\*\*Married Malinda Eaton, d/o Richard Eaton.><-----

Saturday 2 Sept 1843. The Church met (at or on San Pedrow Bayou) & in order 'Proseded' to business. 1st. The moderator informed the Church that by the Vote of the church on Boxes creek\* & at this Place Brother Benjamin Eaton <son-in-law of Richard Eaton> is chosen to fill the office of a deacon, & that his ordination to that work is to be on the friday before the third Lord's day in this month. Adjourned. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 136.  
\*Met at the house of Richard Eaton in present day Anderson Co.><-----

Friday 15 Sept <1843>. The church met <at Boxes Creek in present day Anderson Co> & in order took up the 'refference' respecting the ordination of Brother Benj. Eaton <son-in-law of Richard Eaton> to the work of a deacon, & but five helps having met, agreed to lay over the work of ordination until tomorrow. Adjourned. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 140.

Saturday 16 Sept <1843\*>. The church met <at Boxes Creek in present day Anderson Co> & in order 'proseded' to business with Brother A. Bennett Clerk Pro. 1st. Took up the 'Refference' from yesterday & Elder Daniel Parker & Brethren Richard Eaton & William Worren ordained deacons of this church & Brother Stephen Crist as ordained deacon of our sister church at Fort Houston <Palestine>, being present this Church Received them as a 'Presbytery', & Presented Brother Benjamin Eaton <son-in-law of Richard Eaton> for ordination & the said Presbytery 'proseded' to the 'ordinnation' of the said Brother Eaton to the work & office (of) a deacon. Adjourned. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 140-142.  
\*See 20 May 1843.><-----

Saturday 13 Oct 1843. The church met <at Boxes Creek in present day Anderson Co> & in order 'proseded'. 2d. The church took up a charge 'aginst' sister M.L. for

disorderly conduct, & refusing or failing to give satisfaction to the church & refers the case until next meeting. Adjourned. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 141.

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Saturday, 4 Nov 1843. The church met (at San Pedro Bayou)...

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Saturday 18 Nov 1843\*. The church met <at Boxes Creek in Anderson Co> & in order 'proseded' 1st. Took up the 'ReffERENCE' respecting Sister M.L. & laid it over until next meeting. 2d. The church agrees to hold her next meeting etc at Bro. R. Eaton's. Adjourned. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 141.

\*<See 20 May 1843.>

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Saturday 16 Dec 1843\*. The church met <at Richard Eaton's house on Boxes Creek in present day Anderson Co> & in order 'Proseded' 1st. The case of sister M.L. take up & finding the charges against her Predicated in Part upon Report of a Very imprudent & 'immoral' 'carrector' -- & that the Regular course of gospel order with the sister has not been 'fulley' attended to, The church agrees to lay over the case until next meeting & appoints Brethren Benjamin Eaton & Daniel Parker with such of the members of the church as they may think advisable to call to their aid -- as a committee to 'examom' into the case, & admonish the sister to her duty in all cases 'wherin' they find she has Sinned, & Report to next meeting the facts so far as they are able to attain to, as pertaining to the cause of grief. Adjourned. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 141-142.

\*<See 20 May 1843.>

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Saturday 20 Jan 1844. The Church met <at Richard Eaton's house on Boxes Creek in present day Anderson Co> & in order 'Proseded'. 1st. The committee on sister M.L.'s case informed the church that they had neglected attending to their duty in that case & reques(t) the indulgence of the church until next meeting, which was granted & the case continued, & the committee instructed to report next meeting. Adjourned. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 142.

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Saturday 17 Feb 1844. The church met <at Richard Eaton's house on Boxes Creek in present day Anderson Co> & in order 'Proseded'. 1st. The committee on the case of sister M.L. made the following Report -- We your committee, To whom was 'refered' the case respecting sister M.L.: Will inform the church, That having 'examoned' into the Reports against sister M.L. 'moral' 'carrector', Have but found from the information of sister Poley Eaton\* that according to her understanding by the talk acts, & doings of sister M.L., that she (Sister M.L.) did try & got her husband to go off telling him that if he would go & get a 'plase' that she would come to him when she did not intend going as by her statements to others, but her object 'appered' to be to get her husband away with an intention to take up & live with another man -- your committee has visited sister M.L. on the case & find such an 'apprant' misunderstanding between the sisters that we are unable to 'determin' the case & make a decisive Report until we can get the sisters together. That sister M.L. situation dose not admit of her attending at this meeting, but if nothing in Providence Prevents she says that she will be at the next meeting. Therefore your committee Recommend that the church lay over the case with instructions to the committee to 'Persue' the case or subject until they are further instructed or Prepared to make a

'consclusive' or satisfactory Report. Benj. Eaton <son-in-law of Richard Eaton>, D. Parker, Comm'tt. 2d. The church 'Recivd' said Report & the case laid over with the instructions according to the report of the committee. 'Adjorned'. J. Parker Cl. D. Parker Mo. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 142-143.

\*<Wife of Richard Eaton.>

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Saturday 16 Mar 1844. The church met <at the house of Richard Eaton on Boxes Creek in present day Anderson Co> & in order 'Perseded'. 1st. Took the Reference respecting sister M.L. & The committee to whom the case was 'Referred'. Reported, That they had got the sisters <M.L. & Polly Eaton> together. That the misunderstanding between them being corrected so that by sister M.L. acknowledging her faults, in her imprudent jestings, & sometimes her 'ungarded' conduct, a 'Reconsiliation' took 'Plase' between the sister(s) in accordance with the will, & advise of your Committee. Adjourned. John Parker Cl. Daniel Parker Mo. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 143.

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Church Meeting at R. Eaton. Saturday 20 Apr 1844. The church met <at Boxes Creek in present day Anderson Co> & in order 'Proseded'. 1st. Authorized Daniel Parker to organize a church in Mountgomery Co. Adjourned. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 143-144.

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Saturday, 18 May 1844. The church met <at the house of Richard Eaton on Boxes Creek in present day Anderson Co> & in order 'Proseded', etc. 1st. 'Receivd', Sarah Ellen Eaton <age 14, dau of Richard Eaton> By 'experence' & Adjourned. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 144.

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Saturday, 15 Jun <1844>. The church met <at the house of Richard Eaton on Boxes Creek in present day Anderson Co> & in order 'Proseded' to or opened for business & there 'bein' none -- Adjourned. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 144.

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Saturday, 20 Jul <1844>. The church met <at the house of Richard Eaton on Boxes Creek in present day Anderson Co> & in order 'Proseded'. 1st. Daniel Parker reported that he constituted a new church in Montgomery Co called San 'Jasinto' church with the 'assistance' of brethren from the sister churches at 'Mustange' Prairie church & Mount Pleasant church. Adjourned. John Parker Ch. Cl. Daniel Parker Mo. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 144-145.

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Saturday, 17 Aug 1844. The church met <at the house of Richard Eaton on Boxes Creek in present day Anderson Co> & in order 'proseded'. 1st. Daniel Parker, Pilgrim Church of the Regular Baptist faith of Houston Co, Rep of TX, announces that the Bethel church in Sabine Co 'forfited' her constitution & right of 'existenc' as a church from us. Adjourned. John Parker Ch. Cl. Daniel Parker Mo. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 145-146.

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Saturday 14 Sept 1844. The church met <at the house of Richard Eaton on Boxes Creek in present day Anderson Co> & in order 'proseded'. <Conducted misc business>. Adjourned. John Parker Ch. Cl. D. Parker Mo. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 146.  
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Elder Daniel Parker died on 3 Dec 1844. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 87-88.  
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Boxes 'creak' 19 Apr 1845. Church met <at the home of Richard Eaton in present day Anderson Co> & in order 'proceded' to business. 3d. Brethren Richard, & Benj Eaton <son-in-law of Richard Eaton> made report to the church, that they had, 'persuert' to 'theair' appointment, assisted in 'enstituting' a church at Mount Prairie, report 'recevd'. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 149.  
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19 Jul 1845. The Church Met <at the house of Richard Eaton on Boxes Creek in present day Anderson Co> & in order 'procd' to business. 2. Read & 'recevd' the report of the 'commitee' that was 'apointed' at the last meting to examine the Biography written of the life & Death of Elder Daniel Parker. Ordered the said Biography to be printed in the W.P. Ills\*. 3. Agreed to hold our church meeting in future at the school House near Brother Richard Eatons on the same day & under the same arrangements as formerly. Adjourned in Peace. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 151.

\*<Need to locate this biography.>  
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1 Aug 1845. Church met <at San Pedro Bayou> & in order 'proceded' to business. 1st. Appointed Elder Thomas Hanks moderator. 2d. Requested Elder Hanks to take the 'pastorial' care of this church which he consents to do. 3. The church agrees to hold two church meetings each month on the Saturday before the third Sunday in each month, & Sunday following, on Boxes Creak <at the schoolhouse near Richard Eaton's house in present day Anderson Co>. On Saturday before the first Sunday, & Sunday 'folling' in each month, at the meeting House on San 'Peddrose'. Adjourned in peace. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 148-149.  
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Saturday 15 Aug 1845 the Church met <in the school house on Boxes Creek in present day Anderson Co> & in order 'Proseded' to business. 2. Granted letters of 'dismission' to Brother Richard Eaton, 'cister' Mary Eaton & 'cister' Sary E. Eaton <dau of Richard Eaton> & in structed the Clerk to prepare the same. 'Ajourned'. <From the minutes of the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now located near Elkhart in Anderson Co, TX.> ***The Quarterly Of The TX State Historical Assoc***, Vol XI, No 2, Oct 1907, p 151.  
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Until 5 Aug 1845 <it was actually 15 Aug 1845> the church records prove that Richard & his family were devoted & regular attendants upon church services there. This is the date of his withdrawal by letter.

It must have been near the above date when the move into Limestone Co was made. Previous to Sept 1835, Richard, on a visit with friends at the Parker Fort settlement, had been impressed with the land in Limestone lying along the edge of the timber. In Sept of that year, according to the authority previously given, he filed on a league & a labor\* of land lying around the present site of the town of Thornton. We are inclined to believe that he moved directly from his home on Box's Creek to this headright. The old homestead was built about one mile east of where Thornton now stands.

Historical facts of his life in the new home are lacking. Tradition, however, gives us some insight into it. His land lay where the timber begins breaking into fertile prairies. Here, except for one disturbance, his life was spent in true patriarchal manner. His small herds found grass in abundance on the prairie & protection in the timber. Herds of buffalo still roamed the country, sometimes in such magnitude that one starting on a journey was delayed by several hours at times by a herd crossing his path. By 1851 all his married children in TX had moved onto his broad acres.

Following the customs of his people he established a church, using his home as its meeting place at first. If memory is not at fault, the writer recalls two instances indicating that Richard was at this time serving his church as an ordained Elder. One of these is a remark that Grandfather Eaton was a preacher in the "Hardshell" church, made by the wife of Terrell Eaton. The other is a statement made by a pioneer Texan that Brother Dick Eaton usually preached sermons marked more by logical argumentations than by religious emotion; but that when he was aroused, as happened on several occasions, he reached the sublimest eloquence.

