

Pictures of veterans are sought

Real County Historical Commission officers who met May 26 at the Real County Museum approved the acceptance of a section of the Real County History book to be known as Real County Veterans.

Citizens are being urged to submit pictures for inclusion in this section of the book. Entries should be mailed to: "History, P.O. Box 253, Leakey, Texas 78873" or brought to the Real County Historical Museum.

Included in the book will be a picture and history of John Coulter Brice, veteran, as follows:



John Coulter Brice

John Coulter Brice and four sons, Nelson Alexander, Samuel A., David Jasper, and John Newton, left Walker County, Texas, and returned to their old stomping grounds in Bienville Parish, La., to volunteer to serve in the army of the Confederate States of America. John served in Co. H., 28th (Gray's) Louisiana Infantry, and it is believed that the four sons served in the same company.

Many years later, John Coulter Brice was living with his daughter and son-in-law, the Dave Thompsons, on the West Prong of

the Frio River when the McLaurin Massacre took place in April, 1881. Already in frail health, the shock of the killing caused him to weaken, and he died April 30, 1881, ten days after the remains of Sara Catherine McLaurin and Allen Lease were brought by wagon and buried in Floral Cemetery.

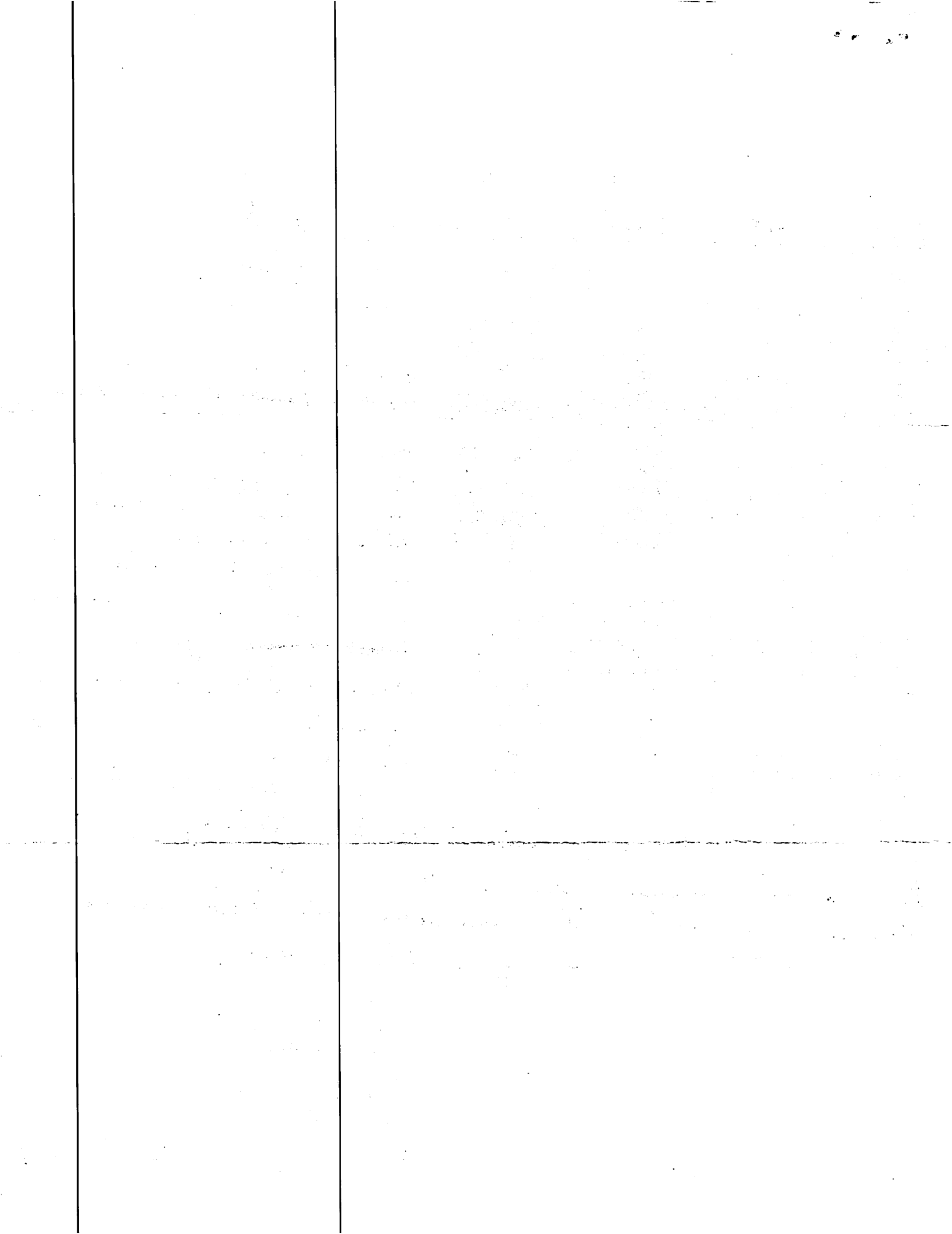
Brice's grave is the third oldest documented grave in Leakey "Floral" Cemetery. Two of his sons, David Jasper "Jap" and John

