

CHOATES OF THE SOUTH--NEWSLETTER # 18  
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Dear Choate Cousins,

First I want to thank those of you that sent me the beautiful Christmas cards. I do enjoy my Christmas cards.

Next some sad news to report...Janice Gable wrote in December to tell me that her husband, Carter J. Gable, of Jackson, MS, died 4 January 1996. Carter was very actively researching the descendants of VALENTINE CHOATE, of Giles Co., TN. Carter was a descendant of his daughter, SARAH that married BARNABAS GABLE. From time to time Carter would surprise me with a phone call and we would have a nice chat about the Choates. I will miss those calls.

Vada Roberts wrote that her mother, Lois Howard Choate, of Phoenix, AZ, died 29 March 1995. Lois was a descendant of PRUDENCE CHOATE & ISHAM DYKES and her husband was a descendant of JOHN MELTON CHOATE, of Big Springs, TX.

James E. Choate, 56 Hazel Ave., McKenzie, TN 38201 sent a copy of his certificate from the East TN Historical Society " Confers membership in the First Families of Tennessee to James Edward Choate, a direct descendant of CHRISTOPHER CHOATE, who settled in Tennessee prior to statehood, June 1, 1796. "  
Our thanks to James for having our CHRISTOPHER included in this list.....

Jolene Bankhead Broussard, P.O. Box 1700, Sulphur, LA 70664-1700 wrote that she was attempting to secure a " First Families of Texas " certificate for MOSES LIVINGSTON CHOATE and she said anyone that was interested should write to Wanda L. Donalson, President, Texas State Genealogical Society, 3219 Meadow Oaks Dr., Temple, TX 76502.

Katherine S. Wagner, Rt. 6, Box 846, Tulsa, OK 74127 sent me a darling picture of EMMA ELIZABETH CHOATE (b. 1885 )& her sister, Mary ? EMMA was a daughter of JOHN J. CHOATE, a grandson of WILLIAM, of SC. The two girls had on hats almost as big as a wash tub. I wish the pictures copied better so I could include them.

Lucille Chote, 2003 Hobson Ave., Hot Springs, AR 71913 sent a copy of a picture of SANDERS ELLIS CHOTE , born 1852 in Logan Co., AR, and his wife. She also sent a map of part of Austin, TX with a CHOTE Ave. She also stated that there is an unmarked cemetery ( Chote Cemetery) fronting Idlewood Cove, where Chotes are buried, including BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CHOTE, b. 1814.

Judy Millsap, 8215 Mt. Vernon Hwy, Alexandria, VA 22309-1915 sent an article from Obituaries of Washington Co., AR, Vol. 1 (1841-1892) by Easley, Easley & McAnelly. "CHOATE, young man-- Mr. Robt. Hannah reports the sudden death of a young man by the name of Choate in Mountain township last week. He was just recovering from a severe attack of typhoid fever and his family indulged his craving appetite too much, allowing him to eat a piece of raw turnip, a walnut and then drink a cup of cold sweet milk. He was dying within 2 minutes after drinking the milk. (Fayetteville Democrat 11/26/86)"  
NOTE-- Records that I have prove this " young Choate " to be the son of LATEN CHOATE, son of GABRIEL and grandson of CHRISTOPHER CHOATE , of Fentress Co., TN... ICW

Kenneth R. Choate, 1902 Port Duncan, Afton, OK 74331 sent a Declaration For Pension for GABRIEL CHOATE ( see newsletter # 17) and this records states that he was born 14 August 1826 close to the line of Morgan & Fentress Co., TN, that he " came to Alabama in 1839 and to Texas in 1845 ".

NOTE I believe that EPHRAIM (father of GABRIEL ) was in Hamilton Co., TN in 1840 so I doubt they were in AL as early as 1839, but probably there shortly after 1840. Since GABRIEL was aged 92 when he gave this information I doubt if he could give a perfect account of movements.. I would be hard pressed to give that information and I am a good many years from that age.... ICW..

