

## The Early Families of John A. Windle 1804-1866

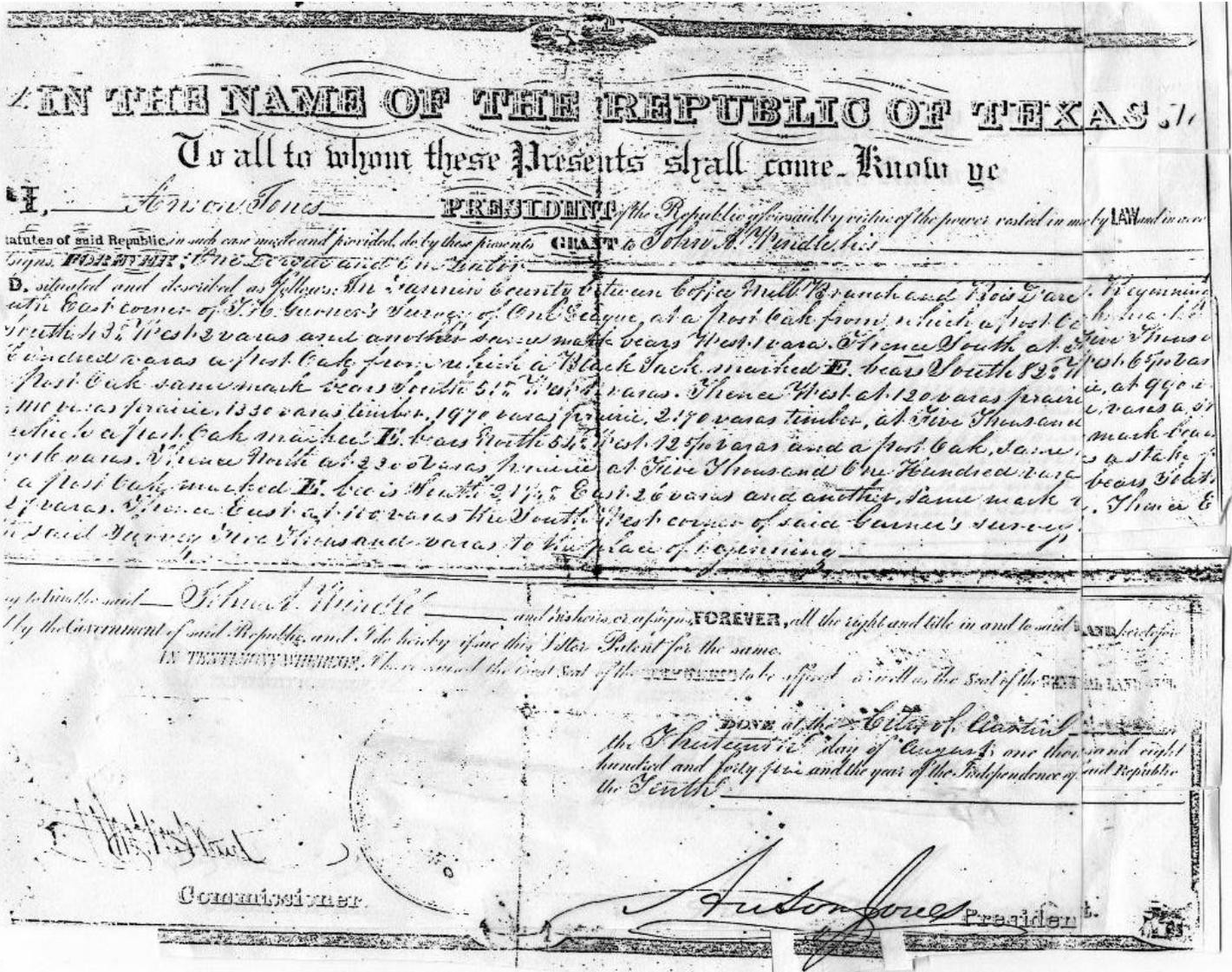


John A Windle, 1842

In 1804 John Adam Windle was born in Shenandoah VA. He was one of the first in our family to drop the spelling of our surname from *Wendell* to *Windle*. In 1827 at the age of 23 he was married and living in Pickens County AL. Not much is known about his first wife including her name, it has been theorized that she was probably Indian since Indian names were not registered. His first son John William Windle was born in 1827 in Pickens Co. AL. and was described later in as having a dark complexion, with black hair and black eyes, indicating that he was part Native American. The next recorded record of John A Windle places him in Overton County TN where his second son James William was born in 1829 and where his first wife died. John A took a second wife in Lincoln Co. TN; in 1835 her name was Permelia Lusk. Permelia and her sister Caroline were born in Union City South Carolina, the daughters of Thomas Lusk and Barsheba Harrington, Smith, Lusk.