Newton, as well as three daughters, Nancy Jane Edwards, Rosannah Brice Thompson, and Sarah Margaret Sansom, were laid to rest in the same cemetery.

John Coulter Brice was born 11 Nov. 1814 in Wilkinson Co. Miss. He was the son of Samuel Brice. Samuel was born 1781 in S.C. & married Elizabeth Price in Wilkinson Co. Miss. Samuel Brice was the son of Wm. ^{Coulter} Brice and Sarah Reid. ~~Sarah was 72 yrs old~~ 18. John and Samuel both named ^{Sarah} daughters Rosannah ^{Sarah} could be after Rosannah ^{Sarah} Coulter their ancestor.

Also notice attached supplement to "The Brice Family" by Agnes Brice. This would appear to be a pretty good case for the Coulter/Reid connection but how does it connect to Hanfield /York/Chester S.C.

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These Brice went from S. C. to Wilkinson Co. Miss., Miller Co. Ark.,
Louisiana & Texas. One.

In reference to the Preface in the "History of the Brice Family", Paternity of the three sons, William, Samuel, and James Brice, and the two daughters, Jane Brice Ambrose, and Dorcas Brice, had not been established with certainty, further research has been made with the following results:

There is no question, but that William Brice and Sarah Reid Brice are the parents of the above children.

1. The Claiborne Parish U.S. Census of 1840, lists the household of Sarah Brice as follows:

Sarah Brice: Males= 70 to 80= One; 60 to 70= One
Females=70 to 80=One; 30 to 40= One

2. The Obituary of James Brice (p.81 of the Brice History) indicated that he first settled in what was then known as the wilds of Natchitoches Parish, the earliest land transactions were consulted in Township, 18, North Range 6, West in the District of Natchitoches, which showed a land purchase by:

Sarah Brice, Tract 57 A, Page 138 by Act 1834
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 21, Township 18, Range 6 West
158.72 Acres @ \$1.25 per Acre; Purchase
Price \$198.40 on Sept. 25th 1835 by
William and Sarah Brice, Receipt No. 2235

Then on the same date, September 25, 1835,
Jane Reid and Dorcas Brice, Purchased by Act 1834
SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 21, Township 18, Range 6 West
158.72 Acres of land @ \$1.25 per Acre;
Purchase Price \$198.40, No. of Receipt
and Certificate, 2233.

Then on November 19, 1835,
James and William Reid, By Act 1834, purchased
in NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 21, Township 18, Range 6 West
158.72 Acres of land @ \$1.25 per Acre;
Purchase Price, \$198.40; Certificate and
Purchase Receipt No. 2433.

It is interesting to note that the above properties purchased by Sarah and William Brice, Jane Reid and Dorcas Brice, and James and William Reid were all adjoining and located in Section 21, Township 18, R.6. West which is significant in itself.

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