The incident above mentioned was a raid made by "Prairie Indians", probably soon after the new home was built. The few settlers hurriedly gathered their belongings & fled eastward. They were overtaken at the Navasota River. The Indians succeeded in driving away all their horses & cattle except one yoke of oxen. Household goods, wagons, etc, were concealed in the jungles of the river bottom, & the journey was continued on foot.

Fortunately the republic was becoming more able to look after its frontiers. Soldiers soon arrived to keep an eye on their homes. **A History & Genealogy of Pioneer Eatons of TX & Their Descendants**, Burney W. Eaton, 1936, p 20-22.

\*He obtained 22 1/2 labors or 3985 acres to make a total of 1 league or 25 labors, counting the 2 1/2 labors he obtained in Robertson Co.

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Mary E. Eaton\*, great grandmother, footstone MEE (no dates), bur Coffey Cem, Coryell Co, TX. **Heart of TX Records**, Summer 1987, p 35.

\*This tombstone was installed in 1964-1965 by Ruth (McCallister) Bryan, b 1886, d 1977, the grandmother of Jack Butler, at the same time she installed tombstones for David & Sarah (Eaton) McCallister. Jack says that his grandmother knew that Mary Eaton, wife of Richard Eaton and mother of Sarah (Eaton) McCallister was buried in Coffey cem so she installed a marker for her also. There is a possibility that daughter was confused with mother & that this tombstone should be for Mary (Eaton) Eaden, daughter of Richard & Mary Eaton, who was living in Coryell Co in 1860. Burney W. Eaton says in his 1936 book that Mary Eaton, w/o Richard Eaton, was buried in Eaton cem in Limestone Co.

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On 29 Dec 1845 Texas was formally admitted to the Union as the 28<sup>th</sup> state. World Book Ency.

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1 Feb 1846\*. State of TX, Limestone Co. Know all men by these presents that I Richard Eaton Sr of the Co & state aforesaid for the love & affection I have for my son in law William Welch <husb of Elizabeth Eaton> & for & in consideration of the sum of \$160 to me paid by said William the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted bargained sold & 'alienated' & release & by these presents do grant bargain sell alienate & release unto the said William his heirs & assigns all my right title claim & interest in & to all that tract or parcel of land, lying & being situated in the Co of Limestone on Steeles Creek a branch of the Navasota now known

as a part of my headright survey of 22 & 1/2 labors of land bounded as follows Beginning on the NE boundary of said survey 773 varas from its NE corner at the SE corner of Richard Eaton survey & part from which a Post Oak 18" dia brs N19W 9 varas & another 12" dia brs S80E 3 varas. Thence S60W with said Eaton Jr Survey at 940 varas a stake. Thence N30W 53 vs a stake from which an elm 16" dia brs N60E 18 varas Thence S60W 430 varas to a stake from which a post oak 6" dia brs S60 1/2W 45 varas, Thence N30W 200 vs a stake from which a Post Oak 12" dia brs S58W 17 varas. Thence S60W 500 varas a stake from which a post oak 14" dia brs N2 1/2E 59 varas. Thence S30E 2 vs an elm 12" dia from which another Elm 10" dia brs N85E 7 varas. Thence N60W 3130 vs intersect the SW boundary of said survey corner in prairie. Thence S30E 720 varas corner in prairie. Thence N60E 5000 vs intersect the NE boundary of said survey a stake from which a Post Oak 9" dia brs N42W & another 12" dia brs S67W 6 varas. Thence N30W with said NE boundary 667 vs to the place of beginning. Containing 649 acres more or less to have & to hold all & singular the above mentioned & described tract of land together with all & singular the rights 'privileges' 'hereditaments' & 'appurtunances' to the same belonging or in any way incident or appertaining & I do hereby bind myself my heirs executors & administrators to warrant & forever defend the above premises unto the said Wm Welch his 'his' heirs & assigns against myself my heirs & all persons whomsoever claiming under me. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this the 1st day of Feb AD1846. Richard Eaton (Seal). John Owen (his mark), John R. Meed Clifton. Limestone Co, TX, Vol B, p 251. Date filed 28 Oct 1874.

\*Mary (Robertson) Eaton is evidently deceased as of 1 Feb 1846 since she did not sign this or subsequent deeds.-----

24 Mar 1846, Anderson Co was formed from Houston Co. Co seat, Palestine.-----

1 Apr 1846, Limestone Co was formed from Robertson Co. Co seat, Groesbeck.-----

1846, Richard Eaton was listed on the poll list in Limestone Co. Other Eatons: Richard Jr, Silas. **Republic of TX**, by M.D. Mullin.-----

13 May 1846. The Mexican War begins. Richard Eaton Jr. joins.-----

26 Nov 1846. No. 223, Richard Eaton, One 'Labore\*' <177.1 acres>, 1st Class. In the name of the State of TX. To all to whom these presents shall come know ye I S. Pincky Henderson governor of the State aforesaid by 'virture' of power vested in me by Law & in accordance with the Laws of said State in such case made & provided by these presents grant to Richard Eaton his heirs or assigns forever one Labor situated & described as follows in Houston District on the waters of the Trinity River beginning about 1000 varas west of Daniel Parkers Survey a stake from which a black jack bears South 45 degrees west 8 varas marked X & a hickory bears south 10 degrees 30 minutes west 21 varas marked RE. Thence south 20 degrees East 340 varas to a creek runs west 1000 'vararas' to corner a stake from which a pine bears north 32 degrees 30' W 17 varas marked RE & a Red Oak bears north 31 degrees East 24 varas marked X thence south 70 degrees west 1000 varas to corner a stake from which a post oak bears north 68 degrees west 2.4 varas marked RE & a hickory bears north 39 degrees East 10.5 varas thence north 20 degrees west 630 varas to a creek runs west 1000 varas to corner a stake from which a black jack bears South 24 degrees East 9 varas marked X & black jack bears South 8 degrees East 6 varas marked RE thence N 70 degrees E 1000 varas to the place of beginning X hereby relinquish to him the said Richard Eaton & his heirs or assigns forever all the right & title in & to Said Land heretofore held & possessed by the said State & I do hereby issue this letter patent for the Same in testimony whereof & have caused the Seal of the State to be affixed as well as the Seal of the General Land Office.

Done at the city of Austin on the 26 Nov 1846. S. Pinkney Henderson Governor.

Thos W. Ward, Commissioner of the G.L. office. The above Patent filed 6 Oct 1847, Wednesday, 3 O'clock PM. John Grigsby CCC AC. Anderson Co deeds, Vol A, p 197-198.

\*Near Elkhart in present day Anderson Co. See 2 Mar 1838, 15 Feb 1838, 1840 census.

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Richard Eaton, grantee. State of TX grantor. Direct index to deeds, Anderson Co, TX 1846-1872, Book A, p 97. **East TX Family Records**, Spring 1986, p 2.

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Abstract No. 259, Original Grantee, Certificate No. 259, Patentee Richard Eaton, Quantity 1 labor <177.1 acres>, First Class, Date of patent, 26 Nov 1846, Vol 223, Survey No. 3, Old Abstract No. 198, **Anderson Co, TX Land Titles**, Mrs. F.T. Ingmire, 1979, p 8.

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1 Feb 1847. The State of TX, Limestone Co. Know all men by these presents that I, Richard Eaton Sr of the Co & state above named have this day bargained sold & conveyed & by these presents do bargain sell & convey unto Josiah Culp <his son-in-law, husb of Rachel Eaton> of the same place for & in consideration of \$150 to me in hand paid by the said Josiah Culp, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged. All the interest right & title that I have or claim in & to the following described tract or parcel of land to wit, Situate & lying on Steels Creek in sd Co & described as follows, 320 acres, a part of Richard Eaton Headright survey, beginning at the NE corner of sd Survey, at a stake from which a post oak 19" in diameter bears 15 degrees E, 12 1/2 varas & another post oak 14" in diameter bears N 85 degrees E 12 varas. Thence south 30 degrees East with the north East boundary of said Survey 306 varas a stake from which a post oak, 17" in diameter bears North 65 degrees west 11 varas & a post oak 13" in diameter bears S 32 degrees E 10 varas. Thence South 60 degrees West & north 30 degrees west & north 60 degrees East for complement. To have & to hold the above described premises together with all singular the rights 'privileges' 'hereditaments' & said 'appertanences' thereunto belonging or in anywise pertaining to his own proper use & behoof in fee Simple in which I bind myself my heirs & assigns against the right or claims of any & all persons claiming or pretending to claim under me to warrant & defend the same unto the said Josiah Culp, his heirs & assigns forever. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand & scroll by way of seal this 1 Feb 1847 in presence of Richard Eaton Jr\*, Daniel Eaton\*. Signed: Richard Eaton (Seal).

The state of TX, Limestone Co. This day personally appeared before me the undersigned clerk of the Co court of Limestone, Richard Eaton, who acknowledged that he executed the signature as appears to the above instrument for the purposes & considerations therein Stated. Given under my hand & private seal of office this 1 Feb 1847. C.C. Owen. Limestone Co, TX land deeds, Vol X, p 575. Date filed 25 Nov 1885.

\*Both sons of Richard Eaton.

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1 Feb 1847. The State of TX, Limestone Co. Know all men by these presents that I, Richard Eaton Sr of the Co & state above named for & in consideration of the sum of \$150 to in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have this day bargained sold & conveyed & by these presents do bargain Sell & convey unto Richard Eaton Jr of the same place all the Right title & interest that I have hold or claim in & to a certain tract or parcel of land Situate & described as follows, to wit, Situate on Steels Creek in Said Co having a part of the headright survey of the said Richard Eaton Sr to wit, 311 acres of said Survey beginning on the north east boundary line of said Survey 360 varas from -?- NE corner & at the SE corner of Joseph Culps <son-in-law of Richard Eaton & husb of Rachel Eaton> Survey at a Stake from which a post oak 17" in diameter bears N 65 degrees East 11 varas & another post oak 13" in diameter bears S 22 degrees East 11 varas thence South 60 degrees west with Culps line to its SW corner, thence South 30 degrees East 360 varas a corner in the prairie thence north 60 degrees East 330 varas to an elm 12" in diameter from

which another elm 10" in diameter bears N 85 degrees East 7 varas. Thence north 30 degrees west 200 varas to a stake from which a post oak 14" in diameter bears S 62 1/2 degrees East 59 varas thence north 60 degrees East 500 varas to a stake from which a post oak 12" in diameter bears S 58 degrees west 17 varas. Thence north 60 degrees East 430 varas to a stake from which an elm 16" in diameter bears N 60 degrees East 18 varas. Thence south 30 degrees east to a stake. Thence north 60 degrees East 940 varas to a stake from which a post oak 13" in diameter bears N 19 degrees west 19 varas & another post oak 12" in diameter bears South 80 degrees East 3 varas. Thence north 30 degrees west 413 varas to the beginning to have & to hold the above described premises together with all singular the rights privileges 'hereditaments' & appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise pertaining to his own proper use & behoof in fee simple in which I find myself my heirs & assigns forever to warrant & defend the same against the rights or claims of any & all persons claiming or pretending to claim under one whatever rights the said Richard Eaton Sr his heirs & assigns forever in testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand & scroll by way of seal this 1 Feb 1847 in presence of: David Eaton\*, C.C. Owen. Signed Richard Eaton (Seal). Limestone Co, TX land deeds, Vol X, p 571.