John A left Permelia and his two sons (John William and James W.) in TN and journeyed to TX in January of 1835 (year for entrance given on his land grant certification, 1838 Land Board Minutes) to check out this new territory he returned to TN in March of 1835. In 1836 he and his family along with a number of other families migrated from TN to TX to join General James Smith. In 1836 Permelia and John A are recorded as having a daughter Permelia Elizabeth on July 2, 1836 in the state of LA, on their way to Texas. The Hamilton's, Davis', Lusk's, Parker's, and Willis' families also settled in Texas at the same time many of them receiving land grants from the Republic of Texas. John A Windle received a Headright, 1<sup>st</sup> Class Certification (487) for a land grant On August 1<sup>st</sup> 1845; John A received a 4,605-acre land grant, one League and one Labor, from the Republic of Texas in Fannin Co. John A never set foot on the Fannin county acreage and later deeded 2,200 acres of it to his first son John William "out of natural love and affection and in consideration of \$1,000.00". This

acreage remained in John William's family until the death of his son John Pressley Windle in 1931.



**John A Windle's Land Grant from the Republic of Texas**

John A. later became the patentee of two other tracks of land when he bought land from two other Republic of Texas grantees. He bought 320 acres in Rusk county certificate 30 from original grantee John Roome and 738 acres in Smith Co. certificate 661 from original grantee John Maxwell. He and Permelia later settled south of Henderson on the Rusk Co. acreage. In Rusk Co. John A and Permelia had four more children three of which survived birth, David K. born in 1847, Mary Caroline (Named after Permelia's sister) born in 1848, and Isaac Parker (Named after Hanna Parker Smith's brother) born April 25, 1851, and an infant that died in birth (no name given or sex given).



Rev. Ervin Leander Tipps and Mary Caroline Windle Tipps

John A never served in the Texas Revolution like his son John William but during the Texas Revolution and through the 1830's and into the 40's John A. supplied militia units of the Republic of Texas.

1120  
Nacogdoches July 8. 1840  
Col. Wm G Cooke  
Quarter Master Gen T. U.  
Will pay to J. A. Windle  
or Order Four hundred & twenty Dollars for  
transportation of provisions &c for the use of  
the Volunteers under command of Major  
James H. Hunt, John J. Graham  
James Smith  
Brig. Gen. 3<sup>rd</sup> Regt. J. A.

Order between John A Windle and Brig. General James Smith

John A was a gentlemen farmer and he was known throughout the surrounding counties for his smoked meats from his smokehouse.

Permelia's sister, Caroline Lusk had migrated to Texas in with her husband Francis "Frank" Hamilton who settled in Henderson. They had two children, James DeKalb Hamilton born in TN in 1836, and Mary L. Hamilton born in 1838 in TX. Francis Hamilton was later killed in 1838 in a skirmish with some Mexicans and Indians retrieving stolen horses. This skirmish was the beginning of the Cardovian Rebellion and the Indian Wars 1837-39.



**William C. Davis Plaque from the State of Texas, Davis Cemetery, Henderson TX**

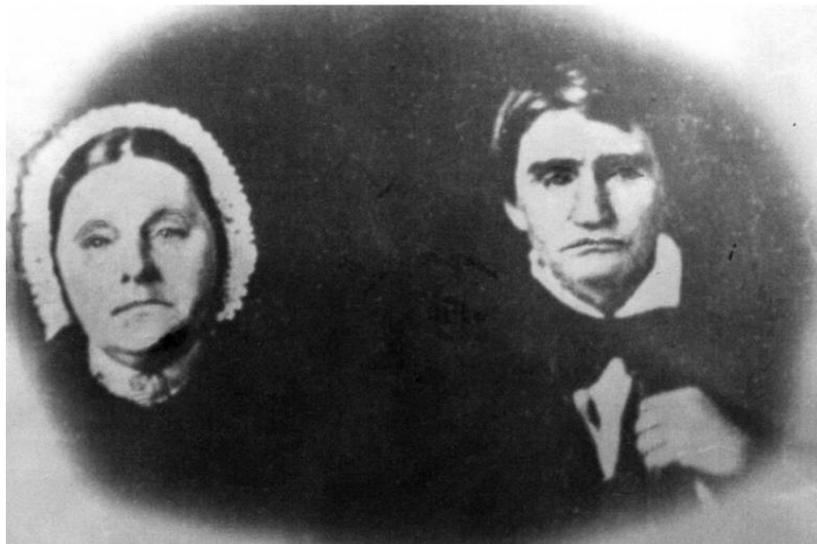
William C. Davis, an honored Texas patriot for his service in the Indian Wars and a friend of Francis Hamilton who was with him when he was shot retrieving the stolen horses, married Caroline after Hamilton's death. They had four children, Permelia Davis (named after Caroline's sister) born in 1842, James Lewis Davis born 1844, Sarah Elizabeth Davis born in 1847, and, Thomas Jefferson Davis born Oct 19<sup>th</sup>, 1849.



