

Henry Brewer

Henry Brewer was born in Chatham County, North Carolina on 24 October 1776. On 31 August 1800 he married Susannah (Sukey) Mitchell in Greensboro, Greene County, Georgia. On 26 December 1801 he received a passport from the Governor of Georgia to travel west into the Indian Territory; the 1830 U.S. Census enumerates him and his family living in Hinds County, Mississippi, where several of his children married prior to migrating to Texas. Prior to 1832 he and his family migrated to what is now Nacogdoches County, Texas. He and his youngest son John fought at the Battle of Nacogdoches on 2 August 1832 to drive the Mexican army from the city. However, he was still granted a league of land (4,000 acres) by the Mexican government on 13 January 1835 in Nacogdoches County. When the Texians revolted from Mexico and declared independence, his son Henry Mitchell Brewer and his son-in-law Thomas Dorsey Brooks and son-in-law Alexander McKinza joined Sam Houston's army and fought at the Battle of San Jacinto. He died on 23 January 1865 and was buried in the Brewer Cemetery located on his property. The State of Texas erected a monument to him, his wife and sons Henry Mitchell and John Brewer in 1936 during the bicentennial celebration.