\*<Should be Daniel, son of Richard Eaton, rather than David.>

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12 Apr 1847, Vol Q, p 56, Richard Eaton Deed To Daniel D. Eaton <son of Richard Eaton>, State of TX, Limestone Co. Know all men by these presents that I Richard Eaton of the Co & state aforesaid for & in consideration of the sum of five hundred dollars to me in hand paid by Daniel D. Eaton of the same place the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted bargained sold aliened & conveyed & by these presents do grant bargain sell alien & convey unto the same Daniel D. Eaton his heirs & assigns forever all my right title claim & interest in & to the following described tract or parcel of land lying & situated in said Co & state aforesaid on Steels Creek & bounded as follows. The same being a part of the tract known as my headright survey. Beginning at the south East or East corner of said tract known as my headright aforesaid at a stake from which a Post Oak 12 inches dia. bears S60W 2 varas & another 10 in. dia. brs. N9E11 varas running thence North thirty degrees West with the East boundary of said Eaton tract Seven hundred & twenty two & two tenths varas to a stake from which a Post Oak 10 'inches' in diameter bears S45 1/2 degrees W 4 5/10 varas another 14 inches in diameter bears N18 degrees E 4 5/10 varas. Thence South sixty degrees West crossing Steeles Creek twenty five hundred varas to a stake from which a Post Oak 20 in. dia. brs. S 50 degrees E 51 varas. Thence South thirty degrees East seven hundred & twenty two & two tenths varas to the south boundary of said Eaton tract a stake from which a Post Oak 18 inches in diam. bears S5 degrees W11 varas & another 18 in. dia. brs. N1 degree W 5/10 varas. Thence North sixty degrees E recrossing Steels creek twenty five hundred varas to the beginning containing three hundred & twenty acres, be the same more or less. To have & to hold together with all & singular the rights 'privileges' & appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & scroll for seal this 12th day of April in the year our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty seven in presence of the undersigned witnesses, C.C. Owen, Josia K. Culp\* (his X mark). Signed: Richard Eaton Seal.

The State of TX, Limestone Co. Before me the undersigned clerk of Limestone Co personally appeared Richard Eaton & acknowledged the signing sealing & delivering of the same to Daniel D. Eaton for the purpose & considerations stated therein naming the foregoing deed to which this is annexed. Given under my hand & private seal (scroll for seal) this 12th day of April A.D. 1849. P.S. having no Co seal at office. Clinton C. Owen, Clk CCLC. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true & correct copy of the original deed & certificate of acknowledgement. Date filed 25 Nov 1885.

\*<Son-in-law of Richard Eaton, husb of Rachel Eaton.>

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Sarah Eaton <dau of Richard Eaton>, grantee <buyer>; Richard Eaton, grantor <seller>; deed; Vol 77, p 329; 8 Jul 1847; filed 16 Jan 1914; 200 acres; R. Eaton survey. Index to Deeds, Grantees, Limestone Co, TX.

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8 Jul 1847. Vol 77, p 329, Richard Eaton, deed to Sarah Eaton McCallester <dau of Richard Eaton>. STATE OF TX, Limestone Co. KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That I, Richard Eaton of the State & Co aforesaid for & in consideration of the sum of five hundred dollars to me in hand paid by Sarah Eaton, Also Sarah E. McCallester, of the same place, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have Granted, Bargained, Sold, 'aliend', & conveyed, & by these presents do Grant, Bargain, sell, alien & convey, unto the said Sarah Eaton, also Sarah E. McCallester her heirs & assigns, forever, a certain tract or parcel of land lying & situate in said Co on Steeles Creek, the same being a part of the tract known as my head right survey of 22 labors & bounded as follows:

Beginning on the E boundary of my headright survey aforesaid at the NE corner of a tract of 320a deeded to Daniel D. Eaton corner a stake from which a Post Oak 10" dia bears S 45-1/2 deg W 4-5/10 varas, & another 14" dia bears N 18 deg E 4-5/10 varas 'runing'. Thence S 60 deg W, crossing Steels Creek two thousand five hundred varas to a stake from which a Post Oak, 20" in dia bears S 50 deg E 51 varas marked D.D. Thence N 30 deg W 451.6 varas to a stake from which a Locust 6" dia bears S 66 deg E 2 varas & a mesquite 6" dia bears N 75 deg W 16-5/10 varas. Thence N 60 deg E recrossing Steels Creek 2400 varas to a Post Oak from which another Post Oak 6" dia bears S 22 deg E 3 varas &, thence S 30 deg E 451.6 varas to the beginning, containing 200a be the same, more or less. To have & to Hold, together with all & singular the rights, 'privileges' & appurtenances thereon to be belonging or in any wise appertaining to her the said Sarah E. & to her heirs & assigns.

In testimony where of, I have hereunto set my hand & scroll for seal this 8 Jul 1847, in presence of the undersigned. Witnesses: William I. Biggs, Daniel D. Eaton <son of Richard Eaton>. Signed: Richard Eaton.

The State of TX, Limestone Co. Before me, the under signed Clerk of the Co Court of Limestone Co, personally appeared Richard Eaton, the maker of the foregoing deed & acknowledged that he signed 'soled' & delivered the same for the purposes & consideration therein stated. Given under my hand & seal this 8 Jul 1847.

'Priveate' Seal of Office, Clinton C. Owen, C. C.C.L.C.

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25 Aug 1847. Richard Eaton, Deed to Charles B. Huffman. The State of TX, Anderson Co. This indenture made & entered into this the 25 Aug 1847 between Charles B. Huffman of the Co & State aforesaid & Richard Eaton of the Co of Limestone & state aforesaid that for & in consideration of the just & full sum of \$100 lawful money of the aforesaid State in hand paid by said Huffman to the Said Eaton the Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted bargained Sold delivered conveyed & confirmed & do by these presents Sell alienate Convey & Set over unto the Said Charles B. Huffman his heirs & all my the said Eatons right title interest & claim to a certain tract or parcel of Land Situated lying & being in the Co of Anderson & State aforesaid on Boxes Creek beginning about 1000 vs west of Daniel Parkers Survey a stake from which a Black Jack bears South 45 degrees west 8 vs dist marked X & Hickory bs South 10 degrees West 21 vs dist marked RE thence South 20 degrees East 340 varas to a creek runs west 1000 varas to a corner stake from which a pine bears North 22 degrees west 17 vrs marked RE thence South 70 degrees West 1000 varas to corner stake from which a post oak bears North 68 degrees west 2 4/6 varas marked RE thence North 2 degrees West 630 varas to a creek runs west 1000 varas to corner a stake from which a black jack bears south 24 degrees East nine varas marked X thence N 70 degrees East 1000 varas to the place of beginning including 177 acres be the same more or less to have & to hold the above described Land & bargained premises with all the 'appertences' thereunto belonging to the only proper use & behoof of him the said Charles B. Huffman his heirs executors administrators & assigns forever from 'from' himself the said Eaton his heirs assigns Executors administrators & from any & every person or persons whosoever claiming under me the said Eaton. In testimony whereof I the Said Eaton have hereunto set my hand & Scroll by way of Seal in presence of the undersigned witnesses this day & date above written. Test: Benjamin Parker, William Perry, Benjamin Eaton\*. Signed: Richard Eaton.

The State of TX, Co of Anderson. This day personally appeared before the undersigned William Perry to me well known one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing Deed who after being first being duly sworn says that he saw Richard Eaton

the grantor Sign Seal & Execute said Deed for the purposes & consideration therein set forth & expressed. Witness my hand & Seal of office at office in the Town of Palestine 6 Oct 1847. John Grigsby, CCC AC Vol 3. Anderson Co deeds, Vol A, p 195-197.

\*<Son-in-law of Richard Eaton & husb of Malinda Eaton.>

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20 Dec 1847. Deed, Richard Eaton to Wm Grigsby. The State of TX, Anderson Co. Know all men by these presents that I Richard Eaton of Limestone & State above have this day & date for & in consideration of \$60 to me in hand paid by William Grigsby the Receipt of which is acknowledged have sold aliened confirmed & past --?-- unto the sd Grigsby His Heirs or assigns forever in fee simple 80 acres of Land. Begin at the most NW Corner of a 320 acre survey made for the sd Eaton & adjacent Sam C. Cullesons League Survey thence S to the Sd Cullesons Survey of -?- thence with Sd Cullisons Survey Some 11 or 5 Hundred varas So as to include the above mention 80 acres of Land to the Said Grigsby to have & to hold the Same from me & my heirs or all persons whomsoever claiming or to claim the Same under me, it being the Head Rite of Harison Dun as a Soldier Claims for Service Rendered in the war against Mexico Giving the Said Grigsby His Heirs or assigns my full authority over the Same to have & to hold with all & Singular the Rite Rents issues property members & 'appurtenances' thereunto belonging waving all Law as well as matter form which 'mite' in any way impair this & of Sale in Contract given under my hand & seal using 'Schrools' for seal the day & date above written in presents of the Subscribing witnesses: Levi Jordan, Esther Moore. Signed: Richard Eaton.

The State of TX, Co of Anderson. Before me Jim Conaway Clerk of the Co Court within & for the Co aforesaid personally appeared Banister Eden\* who after being duly sworn saith that Richard Eaton the grantor to the foregoing instrument of writing has departed this life & also one of the Subscribing witnesses Levi Jordan has departed this life & other witness Esther Moore resides without the State & if living her place of residence is not positively known. Banister Edens. Sworn to & subscribed before me this 22 Apr 1867. Jim Conaway, Clk for F.J. Watts Dept Clk.

The State of TX, Co of Anderson. Before me Jim Conaway Clerk of the Co Court within & for said Co personally appeared Benjamin Parker & Turner S. Parker who after being duly sworn saith that they were acquainted with Richard Eaton the grantor to the foregoing deed & from their knowledge of his hand writing that he signed the same & also that they were well acquainted with Levi Jordan one of the Subscribing witnesses & with his hand writing of said witness & that the Signature is the genuine Signature of Said Levi Jordan to the best of their knowledge & belief. T.S. Parker, Ben Parker. Sworn to & Subscribed before me. To certify which I hereunto set my hand & affix the seal of my office at Palestine the day & date above written. Jim Conaway, Clk for T.J. Watts Dept Clk. Filed in my office for record this 22 Apr 1867 at 3 O'clock PM Jim Conaway Clk. Deed, Vol L, p 582-583.