**William C Davis and His second Wife Louisa America Vincent**

Caroline and Permelia's mother was recorded in the Rusk County Deed Book B as Barsheba Lusk who passed away in 1841. The book was destroyed when the courthouse burned in 1860 but the index still exists. On April 5<sup>th</sup> 1841, General James Smith another Texas patriot for his service in the Texas Revolution and the Indian Wars 1837-39, son of Barsheba and David Smith (Barsheba's first husband) and Caroline and Permelia's half brother, made a bond to John A Windle and William C. Davis. In it he states he will make title to a piece of the land for the wives of Windle and Davis until Barsheba's estate was settled.

The land was through a donation grant through Henry Smith (James' brother Henry or his son) and General James Smith paid taxes on the land until Barsheba's estate was settled.



**Hanna Parker Smith and General James Smith 1854**



**General James Smith Plaque from the State of Texas, Gen. James Smith Park, Henderson TX**

In 1852 Caroline Lusk Davis passed away and was buried in Davis Cemetery. After Caroline's death, Permelia also passed away in 1852 and was also buried in Davis Cemetery. When Caroline Davis passed in 1852, Henry Moore Smith (son of James Smith) was the executor of her estate and Gen. James Smith and John A Windle were witnesses to her will.

The State of Texas - County of Rusk:  
 To any Judge of a court of Record, Justice of the Peace  
 or regularly ordained minister of the Gospel - Greeting.  
 You are hereby authorized to solemnize the rites of matrimony  
 between John A. Windle and Mary Harmon, the consent of all  
 parties interested having been made known to me, in conformity to  
 law, and make due return hereon within sixty days from the  
 date of this License, with your endorsement showing how you have  
 executed the same. Given under my hand and seal of  
 the County Court at Office in  
 Henderson this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of Jan  
 1854.  
 J. A. Harmon Clerk  
 W. A. Deon Secy

I do hereby certify that I solemnized the rite of  
 matrimony between the married persons on the  
 5<sup>th</sup> of Febry AD 1854.  
 J. A. Harmon J. P.

**John A and Mary Harmon Marriage License**

John A then married Mary Harmon in Henderson on February 5<sup>th</sup> 1854. With Mary he had four more children Nicholas born March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1857, George Washington April 5<sup>th</sup> 1859, Sarah Isabella date not known, and John A II, born January 18<sup>th</sup>, 1861. John A Windle died at the age of 65 in Rusk Co. in 1866. John A and most of his later children and wives are buried in Davis Cemetery in Henderson TX, Permelia (unmarked except for a stone, finally marked in 2008) on his right and Mary, on his left.



**Permelia Lusk Windle's headstone set April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Davis Cemetery**

## **John William Windle**

**1827-1867**

John William Windle was born in Pickens County AL, the son of John A Windle and his first wife who is unknown. His mother was probably Indian since their names were not registered and from a description of his wife's affidavit for a widows pension as being "about five feet six inches high, rather dark complexion, black hair and black eyes", which indicates he was part Indian.



**Lucinda Willis Windle 1892**

John William married Lucinda Willis in 1847 in Henderson Rusk Co. After serving in both the Republic of Texas Militia in 1844 and the Mexican war in 1846-47, Corporal John William served under L. H. Mabbitt's Shelby County Mounted Volunteers During the Mexican War along with his younger brother James W Windle.

Late Republic

To the Following Persons &c.  
 For services in Capt L. H. Mabbitts Company  
 Stationed in Shelby County in 1844.