WILLIAM ISAAC CHOATE

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WILLIAM ISAAC CHOATE

Son of

b. ca. 1800 ?

d. 1845 in Dallas Co., Alabama

m. 1 March 1825 ( in Dallas Co., AL )

MARY ("Polly") CALLEN

Daughter of

b. ca. 1806 in NC or SC

d.

m. 2nd JOHN B.C. McGAHEE ( McGAHA ), before 1850 in Dallas Co., AL

CHILDREN of WILLIAM ISAAC & MARY

1. ELIZABETH CHOATE, b. ca. 1826 ?, m. HOWARD CAMPBELL

2. JEMIMA F. CHOATE, b. ca. 1827 in AL, m. GEORGE WILLIAMS

3. ROBERT S. CHOATE, b. ca. 1829 ? in AL, m. 1st in Maury Co., TN, 7 January 1847, HARRIET BAIN, daughter of THOMAS F. BAIN, of Maury Co., TN. Robert & Harriet had a son, THOMAS CHOATE, b. 1849 ( See 1850 Maury Co., TN census )

4. WILLIAM ISOM CHOATE, b. 1831-1832 in AL, d. 1909 in Napoleonville, AL, buried Sardis Cemetery. Married 1st ALABAMA ("Tama") CAMPBELL, 2nd FRANCIS ("Fannie") GARNER. Children: ANGELINE (b.1856), MARTHA A. (b.1858), CAROLINA (b. 1863), JOHN RUFUS (b. 1866 in Selma,AL), LENORA (b. 1868), EMMET P. (b. 1870), BILLY ??? I am not sure which wife the children belong to. ( see 1880 Perry Co.,AL ).

Some of this is from the census records and the other was sent to Bruce Choate from Jewel Choate, of Simsboro, LA, a descendant of WM. ISOM. Jewel stated that WM. I. was a confederate in the Civil War and that he supposedly inherited a large plantation, with slaves, in Selma, AL on the AL River.

JOHN RUFUS CHOATE, son of WM. I. m. 1879 to EMMA DEE LEE and had children: ALLIE, THOMAS, WILLIE, MODE, OLLIE D., GARLAND, FLOYD, IVY, AUDREY & JEWELL.

5. MARY ANN CHOATE, m. THOMAS CUMMINS

6. RUFUS A. CHOATE, b. ca. 1836 in AL, md. 20 January 1864 , AMELIA S. SAMPLES

7. MARTHA JANE-CHOATE, b. 23 December 1841, md. 1859, TIMOTHY WILSON MORRIS

8. SARAH M. CHOATE, b. ca. 1843 in AL ( Sara Mexico Choate )

No one has given any clues as to the parents of WILLIAM ISAAC CHOATE and since he died before the 1850 census we do not know where he was born. We only know that he was in AL by 1825 and the name ISOM is the only clue. Could he be a son of the ISOM CHOATE, of Spartanburg, S.C. ?? We have so little on that ISOM.

Something worth noting is the fact that ARTHUR CHOATE ( of Wayne Co., TN ) as well as naming a son ISOM, named his first daughter ELIZABETH.. Could there be a connection with ARTHUR & WILLIAM ISAAC ? Someone stated that WILLIAM ISAAC had 7 brothers.

Jewel Choate stated that RUFUS CHOAT was called Uncle Rube and tradition has it that he killed a man in Texas and left the state leaving his land, which he offered to his name sake, nephew JOHN RUFUS, who moved to North Louisiana and had 10 children and today has numerous descendants.

Families in Simsboro, Athens & Homer Louisiana. ANY CLUES ANYONE ?????????

## MORE FROM THE MAILBAG

Diann Spence ( Mrs. J. C. ), 3609 Keller , Temple , TX 76501-5029 wrote this letter of encouragement " Thanks for Newsletter # 17.. Of all the newsletters I subscribe to YOURS IS THE BEST !!!!! hands down.. I agree with Pearl Erwin...etc.. I'm half-heartedly looking for our ELIZABETH KEITH on Prodigy. I have found what maybe a clue that will lead us to CORNELIUS KEITH as her father. Keiths are almost like Smiths to research.. they're everywhere... "

All I can say is GO GET-UM DIANN.. We are really not sure about Elizabeth Keith but maybe you will be able to prove IS SHE IS OR IS SHE AIN'T OUR ANCESTOR ????

Diann also asked about REDMOND C. and I do not have any records of his having an initial, but his first son was named SQUIRE CASREL.

Eloise Beard Smith, 411 Crescent Dr., Bryan, TX 77801 also wrote a sweet letter of encouragement , the kind that keeps me working at all this after I have sworn to "cut back "... Eloise wrote " I am involved in placing tombstones on my kin's graves. Last year I marked 15 graves, several were Choates. JOHN MARION CHOATE, my great grandfather and son of JESSE CHOATE fought in the Civil War, came home and died on the Chisom Trail about 10 years later. I put government Civil War Marker on his grave at Eutaw out of Kosse, Limestone Co., TX.

I also restore old cemeteries & hold memorials there each year to raise money for their care, so they won't be lost again. We're putting a Historical Marker on one next year. I've put the names on the Texas Map of the Cemetery & listed the names of those buried there in the County Cemetery Books. I can't do more for these ancestors of mine."