\*<Mary, d/o Richard Eaton m an Eden after 1851.>

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27 Mar 1848, V38 p 228-230. Richard Eaton to Benj. Eaton. The state of TX, Co of Limestone. Know all men by these presents that Richard Eaton of the Co & state aforesaid for & in consideration of the sum of \$1 to me in hand paid by Benjamin Eaton <son-in-law of Richard Eaton> of the same place, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged & in further consideration of the love & affection I bear to him the said Benjamin (he being my son in law) have this day granted, bargained & sold & by these presents do grant bargain & sell unto the said Benjamin Eaton his heirs & assigns all that certain tract or parcel of land lying & situate in the Co & state aforesaid on the waters of Steels Creek the same being a part of the tract know as my head right survey & bounded as follows, "to wit" Beginning on the east boundary of said tract known as my headright survey aforesaid fourteen hundred & forty four (1444) varas from the NE corner at the SE corner of William Welches land which corner is a stake from which a post oak tree 12" in diam, bears S 66 1/2 W 6 varas & another 10" diam bears, N 39 1/2 W 4 6/10 varas & running thence S 30 degrees E with the east boundary of my headright survey aforesaid three hundred & sixty one (361) varas to a stake from which a post oak tree 20" diam bears S 15 degrees E 8 3/10 varas marked BE & a black jack tree 12" in diam bears N 87 1/2 W 10 varas, thence S 60 degrees W

crossing Steels Creek at 800 varas, five thousand (5000) varas to the W boundary of the aforesaid headright survey of mine, the said Richard Eaton's, thence N thirty degrees W & with said W boundary three hundred & sixty one (361) varas & thence N 60 degrees E recrossing said Steels Creek five thousand varas to the beginning containing 320 a, be the same more or less. Together with all & singular the rights privileges & appurturances thereto belonging or in anywise apperatinning. To have & to hold the said premises & each & every part thereof unto him the said Benjamin Eaton his heirs & assigns forever & I the said Richard Eaton for myself & my heirs, the said premises & each & every part thereof against myself my heirs & against all & any other person or persons whomsoever legally claiming through or by me unto the said Benjamin Eaton shall & will forever warrant & defend by these presents. In testimony whereof I the said Richard Eaton have hereunto set my hand & scroll by way of seal, this 27th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty eight. The ward (into) intest--?-- . Richard Eaton (Seal) Attest: C.C. Owen, Richard A. Eaton\*, Jesse S. Ellis. Recorded 18 Aug 1903.

\*<Richard A. Eaton is the son of Stephen H. Eaton & lived in Robertson Co. Richard Eaton, Jr. was serving in the Mexican War at this time.>

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4 Jul 1848. Mexican War ends.

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Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church built a log church here in Dec 1848\*. Present building fourth on the same site. Continuous worship of church since 1833. Daniel Parker, pastor, 1833-1844. Bronze plaque erected by the State of TX in 1936 at the Pilgrim Church south of Elkhart, Anderson Co, TX.

\*<Richard Eaton was in Limestone Co at this time.>

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Replica, oldest protestant church in TX. Pilgrim Primitive Baptist Church - - - first building 1848. Recorded TX Historic Landmark - 1965. Bronze plaque at the Pilgrim Church south of Elkhart, Anderson Co, TX.

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Statement of Property sold for taxes duly (truly?) delinquents for the year 1848 on account of the non-Resident assessment of Robertson Co sold on 25 Feb 1850 by ---?--- afs Co. On whose account sold - Richard Eaton, name of assigned grantee - Richard Eaton, no acres assess - 560, no acres sold - 560, no sudy? - (checked), on what stream - (blank), state tax \$0.56, con tax \$0.28, cost \$3, total tax unit? cort? \$3.84. Deed Records Book P, p 94-95, Robertson Co, TX.

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Daniel D. Eaton, grantee <buyer>; Richard Eaton, seller; deed; Vol Q, p 56; 19 Jun 1849; filed 11 Jan 1883; 320 acres; Richard Eaton survey. Index to Deeds, Grantees, Limestone Co, TX.

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1850 Limestone Co, TX Census:

Dw	Husband	Occup.	age/by	bp	Wife	age/by	bp	Comments
165	M.D. McCallester	Farmer	26/1824	AL	Pickney	24/1826	AL	
166	David McCalester	Farmer	22/1828	AL	Sarah E.	21/1829	IL	(1)
167	Thos McCalester	Farmer	24/1826	AL	Perlina	20/1830	TN	
168	Wm Cox	House Carpenter	24/1826	OH	Elizabeth	18/1832	MI	
169	Gideon Walker	Farmer	25/1825	TN	Sarah L.	24/1826	IL	
170	Jefferson Owens		35/1815	TN	Polly Ann	24/1826	TN	
171	Wm James	Farmer	25/1825	IN	Anjaline	24/1826	IN	
172	Hezikiah Jackson	Farmer	50/1800	VA				
173	Anthony Sharp	Farmer	49/1801	MI	Marelatta	49/1801	Mi	
174	John Anglin	Farmer	27/1823	IL	Missouri Ann	25/1825	TN	
175	Elisha Anglin	Farmer	52/1798	VA	Ortha	41/1809	IN	
176	Payton Parker	Farmer	30/1820	TN	Nancy	20/1830	TN	

177	Eli Faulkenbery	Farmer	28/1822	TN	Thebe	24/1826	IL	
178	John T. Faulkenbery	Farmer	26/1824	TN	Elizabeth	19/1831	MO	(2)
179	William Owens	Farmer	33/1817	TN	Elizabeth	30/1820	TN	
180	James Miro	Farmer	23/1827	AR	Martha Ann	14/1836	TN	
181	James Mehhenson	Farmer	38/1812	NC	Elizabeth A.	32/1818	KY	
182	Joseph Ferguson	Farmer	63/1787	SC	Hannah	36/1814	IL	(3)
183	Michael McCallister	Farmer	57/1793	KY	Hannah	57/1793	NC	(4)
184	J.T. McCallister	Farmer	38/1812	TN	Catherine	27/1823	IN	
185	L.A. Stroud	Farmer	35/1815	AL	Jane E.	23/1827	SC	
186	J. Trent	Farmer	31/1819	KY	Ritta	22/1828	TN	
187	G.W. Tumbleson	Farmer	28/1822	LA	Edie	21/1829	AL	
188	Richard Eaton	Farmer	26/1824	IL	Sarah J.	19/1831	IN	(5)
189	Mary Thomas		37/1813	IL				(6)
190	William Welch	Farmer	36/1814	TN	Elizabeth	33/1817	IL	(7)
191	Daniel D. Eaton	Farmer	35/1815	IL	Dicey	21/1829	MO	(8)
192	Joseph Culp	Farmer	32/1818	TN	Rachael	30/1820	IL	(9)
193	Jesse Eaton	Farmer	24/1826	IL	Elizabeth	22/1828	IL	(10)
194	Thomas Cox	Farmer	34/1816	KY	Martha	33/1817	TN	
195	James Sylvester		37/1813	TN	Deborah	24/1826	MO	
196	John Anglin	Farmer	24/1826	VA	E.A.	19/1831	IL	
197					Jane C. Middlebrooks	43/1807	GA	
198	Anderson Middlebrook	Farmer	26/1824	AL	LA	15/1835	AR	
199	Calib Cox	Farmer	26/1824	MO	Elizabeth	24/1826	OH	
200	Wm P. Dorsey	Bapt Min	35/1815	TN	Elinder	35/1815	SC	
201	Benjamin Eaton	Farmer	44/1806	KY	Malinda	45/1805	TN	(11)
202	Wm G. Biggs	Farmer	45/1805	GA	Laduskzs	45/1805	SC	
203	Forest Phiper	Farmer	36/1814	TN				
204	Lott L. Godfrey	Farmer	27/1823	GA	E.G.	18/1832	GA	
205	Wm Burns	Farmer	33/1817	TN	Smitty	34/1816	TN	
206	John V. Davis	Farmer	25/1825	IN	Sarah E.	23/1827	TN	
207	Silas H. Bates	Farmer	36/1814	OH	E.A.	25/1825	TN	
208	Eli Davis	Farmer	28/1822	KY	Etna	22/1828	AL	
209	Abraham Anglin	Farmer	32/1818	KY	Rebecca	31/1819	TN	
210	Isac Hamilton	Farmer	36/1814	TN	Rebecca	36/1814	NC	
211	A.T. Ashton	Farmer	24/1826	GA	Ann	16/1834	MI	
212	<u>Richard Eaton</u>	Farmer	68/1782	VA	Charity	60/1790	SC	
213	Pickney Cobb	Farmer	29/1821	AL	Mary E.	23/1827	IN	(12)
214	Brinkley Davis	Farmer	53/1797	KY				(13)
215	Nicholas Daugherty	Wagon Maker	48/1802	VA	Lizabeth	50/1800	VA	
216	William Daugherty	Farmer	26/1824	TN				
217	William Anglin	Farmer	29/1821	IL	Sarah	29/1821	IN	

Comments:

1. Sarah E. is d/o Richard Eaton Sr.
2. Nancy Faulkenbery, age 54, b TN in household.
3. Richard Eaton Jr, #188, m Uncle Joe Ferguson's dau about 1846. She died in 3 weeks.
4. Father of Dicey, #191.
5. Richard is s/o Richard Eaton Sr. Sarah J. is d/o Brinkley Davis, #214.
6. Mary is d/o Richard Eaton Sr.
7. Elizabeth is d/o Richard Eaton Sr.
8. Daniel is s/o Richard Eaton Sr. Dicey is d/o Michael McCallister, #183.
9. Rachael is d/o Richard Eaton Sr.
10. Jesse is s/o Richard Eaton Sr.
11. Malinda is d/o Richard Eaton Sr.
12. Mary E. is the sister of Sarah Jane Davis, #188.
13. Father of Mary #213 & Sarah #188.

	sex	age	by	bp	
<u>Richard Eaton*</u>	M	68	1782	VA	re \$1900
<u>Charity**</u>	F	60	1790	SC	
<u>George Fullen***</u>	M	19	1831	IL	attended school within year

Mary Ann Fullen***	F	11	1839	IN	attended school within year
Thomas Strough	M	11	1839	AR	attended school within year
W. Graham	M	58	1792	Scotland	school teacher
Joseph Stuert	M	23	1827	IL	farmer, cannot read/write
D.D. Vaughn	M	57	1793	VA	farmer

1850 TX census, Limestone Co, 1st precinct, p 369, dw 212, p 369/766, 19 Oct 1850.

\*<All his children lived nearby except for: Absolum - Kansas, Squire - deceased, Lucinda Parker - deceased>.

\*\*<Former widow of Stephen H. Eaton, brother of Richard Eaton.>

\*\*\*<Children of Nancy (Eaton) Fullen, d/o Stephen H. & Charity Eaton.>

Now in 1850 came around time for another election, 5 Aug. George W. Cox, Tax Assessor; Richard Eaton\*, Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 4; Daniel Eaton, Constable. **A History Of Limestone Co, TX, 1833-1860**, by Hampton Steele, p 25.