Names	Term of Service		Pay <sup>r</sup> Month	Total Pay	Rec'd Certificate
	From	To			
L. H. Mabbitt	26 Aug	13 Nov	75 00	195 00	Attest Mabbitt for Mrs Mabbitt & husband at the same place
Bird L. Marks	28 "	" "	60 00	153 00	do " do do do
Thos. F. Smith	5 Sept	" "	30 50	99 18	Mrs W. Martin
At. Roark	10 "	" "	29 50	61 95	
Jesse C. Mitchell	7 "	12 "	" "	63 91	John W. Warren
Stephen Mayfield	10 "	13 "	26 50	50 65	Thos. F. Smith
Wm. H. Sandlen	5 "	" "	" "	62 06	At. F. Hill
James Wilson	7 "	12 "	" "	57 41	
J. S. Street	10 "	" "	60 "	124 00	
Thos. Benton	12 "	" "	22 50	46 11	
Wm. Caldwell	14 "	" "	" "	43 50	
Alex. Chamney	18 "	11 "	" "	40 50	Burwell J. Lewis
J. H. Dorsett	5 "	13 "	" "	51 00	W. C. Raymond
John C. Dorsett	1 Oct	" "	" "	32 25	W. C. Raymond
Joseph East	10 Sept	" "	" "	47 25	
Thos. Foster	7 "	" "	" "	49 50	
J. H. Kirkpatrick	5 "	" "	" "	57 00	W. C. Raymond
D. A. Lindsey	8 "	12 "	" "	48 00	Wm. F. Sims
R. E. Lindsey	" "	" "	" "	48 00	John W. Warren
J. J. Lakey	15 "	" "	" "	42 75	Burwell J. Lewis
J. M. Miller	14 "	13 "	" "	47 25	
John Peoples	2 Oct	11 "	" "	29 25	Mrs W. Martin
E. M. Rober	8 Sept	12 "	" "	48 00	At. H. Lacy
J. M. Scott	8 "	11 "	" "	47 25	B. J. Lewis to M. P. Smith
Martin Shaddock	7 "	13 "	" "	49 50	
Wm. B. Tinsley	5 "	" "	" "	51 00	
E. D. Williams	" "	" "	" "	51 00	W. C. Raymond
Wm. Winkle	" "	" "	" "	51 00	W. C. Raymond

L. H. Mabbitt's Shelby County Mounted Volunteers Pay Roster, William Windle is at the bottom of the roster.



PUBLIC DEBT  
OF THE LATE

2d Class "B"

REPUBLIC OF TEXAS.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That William Winkle has, under the provisions of An Act of the LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, entitled "An Act to extend the provisions of 'an act to provide for ascertain- ing the Debt of the late Republic of Texas,'" approved February 7, 1853, filed with the AUDITOR and COMPTROLLER

a claim for services in Capt. Woodruff's Company

amounting to Fifty one

Dollars: which is sufficiently authenticated to authorize the auditing of the same under the laws of the late Republic of Texas. The said Claim, according to the data before us, is worth Fifty one

----- Dollars, in Par Funds, as having been at that rate so available to the Government.

In Testimony Whereof, We have hereunto set our Hands and affixed our Seats of Office, at Austin, this Eleventh day of March 1854

Laurel B. Shanks  
Comptroller.

John M. Fisher  
Auditor.

John William's claim on the Republic of Texas for \$51.

John William's wife Lucinda was born in 1830 in TN. The 1850 Census for Rusk Co shows John William and Lucinda having two children James 2 and Nancy Elizabeth 6 months.

The State of Texas  
County of Rusk

Know all men by these presents that I  
William Windle have this day appointed  
W. C. Raymond my true and lawful attorney  
to ask of and demand from the State of Texas  
any and all moneys due and owing to me  
for moneys received the late Republic of Texas and  
any receipt given by my said attorney for any  
moneys shall be as valid and good in law as if  
done by myself in person hereon in and  
my hand and seal using a sword by way  
of seal this 18th day of February 1854

Witness  
Walter Flanagan  
W. Flanagan

 William Windle

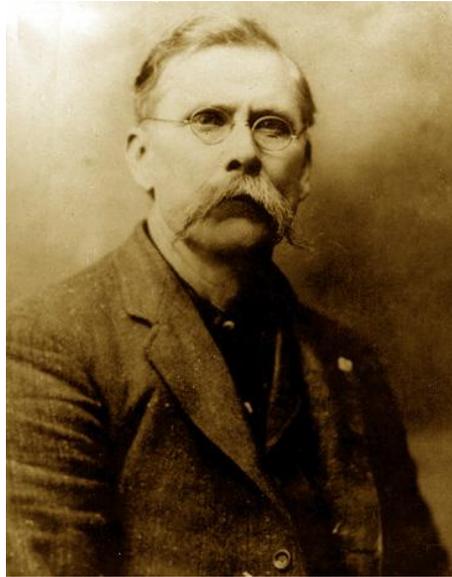
The State of Texas  
County of Rusk } Before me the undersigned  
Authority this day personally appeared  
William Windle to me well known to  
acknowledge his signature to the  
above and foregoing Power of Attorney  
and that he signed the same for the  
purpose and considerations therein  
set forth and expressed.

