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RAINWATER, EDWIN R.

Came to Texas at sometime between May 2, 1835 and March 2, 1836. In the Headright Certificate No. 160 issued in the name of E. R. Rainwater of Independence, January 25, 1838 for one-third of a league of land by the Brazoria County Board of Land Commissioners it is stated that he came to Texas before March 2, 1836. Had he arrived prior to May 2, 1835 it would have been so stated in the certificate.

Mr. Rainwater was a member of Captain Henry W. Karnes' Company of Cavalry and was one of the men who assisted Erastus (Deaf) Smith in destroying Vince's bridge. He evidently left Texas early. He did not apply for the Bounty and Donation land due him for his services in the army and he assigned his rights to his Headright to Samuel Fuller.

The Deed Records of Gonzales County, Book D, page 120, show that at the town of Velasco, Brazoria County, Edwin R. Rainwater on March 4, 1837 purchased one-fourth of a league of land situated on the Lavaca River in Gonzales County for \$1,400 and sold it on the same day to Chester Newell for \$1,400. The deed was witnessed by J. S. D. Byrom and J. B. Hoskins.

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