\*<This was pb Richard Jr, age 27, since he was a JP in 1852 as Richard Eaton, Jr.>

Name of owner, agent or manager of farm: Richard Eaton, 27 acres of improved land, 800 acres of unimproved land, cash value of farm \$500, value of farming implements & machinery \$300, horses 1, asses & mules 0, milch cows 18, working oxen 4, other cattle 35, sheep 0, swine 80, value of livestock \$300, wheat 0 bushels, rye 0 bushels, Indian corn 200 bushels, oats 0 bushels, rice 0 lbs, tobacco 0 lbs, ginned cotton 0 bales of 400 lbs each, wool 0 lbs, peas & beans 0 bushels, Irish potatoes 0 bushels, sweet potatoes 40 bushels, barley 0 bushels, buck wheat 0 bushels, value of orchard products \$0, wine 0 gallons, value of produce of market gardens \$0, butter 300 lbs, cheese 0 lbs, hay 0 tons, clover seed 0 bushels, other grass seeds 0 bushels, hops 0 lbs, dew rotted hemp 0 tons, water rotted hemp 0 tons, flax 0 lbs, flax seed 0 bushels, silk cocoons 0 lbs, maple sugar 0 lbs, cane sugar 0 hhd of 1000 lbs, molasses 0 gallons, beeswax & honey 0 lbs, value of home made manufacture \$0, value of animals slaughtered \$35. 1850 Texas Agricultural Census, Limestone Co, 11-12 October 1850, p 525.

5 Mar 1851, Vol 75, p 217, Richard Eaton, deed to Jesse Eaton. <Recorded> 23 Oct 1913 STATE OF TX, Limestone Co. KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That I, Richard Eaton of the Co & State aforesaid for & in the consideration the sum of five hundred dollars to me in hand paid by me Jesse Eaton the same place the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted, bargained, sold 'alered' & Conveyed & by these presents do grant bargain sell alien & convey unto the said Jesse Eaton a certain tract or parcel of land lying & situate in said 'contyon' big creek the same being a part of the tract known as my head right survey of 22 labors & bounded as follows: Jesse Eaton survey begin at Eadens\* corner in the bottom & on the S E line of the 22 1/2 labors survey a stake from which a pin oak 16 in di br, N 70 W 10 vr. Thence N 30 W with Eden\* (crossing a creek three times in a short distance) 2250 vrs, to his north corner a stake in prairie from which an elm 4 in in di brs N 8 W 20 vrs. & an Elm 6 in dia. brs. S 40 E 620 vr, to a stake in the 'bead' of a creek or branch in the prairie from which a Mullberry 8 in in dia brs S 55 E 53 vr THENCE S Eastward down said branch with its various meanders to where it intersects & crosses S E line of the 22 1/2 labors survey at a stake from which Pin Oak 12 in. in di. br. S 11 E 8 vrs. Thence S 60 W at 700 vrs. said Creek in all 870 vrs. to the beginning containing by estimation 300 acres of land be the same more or less. To have & to hold Do from all the rights & 'apartanences' there unto belonging or in any wise appertaining in testimony whereof I have 'herunto' 'sit' my hand & scroll for seal this the fifth day of March in the year of 'or' Lord 1851 'I' presence of the undersigned Witnesses. Signed: Richard Eaton. Witnesses: Thos F. Dopy, Elias Edeny\*.

THE STATE OF TX, Limestone Co. Before me G.W. Johnson Clerk of the Co Court for said Co this day personally appeared Thomas F. Dope One of the subscribing witnesses to the above & foregoing deed bearing date 5th, day of March 1858, & he by me duly sworn upon his oath state that he saw Richard Eaton the maker of said deed, sign the same & he acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes & consideration therein contained & expressed & that he had signed said deed as a witness at the

request of said Grantor. To certify which I hereto subscribe my hand & affix my official seal this 5 Nov 1856. G.W. Johnson, Clerk.

\*<Mary, d/o Richard Eaton, m an Eden after 1851.>

19 Jan 1853. The State of TX, Limestone Co. Know all men by these presents that I Richard Eaton for & in consideration of the sum of \$150 to me in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have this day & by these presents do grant bargain & seal unto Benjamin Eaton <son-in-law of Richard Eaton> a certain tract or parcel of land being situated in the state & Co above written & upon the waters of Steels Creek & being a part of a 22 1/2 labor tract granted to me by the Mexican Government & more particularly described as follows viz: beginning at the south corner of a 160 acre tract deeded by me to one Wm P. Dorsey\* a stake from which a post oak 9" dia brs N66E 9 vrs to post oak 9" dia brs N84W 84 varas thence S60W with the SE boundry of my said 22 1/2 labor tract to the East corner of a 300 acre tract deeded by me to my son Jesse Eaton a stake in the head of a small branch, from which a pin oak 12" dia brs S11E 8 varas, thence north westward with the NE boundary of said 300 acre tract: following the mid channell of said branch to stake in the same in prairie from which a mulberry 8" dia brs S55E 53 vrs. Thence S60W with the NW boundries of said 300 acre tract a 125 acre tract sold to one Edent\* & a 200 acre tract gifted by me to my daughter Mary, now Mary Thomas\* in all 1434 vrs to a stake in my SW boundary: from which an elm 15" dia brs S5E 33 varas & a hackberry 5" dia brs N13E 8 1/2 vrs, thence N30W with the SW boundary aforesaid to the south corner of a 320 acre tract formerly deeded by me to said Benjamin Eaton, thence N60E with the SE boundary of the same to where it intersects & crosses a considerable branch of Steels Creek near the present residence of said Benjamin. Thence down the middle of said Branch to where the present road leading from Springfield to Franklin crosses the same, thence with said road, to where the same crosses the NE boundary of said Dorsey's tract, thence N30W with the same to his NE corner, a stake in prairie from which a black jack 10" dia brs N30W 48 vrs Thence S60W with the NW boundary of sd tract 411 vrs to its NW corner a stake in prairie from which a 1-?- post oak 9" dia brs N4W 63 1/2 varas Thence S30E with the same 2250 varas to the place of beginning containing by estimation 400 acres be the same more or less, according to the foregoing field notes of survey. To have & to hold unto him the said Benjamin Eaton his heirs & assigns forever, the aforesaid tract or parcel of land for his & their own property use & behoof, with all the appurtenances belonging to the same, & I do hereby for myself my heirs & assigns warrant & bind myself & them to defend this title unto the said Benjamin & his heirs & assigns against the claim or claims of any & all persons lawfully claiming the same or any part thereof in through or by me.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & 'scrool' for seal on this the 19 Jan 1853. Richard Eaton (Seal). Signed sealed & delivered in presents of Daniel D. Eaton, Joseph H. Pearson. Vol 38, p 230-232. Date filed 18 Aug 1903.

\*<Need copies of the deeds for Richard Eaton to Wm P. Dorsey, Edent, & Mary Thomas.>

11 Mar 1854, Vol 38 p 233, Richard Eaton Deed To Benj Eaton, State of TX, Limestone Co. Know all men by these presents that I Richard Eaton of the aforesaid Co & state the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged have this day granted bargained sold delivered & conveyed & by these presents do grant bargain sell alien & convey unto the aforesaid Benjamin Eaton <son-in-law of Richard Eaton> his heirs assigns or representatives all that tract or parcel of land lying being & situate in the Co aforesaid & state of TX on Steels Creek the same being a part of tract of land known as the headright survey of Richard Eaton Sr twenty two & a half labors & bounded as follows. (Viz) Beginning at the East boundary line of my headrite survey aforesaid at the south East corner of a tract deeded to Benjamin Eaton the corner of which is a stake from which a Post Oak tree twenty inches in diameter bears south fifteen degrees East 8 3/10 varas marked BE & a Black Jack tree twelve inches in diameter bears North eighty seven & a half degrees West 10 varas thence south 60 degrees West 10 varas thence south 60 degrees west crossing Steels Creek at eight hundred varas thence along said line to a considerable branch of Steels Creek near the present residence of the aforesaid Benjamin Eaton thence down the middle of said branch to where the present road crosses the same leading from Springfield to

Franklin at north of branch on which Benjamin Eatons water tank is situate thence with said road to where the same crossed the East line of a tract of land which the said Benjamin Eaton purchased of William P. Dorsey thence south 30 degrees East to a stake from which a Pecan 12 inches in diameter bears north 75 1/2 degrees west 46 5/10 varas & 'muskeet' 8 inches in diameter bears south 75 3/4 degrees East 37 varas thence North 60 degrees East crossing Steels Creek twenty five hundred varas to a stake from which a Post Oak tree 15 inches in diameter bears south 70 degrees West 1 6/10 varas & another Post Oak 12 inches in diameter bears south 57 degrees East 6 8/10 varas thence north 30 degrees west with the east boundary line of the said Richard Eaton Sr headright survey to the place of beginning estimated four hundred acres more or less. To have & to hold all & singular the land herein described together with all the rights & privileges, tenaments thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining thereunto for the use of the said Benjamin Eaton his heirs assigns or representatives forever. I the said Richard Eaton Sr aforesaid do by these presents promise & agree forever warrant & defend the rite & title of the aforesaid bargained premises unto the aforesaid Benjamin Eaton his heirs assigns or representatives against the rite of myself or any & all persons whomsoever claiming or to claim the same. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & acknowledging scrolls for seals this the 11th day of March AD 1854. Richard Eaton Seal.

Test. The --?-- --?-- & Dain & Benjamin Eaton -----?---- before assigned. Test. Jesse S. Ellis, Richard Eaton Jr his (X) mark.

The state of TX, Limestone Co. Before me G.W. Johnson clerk of the Co court of said Co this day personally came & appeared Jesse S. Ellis one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing deed & after being by me duly sworn states that - - - (rest not copied). Date filed 18 Aug 1903.

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Richard Eaton\*, grantee <buyer>; Wm H. Mitchell, grantor <seller>, deed, Vol B, p 256; 27 Aug 1855; filed 28 Oct 1874, 400 acres; Henry L. Thompson survey. Index to Deeds, Grantees, Limestone Co, TX.

\*<Not sure if this is Richard Sr or Richard Jr.>

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Richard Eaton was considerably advanced in age when he died in 1855. His children selected as his resting place a solitary 'magnificent' oak, the site of the old Eaton cemetery, in what was then known as Eatontown. This lone tree was recognized by the older descendants as possessing significance in the family history. Whatever the significance might have been it was a fit resting place for this heroic pioneer. From his youth, perhaps from childhood, he had known nothing further of life than that on the most advanced frontiers. No records have been found of his first marriage\*; but it must have occurred in KY when that territory was still an Indian infested frontier. Very probably the last ten years of his life was the only period during which his rifle was not his constant companion. He was one of the half dozen leaders who gained for the Primitive Baptist Church its foothold in TX.

Descendants living near the Eaton cemetery say that Richard was married twice & that both his wives lie there beside him. Obviously Polly, remembered by the Grandchildren was his first wife & the mother of all his children; & that he remarried in Limestone after her death, & at an advanced age. Terrell Eaton believed that his Grandmother died there just previous to 1850. He also gave the information that the old home of Richard Eaton was wrecked by his son Richard & moved west of Thornton just after Richard's death. **A History & Genealogy of Pioneer Eatons of TX & Their Descendants**, Burney W. Eaton, 1936, p 22.

\*<His first marriage to Mary Robertson on 3 Jan 1803 has been located in Logan Co, KY, which was formed from Lincoln Co in 1792. Lincoln Co was formed from Kentucky Co, VA in 1780.>

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May 1886. The State of TX, Co of Coryell. I Mrs Rachel Culp do certify that I was owner of the Eaton 'Legue' <4428 acres> of land situated in Limestone Co TX, which I 'inherited' from my father Richard Eaton & in the year about 185?\* <last number left blank> sold & conveyed a certain tract of the said 'Ligue' of Land to

Holland Mitchell & in said sale & conveyance I reserved from sale & conveyance one acre known as the Eaton Grave yard title to which remains in my name to this day. Signed: Rachel Culp.

