



# Featured Ancestor

Sam Houston Chapter



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Ancestor's Name:	Mills Whitley
Descendent's Name: (Chapter member)	Philip D. Whitley
Ancestor's Arrival in Texas (Year):	1834-1835
Ancestor Lived <i>here</i> in Texas:	East of New Waverly, Walker County and North of Luling in Caldwell County

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## Overview of the Ancestor

Mills Whitley was born in North Carolina on September 6, 1791 from his parents John Saunders Whitley and Baresheba Bateman. The family moved to Tennessee in the early 1800s, but by 1811, the family had again relocated to Illinois. Mills and his father served in the War of 1812. Both served as Rangers as volunteers, Illinois Militia, and in Col. Ferguson's command.

Mills Whitley married Elizabeth Little on February 17, 1814. They moved to Texas by January 1835. They had six children born in Illinois; however, their last child was born in Texas. Mills Whitley had obtained a Mexican land grant, but lost the land grant many years later to a Mexican man by the name of Garza. By 1854, Mills Whitley had moved to Caldwell County north of present day Luling with his two youngest sons Randolph and Hiram. Both sons later served in the Confederacy. Mills Whitley passed away in April 1864.