

CAPT. JAMES B. BURLESON, SR.

James Burleson was born in Washington County, Tennessee, on May 4, 1775. His parents were Aaron and Rachel (Hendricks) Burleson. He married Elizabeth Shipman on December 25, 1791, in Rutherford County, North Carolina. They had twelve children, and the eldest was Edward Burleson. The Burlesons came to Texas in 1831 and settled in Bastrop County.

Relatives of James Burleson were more involved in the battles for the independence of Texas than he was. James did fight under Andrew Jackson at the Battle of New Orleans. His son, Edward, fought in several battles, among them was the Battle of San Jacinto. His son, Aaron, also fought there and in other battles, alongside his brother. It appears the Burleson family men believed in serving as soldiers.

In 1834 Elizabeth Burleson died, and James Burleson later married Mary Buchanan Christian. They had one daughter.

During the siege of Bexar, Capt. Burleson led a charge in the Grass Fight. He became ill after being discharged and died on January 3, 1836. He is buried in the McDuff Cemetery on the east side of the Colorado River.

Note: Some of the information about Capt. Burleson was found at the Find A Grave website. Much more information about the entire Burleson family is widely available.