Sworn & subscribed to before me Leonard Little a Notary Public in & for the Co of Coryell, TX ----?--- ----?--- ---?--- May ---?--- 1886. Signed: Leonard Little, Notary Public.

The State Of TX, Co of Limestone. I, W.L. Bond, Clerk of the Co Court in & for said Co do hereby certify that the foregoing Instrument, with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record, the 11 day of Feb 1898, at 4 o'clock, PM, & duly recorded the 11 day of Feb 1898, at 6 o'clock, PM, in deed Record of said Co in Vol 27, pages 612-13. Witness my hand & the seal of the Co Court of said Co, at office in Groesbeck, TX, the day & year last above written. Signed: W.L. Bond, Clerk Co Court Limestone Co.

\*<Richard Eaton sold 320 acres to Josiah Culp on 1 Feb 1847 for \$150. Rachel stretched it just a bit when she said she owned the whole Eaton league (4428 acres).>

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1809 came to IL - Richard (I). 1833 came to TX with his wife Mary (Polly) & 3 children Absolum\*, Benjamin\*\*, & Lucinda. Lucinda already married to Dickerson Parker. Her father was an Elder\*\*\* of Primitive Baptist Church. Note written in the family Bible of John & Emily Jane (Eaton) Gresham.

<This account by Emily Jane (Eaton) Gresham, b 1853, d 1938, d/o Silas, gd/o Benjamin & Malinda, ggd/o Richard Eaton appears to be in error on who came to TX with Richard Eaton in 1833. Absolum is reported to have stayed in IL & then moved to Kansas. Benjamin, h/o Malinda, is a son-in-law rather than a son, & records indicate that they came to TX around 1841-1842. Lucinda married Dickerson Parker on 1 Oct 1837 after arriving in TX.>

\*<Absolum is believed to have remained in IL according to court & census records.

The 1835 TX census listed the following children: Lucinda, Rachael, Richard, Daniel, Jesse & Sarah E.>

\*\*<Benjamin was a son-in-law, husband of Malinda Eaton.

\*\*\*<Lucinda's father-in-law, Daniel Parker, was an Elder. Her father, Richard Eaton, was a Deacon up until the time he moved to Limestone Co. It is possible that he was ordained as an Elder in Limestone Co.>

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Much of the history of individuals of the family of Richard Eaton was obtained more than 20 years ago from my father, John Terrell Eaton <b 1850, s/o Richard Eaton, Jr.>. The records of the old Pilgrim Church, the first protestant church to function in TX, published by the TX Historical Society gave up many items of interest as well as definite dates. (See Vols XI & XII & that for the year 1891, **TX Historical Quarterly**.) Father also gave me the names of his uncles & aunts & some of their uncles & aunts. At that time my aim went no further than securing records for my own individual use. Two years ago when I started an extended correspondence to complete the records it appeared that others were interested. Mrs. F.W. Wilcox\* suggested that I print the records in the form of a family record book, so that those interested might secure a copy. **A History & Genealogy of Pioneer Eatons of TX & Their Descendants**, Burney W. Eaton, 1936, first page of the preface.

\*<Margaret Ann Eaton, d/o William Ira Eaton, b 1874.>

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Benjamin Eaton. Placing the date of birth & place of residence\* in youth of this head of the Eaton families in this record has not yet been accomplished. In fact, there is some slight doubt as to whether this individual is the direct ancestor of some of the families as given in the records. Perhaps the mention of a William Eaton as head of the first IL family may be correct. If it is, this Benjamin would be a son & a brother of Richard, Job, Stephen, Joseph & others. However, until further proof of this last is secured the stronger evidence is for giving this Benjamin as head of the family. **A History & Genealogy of Pioneer Eatons of TX & Their Descendants**, Burney W. Eaton, 1936, p 13.

\*<The 1880 census for John Eaton, s/o Benjamin, indicated that both of his parents were born in VA. The 1850 census indicated that Richard Eaton also was born in VA.

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From **A History of Crawford Co, IL**, we learn considerable of the early Eatons of that state. This history was published about 1885. Its facts were based seemingly on the memory of people who had known the original settlers. This history says:

"It is a generally accepted tradition, & is fast becoming tradition only, that the Eatons were the first settlers in this part of the country & they are believed to have been here as early as 1808-09. They were a large family of very large people & possessed extra ordinarily large feet."

The Eatons were pioneers in the true sense of the word, & had gone west - had abandoned home & signs of civilization & plunged into the vast solitudes, in order to better their conditions & finally secure homes for themselves & their children. These sturdy, lone mariners of the desert were men of action . . . they took their lives into their own hands, as it were, penetrated the desert wilderness, & with patient energy, resolution, & self-sacrifice that stands alone & 'unparalleled', worked out their allotted tasks.

As we have before stated, the Eatons were a very large family, & consisted of a patriarch, believed to have been named William, & several sons, among whom were John, Job, Benjamin, Joseph, William & several others. They were in the Fort Palestine during the stormy period of our last war with England <War of 1812>.

Another paragraph in this history in giving the names of the sons gives them as Benjamin, Joseph, John, Richard, Stephen & others. Unfortunately for us the historian of 1885 was not interested in the relation of the different individuals. For more information on this we have had to contact descendants of the different branches.

Francis H. Eaton writes that he remembers hearing of a John or Jonathan, a Benjamin, a Richard & possibly others, mentioned as brothers of his Grandfather <Absolum Eaton>. This could have been his great Grandfather <Richard Eaton>. Also he was told that one of the Eatons went from Palestine into Northern IL, settled at the present site of Chicago, later trading his homestead for a wagon & oxen with which he moved into unknown trails. Another went to the territory of Colorado, & some went to TX. These migrations he thinks occurred near the same time.

John Eaton began keeping records on the different families about 1818. Unfortunately these records were destroyed by fire. Only a remembered skeleton of them are now to be obtained. Mrs. Ora Burner Rhodes <d/o Mary Eaton, gd/o of John> of this family gives the patriarch Benjamin & his children, Benjamin, William, John, Martha, Abbie\* & Anna. Mrs. Elizabeth Eaton <Mrs. Marion D. Eaton>, Robinson, IL, daughter-in-law of John's son <James H. Eaton>, is convinced that Richard, Nancy, & Daniel were also children of Benjamin.

John Terrell Eaton, Grandson of this Richard knew definitely that Richard & Stephen, early TX settlers were brothers.

This with some other minor sources is our authority for placing the 'patriarch' <Benjamin> & the sons & daughters in the first IL family as it is given. As stated elsewhere there is still just a slight doubt as to the exactness of this family grouping. Further research may remove this doubt. **A History & Genealogy of Pioneer Eatons of TX & Their Descendants**, Burney W. Eaton, 1936, p 9-11.

\*<Daughter of Joseph Eaton according to her marriage papers.>

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Richard Eaton, b 1782, VA, s/o Benjamin & Malinda\* Eaton. Residence: Anderson & Limestone Co, TX. 1m, Mary. 2m, Charity Parker\*\*. Children: (1) Absalem, Malinda, Squire, Mary, Elizabeth, Lucinda, Rachel, Richard, Daniel, Jesse, Sarah Ellen. (2) None. Information by Robert G. Tucker. **Citizens Of The Republic Of TX**, TX Gen Soc, 1977, p 457.

\* <I have seen no acceptable proof that his parents were Benjamin & Malinda. B.W. Eaton concluded that Benjamin's wife must be Malinda because of the frequency of the name in descendants. Logan Co, KY tax records support Thomas Eaton as prob the father of Richard Eaton.>

\*\*<This is in error. She was Charity (Arnold) Eaton, widow of his brother, Stephen H. Eaton according to marriage records in Logan Co, KY.>

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Charity Parker\*, b 1790, SC. Residence: Robertson & Limestone Co, TX. 1m Stephen Eaton, 2m Richard Eaton. Children: (1) Thomas H.; Alfred P.; Samuel; Malinda; Richard A., M.D.; Mary Ann; John; Martha; Nancy. (2) None. Information by Robert G. Tucker. **Citizens Of The Republic Of TX**, TX Gen Soc, 1977, p 457.  
\**<In error. She was Charity (Arnold) Eaton, widow of his brother, Stephen H. Eaton.>*  
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30 Aug 1981. Mrs. Ernest Stephens, 403 Buena Vista, Paris, Edgar Co, IL 61944. Dear Mrs. Stephens, I am writing you because I saw in the Jun 1956 **Eatonian News** where you wanted to know who was Elizabeth Eaton who m Richard Easton, pb Bourbon Co, KY. It has been so long ago -- hope this letter finds you. Someone had written in the margin of the copy I was reading that you think Elizabeth was the sister of Richard Eaton who moved to TX in 1833 from IL. I am a descendant of Richard Eaton & have been doing a lot of research on this line. Would be interested in exchanging information with you if you are interested. Sincerely, Roger Zimmerman.

2 Oct 1981. Dear Mr. Zimmerman, My Elizabeth Eaton (Heaton) was born about 1783 & married in Bourbon Co, KY in 1803 to Richard Easton. They all came to Palestine, the gateway to the west together. The Crawford Co History states they thought their father was William. In the Territorial Papers for 1814-1818 on p 30 a list of names who wanted to buy land: Jas Kenedy, Richard Easton, Jno Heaton, Joseph Heaton, Richard Eaton, Stephen Eaton, Thomas Eaton, Wm Hearn, Smith Shaw, Jas D. Shaw. Hope this helps some. Happy Hunting, Edythe Stephens.

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Early in American history, the Eatons 'erected' a fort in the state of IL & named it Fort Foot. It was a refuge for all the settlers during Indian uprisings. It is generally accepted that the Eatons were the first settlers of Crawford Co, IL as early as 1808-09. Family characteristics were a large family, with a large physique, who possessed extra large feed, thus "Fort Foot". They were men of action, a very clannish people who always put God above all. William Eaton *<some believe it was Benjamin; Logan Co, KY tax records support that Thomas Eaton was the father of Richard & Stephen>*, the patriarch, having many children, among them John, Stephen, Benjamin, Joseph, & Richard. They were in Palestine, IL, during our last war with England (1812).

Richard met Polly in TN & married her & they moved to IL in 1808-09. *<I have seen no basis for Richard meeting and marrying Mary "Polly" Robertson in TN. They were married in Logan Co, KY in 1803.>* They lived there until 1833 when Richard traded their homestead for a yoke of oxen, a wagon & a hope for a better life. They joined Daniel Parker, David Faulkenberry, & others somewhere *<at Clayburn Parish, LA>* along the long trek to TX. They came to establish the Pilgrim Church. Some of the colonists settled Fort Brown in east TX, others came to Limestone Co & settled Fort Parker. Richard & Polly built a homestead there on Boxes Creek, a branch of the Neches River. *<This land grant on Boxes Creek was in present day Anderson Co near Elkhart.>* Richard was one of the mainstays of the community. He was an elder *<really a deacon>* in the Pilgrim Church that he helped to establish. He also established the first Baptist Convention in the Republic of TX. *<He assisted Elder Daniel Parker.>* A replica of this first church stands today outside of Elkhart, TX.