Witness under my hand  
and seal of office at  
office in Henderson  
this the 18th day of  
February A. D. 1854

J. J. Brown  
Recorder

John William Windle Appointment of W. C. Raymond in Rusk Co as his attorney at law, unlike his Father John William was literate and signed the document, his signature is in the middle of the document, and an ink blob obliterates his first name.

Between 1850 and the 1860 census John William's family moved to Fannin County and settled on a land grant that his father John A Windle received from the Republic of Texas. He and Lucinda had three more children Charles who was 8, John Pressley who was 6 born April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1855, and Robert D. who was 4 in 1860.



**John Pressley Windle**

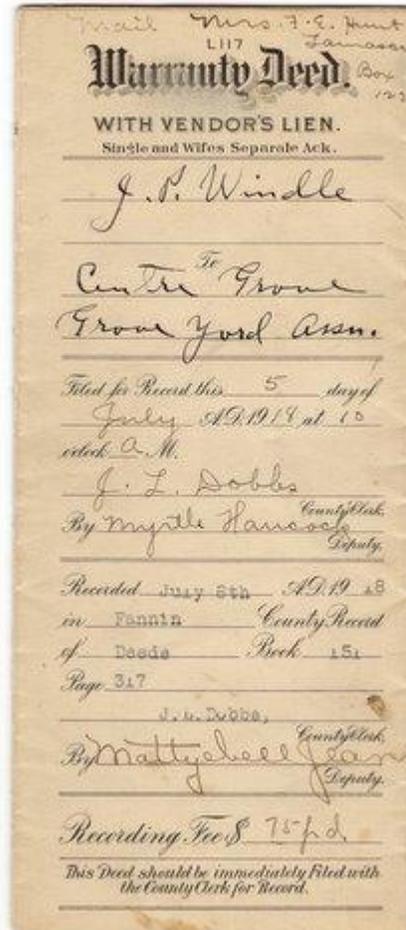
John William was a member of the Black Dragoons in Fannin Co.; this organization protected the women and children from Indian attacks while their husbands and sons were off fighting the Civil War.

On December 30<sup>th</sup> 1854 John A. deeded 2,200 acres (a.k.a. John A Windle survey) of the Fannin Co. land grant to John William, as the deed stated "out of natural love and affection." The deed duly recorded in Bonham TX. Fannin Co. shows John A's mark "X" with his name written around it as witness. John William returned to Henderson in Rusk Co. TX in 1867 after his father's death and was killed in Henderson Co. returning from Henderson in Rusk Co. In an Affidavit given by his son John Pressley Windle and his sister Nancy Elizabeth Windle Jamison they stated, "That they are the children of the said William and Lucinda Windle and that they were present at his death which occurred in Henderson Co. Texas on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 1867".

Lucinda and the children remained on the 2,200 acres of the Fannin Co land grant. She petitioned the US Government for a widow's pension, her son John Pressley who was 34 along with his sister Nancy Elizabeth Windle Jamison who was 39 gave an affidavit previously mentioned earlier as witnesses for the widow's pension. William C Davis (John William's father's brother in law) also made an affidavit of witness on Lucinda's behalf on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 1889. On June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1889, four years before her death in 1894, Lucinda was granted the pension (\$8.00 a month) due to John William's service in the Mexican War.

According to a letter by Glenna Harris, John William is buried with his father's family in Davis Cemetery just outside of Henderson on the right side of Permelia's grave. Lucinda burial site is unknown and was probably buried in Stancel (Community)

Cemetery just outside of Lamasco TX off of Danner Rd. Lucinda passed before the development of Center Grove Cemetery where most of John William and Lucinda's children and grandchildren are buried, or in Lamasco Cemetery just down the highway from Center Grove Cemetery. The land for Center Grove cemetery was made through an donation by John Pressley Windle and was a part of the John A Windle Fannin Co. Land Grant.



The Deed for Center Grove Cemetery