Richard served a term in the TX Revolution *<according to tradition>*. One day, he met Gen Sam Houston in the community & offered him the hospitality of his home. Gen Houston accepted. By the end of the general's visit they became known to one another as "Sam & Dick". *<Elder Daniel Parker served in the same regiment in the war of 1812 with Sam Houston. Richard Eaton probably knew Sam Houston before he moved to TX since they both lived in Logan Co, KY, at one time.>*

Richard received a Mexican land grant, & in 1845 he moved his family near Thornton, Limestone Co. Farming, hunting wild game, bear & buffalo. Buffalo still roamed this area. Someone starting on a cross country journey might be delayed several hours by buffalo crossing their path.

Soon after the new homestead was built the "Prairie Indians" raided. The family gathered their belongings & fled eastward to the Navasota River where they were overtaken by hostile Indians. At this point, they bluffed the Indians into delaying

their attack. This allowed youthful, ten year old Richard\*\* to slip in darkness through the Indian guards. He succeeded in his fearful escape & brought aid to the family concealed by the jungle of the river bottom. TX soldiers came to "keep an eye on the Indians". By 1851, all of his married children <who were alive & in TX> had moved upon his broad acres.

Richard, head of the family, following the customs of his people, established a hardshell Baptist Church using his home as the meeting place & served as its ordained elder. (Hardshell - What is to be, will be.) <I have seen no proof of Richard Eaton being an Elder. He was an ordained deacon in the Pilgrim Predestinarian Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ. I'm not sure whether this is a Hardshell Baptist church or not.>

Richard was considerably advanced in age <ca 73y> & died in 1855. His children selected a place under a solitary magnificent oak in the old cemetery known as Eatontown, named for him, as the town around it. The tree is recognized by descendants as significant to family history & a fit resting place for this brave, God-fearing pioneer. Richard Eaton was married twice. After Polly <Mary Robertson>, the mother of all his children, he is said to have married again\*, & both wives lie at his side. **A Family History of Limestone Co**, p 92, compiled & edited by Limestone Co Historical Museum members, 1986.

\*<To Charity (Arnold) Eaton, widow of his brother, Stephen H. Eaton.>

\*\*<This event is recounted by B.W. Eaton in his Eaton history dated 1936. The event would have happened ca 1833, not ca 1845, if Richard Eaton, Jr were 10 years old, since he was b in 1823.>

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Richard Eaton, the son of Col. William Eaton, was born in 1782 in VA. <Richard is reported by others to be the son of either Benjamin or William Eaton. Frankie Tigner agrees that their is no proof for a tie to Col. William Eaton. My research of tax records of Logan Co, KY support his father pb being Thomas Eaton.> He first married Elizabeth Heaton in KY & their first child, Absolem, was born in 1803. <Frankie Tigner agrees that this first marriage is in error as it was Richard Easton who married Elizabeth Heaton in Bourbon Co.> When Elizabeth died, he married Mary Polly ?. <Frankie Tigner agrees that Mary Robertson is Richard's first marriage as far as we know.> Listed among the first settlers of Crawford Co, IL, at Fort 'Lamontte', he helped build Fort Foot, named so because of Eaton's exceptionally big feet.

In 1833, with many others, Richard & his family entered Tejas via Logansport <Logansport>. He had many land grants in various counties, but first settled in Brown's Fort, then around Fort Houston (later named Palestine)<church records indicate a sister church there, but there is no indication that Richard Eaton ever lived there>, then on Boxes Creek. He was a deacon & later an elder in Pilgrim Baptist Church & worked hard establishing the first Protestant Church in the Catholic Tejas. <Pilgrim Church records show that he was a deacon, but not an elder.> He fought in the Run Away Scrape <according to family tradition>.

In 1834, he acquired a Mexican Land Grant in Limestone Co. He & Polly moved there & settled one mile east of present day Thornton. Polly died & was buried in Eaton Cemetery. He then married Charity Parker. <Frankie Tigner agrees that it was actually Charity (Arnold) Eaton, widow of his brother, Stephen Eaton.> Richard died & was buried next to Polly. When Charity died, she was buried on the other side. Mrs. Tom J. <Frankie> Tigner\*. **A Family History of Limestone Co**, p 92, compiled & edited by Limestone Co Historical Museum members, 1986.

\*<Please don't think I'm picking on Frankie because I have pointed out some errors she made. She is a dear friend of mine, contributed heavily to this book & agreed that her errors should be pointed out to eliminate confusion in future generations. Her efforts must be measured and judged by her countless hours of fruitful research, not by a couple of mistakes she made. I hope people who find my errors in this book in years to come are as kind to me.>

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128. EATON. Want parents of Richard Eaton, b ca 1782, VA (1850 census), who married 1st ca 1805 (apparently in TN) Polly\* --- (d/o Elder John Parker?). She was mother of all his children. Soon moved to Crawford Co, IL, & in 1833-34 he & brother

Stephen (d bef 1850; in TX territorial census was two years younger than Richard) moved to TX. Remaining in IL were brothers & sisters believed to be Benjamin, John, Martha, Sara, etc. (sisters married Yorks & Watts). Mrs Vera Culp Pollock, 4927 Bryan, Apt R, Dallas 6, TX. **The VA Genealogist**, Apr-Jun 1958, J.F. Dorman, Vol 2, p 94.

\*Her maiden name was Robertson & they married in KY according to Logan Co, KY marriage records.

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Sarah Ellen Eaton was born near Palestine, in Crawford Co, IL, 25 Nov 1830. She was the 11th & last child of Richard & his wife Mary (Polly). Family legend has it that she was of Welsh descent, but we have no proof. We believe that he Richard was the son of Benjamin & Malinda Eaton <Logan Co, KY tax records support that Thomas Eaton was pb father of Richard Eaton & that he was born in 1782, probably in Hampshire Co, present WV. The Eatons lived in KY until after 1802, then settled in present IL about the time of the War of 1812.

Why did Richard Eaton come to TX? I think his reason was the same for most pioneers who thought they could better themselves by acquiring more land. It was not through religious persecution nor through poverty, for they were doing well before they came. Richard owned land & a grist mill, had been appointed ensign in the local militia, & had served on the Grand jury. The Eatons were devout people, as well as brave. They were influenced to come to TX by Rev Daniel Parker, who had visited this area in 1832 & had learned that the Mexican government would not permit organization of any Protestant church here, but that a previously formed church might stay organized after coming in.

Daniel Parker organized the Pilgrim Predestinarian Baptist Church in Crawford Co, IL in July, 1833 & persuaded several families to come to TX with him. Richard & Polly Eaton, with daughters Elizabeth & Rachel, met the ox-drawn caravan in Claiborne Parish, LA in October, 1833, so state the church minutes. I do not doubt that the younger children, including three year-old Sarah, came with them.

Minutes of the church show that Richard Eaton was a very active member & was ordained as its first deacon. The congregation met in his home several times between 1841 & 1843. He helped supervise construction of the log churchhouse, of which a replica stands today about three miles from Elkhart. <This is in error as the church was built after Richard moved to Limestone Co according to church minutes.> In the adjacent cemetery lies Richard's daughter Lucinda, whose husband was Dickerson Parker, who is buried there also.

Sarah herself joined the church "by experience" on 18 May 1844. The setting for her growing up was wholesome morally & socially. Only persons of good character were welcomed into the Stephen F. Austin Colony. The church had high standards of conduct for its members, sometimes stepping in to settle personal infractions that would go uncensured today, perhaps. On another occasion, after an embarrassed delay, church officers effected a reconciliation between Polly Eaton & a sister member, "M.L.", of whose levity Polly had complained. This incident leads me to believe that Polly would have set very high standards of conduct for her daughters & would have taught them that they owed obedience to church, parents, & husband.

Minutes of the church show that "on Saturday 15 Aug 1845 Richard Eaton, 'cister' Mary Eaton, & 'cister' Sary E. Eaton were dismissed by letter". They were moving to Limestone Co, where they settled about one mile east of Thornton. Richard Eaton had been granted in 1834 2.5 labors of land in present Robertson Co; in 1835 he received 22.5 labors in present Limestone Co, & in 1838 one labor in present Anderson Co. He had plenty of land to share with the nine of his children who came to TX. Those who came were Malinda, Mary M. (Polly), Elizabeth B., Lucinda, Rachel, Richard, Daniel D., Jesse, & Sarah Ellen. The two who did not come were Absolum (sic) who moved to Kansas, & son Squire, who died unmarried in 1833, leaving his property to his brothers, sisters, & parents.

Sarah's mother Polly died between 1845 & 1850. By the time the 1850 census of Limestone Co was taken, Richard had married Charity, widow of his brother Stephen. Richard died about 1855 & is believed buried with both wives in Eaton cemetery, near Thornton, though their graves are unmarked. Fay Lockhart Mays (Mrs. Charles W. Mays), 17 Apr 1975, Austin, TX. <See Sarah Eaton, b 25 Nov 1830 for the full article.>

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I have searched the old Eaton Cemetery & found a place under an old oak tree -- the largest there -- right on the edge of the cemetery (& on the edge of the top of the hill) that overlooks rolling pastureland. There are three depressions\* in the ground, & the graves are marked with big stones. The whole cemetery is a wilderness, completely overgrown & wild. It is beautiful at this time of the year as the narcissus, jonquils & iris are in full bloom. Those flowers have grown & spread from the bulbs planted there so long ago by our ancestors. They outlined the family plots with these flowers. The animals run through the weeds & trees, & burrow deep holes in the ground. Sunlight filters through the leaves, & it really is very lovely. Some of the markers there are in good shape, & some are sinking or falling into holes made by the varmints that have made this refuge their home. All the land surrounding the cemetery is mowed & stripped of trees, & is beautiful pastureland. Ethyl Baron was the last to be buried there that I know of. She was the daughter of one of Lum & Milanda Silas "Minnie" Eaton Randall's daughters. Ethyl was well to do, & half way maintained her part of the old cemetery - got a good road put to it. Now that she is gone there is no one to care, & it is all on its own. I haven't been out there in years. Guess I might visit again this summer (1981) to show my two younger children its location. I want them to know where to look when they have children old enough to care to search. Note by Frankie Tigner.

\*<Frankie believes that these are the graves of Richard, Mary & Charity Eaton.>

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Richard Eaton, 1782, VA - 1855, TX. Pioneer, 1809, Ft Lamotte, IL; 1812, Mtd. Ranger, Brown's Co, Crawford Co, IL; 1833, TX citizen. Mary 'Polly' Robertson Eaton, 1785, KY - 1848, TX. Pioneer wife of Richard Eaton, wed 3 Jan 1803, Russellville, KY; 1833, TX citizen. Tombstones in Eaton Cem in Limestone Co, TX donated by Mrs. Frankie Tigner in 1990.

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Eaton Cemetery. The Richard Eaton family came to TX in 1833 as members of the Robertson Colony\*. They moved to this area about 1845 & established a home & farm. The oldest grave in this cemetery, which was established on the family farm is that of Richard's first wife, Mary, who died about 1848. Also interred here are Richard Eaton & his second wife, Charity, as well as other members of their family & neighbors. There are both marked & unmarked graves in the Eaton cemetery, the final resting place of many TX pioneers. TX Historical Marker erected at the Eaton Cem in Limestone Co, TX, in 1990, sponsored by Daughters of the Republic of TX, the Margaret Lea Houston Chapter & the Dr Richard Fox Brenham Chapter. Our thanks go to Mrs. Charline Frank & Mrs. Patsy Todd Silva, whose efforts made this marker possible.

\*<They actually joined Robertson Colony after coming to TX.>

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Jack Butler remembers his Gram, Ruth Jane (McCallister) Bryan, b 1886, gd of Sarah (Eaton) McCalister, saying that Richard Eaton was English and well educated, but no farmer or worker. He liked to read books.

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#### CLUES CONCERNING THE ANCESTORS OF RICHARD EATON

<The 1771 tax list for Loudoun Co, VA had Benjamin, Henry, John, Moses and William Eaton/Heaton. The 1782 census for Hampshire Co, VA had Benjamin, Joseph, & Thomas Eaton. The 1793 tax list for Bourbon Co, KY had Benjamin, Joseph, Thomas Sr & Thomas Eton Jr. The similarity of names in Loudoun & Hampshire Co, VA with the Bourbon Co, KY & Crawford Co, IL Eatons leads me to believe that our Eatons probably moved from Loudoun Co, VA to Hampshire Co, VA to Bourbon Co, KY. Some went from Bourbon Co, KY to Logan Co, KY to Crawford Co, IL, and some went directly from Bourbon Co, KY to Crawford Co, IL. The Eaton records of Loudoun and Hampshire Co, VA need to be researched thoroughly.>

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Joseph Eaton, m 21 Mar 1805, Washington Co, VA, to Priscilla Williams. **IGI**, 7016118-68. <The Joseph Eaton who lived in Crawford Co, IL & later died in Clark Co, IL had a wife named Precilla. The records of Washington Co, VA need to be researched for a possible tie to our Eatons.>

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Mrs. Ora Burner Rhodes\*, <pb b aft 1847>, Salt Lake City, Utah, heard in her youth that our ancestor had a dispute with his people in England, came to America & settled in NC. **A History & Genealogy of Pioneer Eatons of TX & Their Descendants**, Burney W. Eaton, 1936, p 2.

\*<Grandau of John Eaton.>

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Francis H. Eaton\*, <b 1857>, Memphis, TN, in his youth had many talks with oldtimers in IL who knew some of the original Eatons at Palestine, IL. He was told by these men that the Eatons were originally from VA\*\*. **A History & Genealogy of Pioneer Eatons of TX & Their Descendants**, B.W. Eaton, 1936, p 2.

\*<Francis Hoyt Eaton, gs of Absolum Eaton.>

\*\*<Richard Eaton & the parents of John Eaton were b in VA according to census records.>

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Albert S. Eaton\*, <b 1863>, El Paso, TX remembers remarks made by his father <Richard Eaton, Jr> to the effect that two Eaton brothers came from England in early Colonial times that one settled in VA, & the other in Massachusetts, & that we are from the Massachusetts\*\* settler. **A History & Genealogy of Pioneer Eatons of TX & Their Descendants**, Burney W. Eaton, 1936, p 2.

\*<Son of Richard Eaton Jr, gs of Richard & Mary (Robertson) Eaton, Sr.>

\*\*<See John Eaton, b 15 Dec 1665, in MA & died 7 Oct 1739 in VA. This line of Eatons need to be researched thoroughly for a tie into the Richard Eaton line.>

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#### **CLUES CONCERNING THE ANCESTORS OF RICHARD EATON (CON'T)**

The Eatons of KY are believed to have moved there from NC. Tradition has it that Benjamin, who was living in Bourbon Co in 1796, was b in NC. However, other Eatons from VA, related to those from NC, may have joined them in the new settlement in Bourbon Co. This first settlement was principally made up of German Baptists from VA, originally from PA. The Eatons married some of these German settlers, which indicates that they had known them from many years; for such was the custom in that day among pioneers. **A History & Genealogy of Pioneer Eatons of TX & Their Descendants**, B.W. Eaton, 1936, p 5.

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Gov Tryon had so completely defeated & dispersed the Baptists at Jersey Settlement, <Rowan Co, NC> in 1771 that there is little evidence of any large role played by them in the American Rev. **Saints & Sinners**, p 25. <This record included because it provides a possible reason for Baptists to leave NC.>

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Sometime near the date of the first settlement at Palestine, Eatons from Fleming Co, KY settled at Sullivan, <Sullivan Co>, IN, just across the Wabash from Palestine, <Crawford Co>, IL. It is known that these Eatons were closely related to the Palestine family. In fact, the Eatons of the two settlements, some of them, moved back & forth from one to the other; & the earlier descendants of Palestine recognized the Sullivan Eatons as cousins. As nearly as can be determined the head of the Sullivan family was a brother or an uncle of John of Palestine. **A History & Genealogy of Pioneer Eatons of TX & Their Descendants**, Burney W. Eaton, 1936, p 11.

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<In Princess Anne Co, VA in 1811, we find James, two Johns, Moses Sr, Moses Jr, Richard Sr, & Richard Jr Eaton. The close match of names in early Crawford Co, IL indicates that they may be closely related.>

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From a history of Crawford Co, IL, we learn considerable of the early Eatons of that state. As we have before stated, the Eatons were a very large family, & consisted of a patriarch, believed to have been named William, & several sons, among whom were John, Job, Benjamin, Joseph, William & several others. Another paragraph in this history in giving the names of the sons gives them as Benjamin, Joseph, John, Richard, Stephen & others. Francis H. Eaton writes that he remembers hearing of a John or Jonathan, a Benjamin, a Richard & possibly others, mentioned as brothers of his Grandfather <Absolum Eaton>. **A History & Genealogy of Pioneer Eatons of TX & Their Descendants**, Burney W. Eaton, 1936, p 9-11.

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Mrs. Ora Burner Rhodes of this family gives the patriarch Benjamin & his children, Benjamin, William, John, Martha, Abbie\* & Anna. Mrs. Elizabeth Eaton <Mrs. Marion D. Eaton>, Robinson, IL, daughter-in-law of John's son <James H. Eaton>, is convinced that Richard, Nancy, & Daniel were also children of Benjamin.

John Terrell Eaton, Grandson of this Richard knew definitely that Richard & Stephen, early TX settlers, were brothers.

This with some other minor sources is our authority for placing the patriarch <Benjamin> & the sons & daughters in the first IL family as it is given. As stated elsewhere there is still just a slight doubt as to the exactness of this family grouping. Further research may remove this doubt. **A History & Genealogy of Pioneer Eatons of TX & Their Descendants**, Burney W. Eaton, 1936, p 9-11.

\*<Daughter of Joseph Eaton according to an affidavit with her marriage license.>

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## CLUES CONCERNING THE ANCESTORS OF RICHARD EATON (CON'T)

This daughter <Martha> of Benjamin married J. York, settled near Palestine, & continued to live there until her death. Many of her descendants still live in Crawford Co. Registered on childhood memory is a remark made by grandfather <Richard Eaton, Jr.> nearly fifty years ago to the effect that his daughter, Martha Ellen, was named after his Aunt Martha\* back in IL. **A History & Genealogy of Pioneer Eatons of TX & Their Descendants**, Burney W. Eaton, 1936, p 25.

<This supports Richard Eaton being the brother of Martha Eaton and a son of Benjamin Eaton, but Logan Co, KY tax records support Richard being the son of Thomas Eaton.>

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Tax & census records lead me to believe that Richard Eaton was probably born on the frontier in Hampshire Co, Virginia in about 1782. The Hampshire Co tax records for 1782 & 1784 list Benjamin, Joseph & Thomas Eaton, so one of them is believed to be the father of Richard Eaton. These same names, along with Thomas Eaton Jr, then appear on the 1793 tax list for Bourbon Co, KY, indicating that they had moved to a second frontier. A Thomas Eaton appears on the 1799 tax list for Logan Co, KY, while Benjamin Eaton & a Thomas Eaton remained in Bourbon Co.

Careful examination of the tax records of Bourbon & Logan Co, KY, indicates that the only Eaton having a son the age of Richard was the Thomas Eaton in Logan Co, leading me to believe that this Thomas Eaton was probably the father of Richard. However, Crawford Co, Illinois history indicates that the patriarch of the Eaton clan was William Eaton. No other mention of this William Eaton has been found in Crawford Co records, so he apparently did not come to Crawford Co. Burney W. Eaton, who wrote an Eaton history in 1936, believed the father of Richard to be Benjamin Eaton, but Bourbon Co tax records show that Benjamin did not have a son of the proper age.

The first official record found for Richard Eaton was when he married Mary Robertson in Logan Co, KY, on January 3, 1803. He also appeared on the 1804 & 1805 tax lists. Stephen H. Eaton, his brother, appeared on the tax lists in 1806 & married Charity Arnold on March 4, 1807.

Richard Eaton moved to Crawford Co, Illinois, his third frontier, before the War of 1812. A petition to buy 160 acres in accordance with the Law of February 1813 was endorsed on September 30, 1814. This petition included Richard, along with Benjamin, two Johns, Joseph, Stephen & Thomas Eaton.

Richard Eaton then moved to Texas, his fourth frontier, late in 1833 with Elder Daniel Parker & his Pilgrim Predestinarian Baptist Church. Richard was a very active deacon in this church. Richard received his first land grant of 2.5 labors (about 443 acres) in Milam Co (present day Robertson Co) on December 22, 1834. This land was about four miles northeast of Benchley on the north side of the Old San Antonio Road. If you are still lost, the land was about 12 miles south-southeast of Hearne.

Richard spent time in several other Texas counties, including present day Anderson Co, finally moving to Limestone Co in August, 1845, as determined by when he removed his church letter. Most of his children & their families joined him in Limestone Co, on his 22.5 labors of land (about 3985 acres) forming a community called Eatontown.

This cemetery lies on the old land grant of Richard Eaton. The 1850 census listed Charity, former widow of his brother, Stephen H. Eaton, as his wife. Mary (Robertson) Eaton, his first wife, apparently died before 1850 & was one of the earliest burials in this cemetery.

Burney W. Eaton wrote in 1936 that Richard's "children selected as his resting place a solitary, magnificent oak in the old Eaton cemetery in what was then known as Eatontown. This lone tree was recognized by the older descendants as possessing significance in the family history. Whatever the significance might have been it was a fit resting place for this heroic pioneer. From his youth, perhaps from childhood, he had known nothing further of life than that of the most advanced frontiers. Descendants living near the Eaton cemetery say that Richard was married twice & that both his wives lie there beside him."

Richard Eaton was truly a frontier man whose rifle was his constant companion. Those of us who are descended from him are truly blessed to have such an ancestor. Eaton cem historical marker dedication speech by Roger Zimmerman, 13 Oct 1990.