Eloise sent copies of pictures she made at the McKenzie Cemetery near Groesbeck, Limestone Co., TX. and she stated" Two stones in foreground is possibly the markers for DAVID & JUDITH (SEVIER) CHOATE, parents of JESSE CHOATE." The pictures she sent were of the tombstone of JESSE & his wife JENNY and their children.

LET ME SAY A BIG "THANKS " for all of the genealogists who will never have the chance to thank Eloise for all of the hard work and dedication to resorting cemeteries and making it possible for people to find the grave of their ancestors for years to come... OUR HATS OFF TO YOU ELOISE & KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK...

Dawn Collins, 41 Pineridge Rd. , Santa Cruz, CA 95060 wrote that her mother said she had two great uncles by the name of CROCKETT. Dawn's mother was the daughter of CHARLES CHOATE, son of JAMES MONROE CHOATE, so her Great-Uncles would have been brothers of either JAMES MONROE or his wife. We know that JAMES MONROE had a half-brother named JOHN CROCKETT CHOATE and thats all the help I can give there.

Dawn had sent me material before that her mother had written and it stated that the father of JAMES MONROE was MOSES CHOATE.

We know that STOKELY CHOATE & PRUDENCE CHOATE were married 30 December 1825 and that JAMES MONROE was born 28 April 1822 so we have known that he was not the son of STOKELY apparently, so I could accept his father as MOSES .

MOSES would have been about 31 years old when he married URSULA COOK in KY, so he and PRUDENCE could have very well been married, back in TN, earlier. I don't know how we could ever prove this because the records don't seem to be in TN, but the widow of MOSES did go to Karnes Co., TX after MOSES died and that is where JAMES MONROE had settled. ANY HELP OUT THERE ON THIS PUZZLE ??????

Jackie Willett, 102 Bunger Rd., Morganfield , KY 42437 wrote to ask about the line of NICHOLAS, of Illinois.. Maybe Louise Erekson, or Dr. Wm. Lawrence would write to her, since I have not answered her letter.

Beverly Johnston Holmes, 3430 Cloverdale Ln., Dallas, Tx 75234 sent me postcards in April 1996 from different parts of the world while on a tour and in one she stated " Spent a delightful day in Essex-Witham & Rivenhall, visited the public library & church " She may have walked on the same ground of our Choate ancestors.

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MOSES L. CHOATE

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MOSES L. CHOATE

Son of \_\_\_\_\_

- b. 1794/1795 ( according to the 1850 & 1860 census records ) in TN
- d. 1868
- m. 29 May 1826 , Livingston Co., KY

URSULA COOK

Daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ COOK & ANNA \_\_\_\_\_

- b. 1805/1809 ( According to census records ) in KY
- d. after 1880 ( probaby in Karnes Co., TX )

CHILDREN

1. Female, b. 1826-1830 ( listed in 1830 census ) in KY
2. CLARINDA ANN CHOATE, b. 1826-1830 in KY. Married 3 July 1851 to JAMES N. OLIPHANT, in Polk Co., TX. This couple had two children :
  1. JANE VIOLA OLIPHANT, b. 12 December 1853 ( or 29 June 1853 ) d. 15th or 16th December 1932. She married ca. 1873 in Karnes Co., TX to JOHN CROCKETT STEWART. She is called by many differnt names in different records : Ursula J. & James Oliphant, Jimmie ( Oliphant ) Stewart, Jemimma Oliphant, & Viola Jane Stewart.
  2. THOMAS M. OLIPHANT, b. ca. 1856 in TX. May have married ELLA S. TRIMMEL?
3. ADOLPHUS L. CHOATE, b. 8 September 1832, d. 20 February 1846, buried in Old City Cemetery, Livingston, TX.
4. JOSEPHUS L. CHOATE, b. 6 November 1835, d. 18 August 1840, buried in Old City Cemetery, Livingston, TX.
5. ELIZABETH ("Bettie") CHOATE, b. ca. 1838 in TX, married 20th or 27th of December 1870 in Karnes Co., TX to STARK ROBBINS
6. ZERILDA ELVIRA CHOATE, b. 26 December 1842 in TX, married 1st \_\_\_\_\_ THOMPSON, 2nd to JAMES MONROE CHOATE ( son of JOSEPH PETER CHOATE ) on 28 June 1869.
7. RUFUS R. CHOATE, b. 1842-1844 in TX. Killed in Battle of Chickamauga , GA 9/20/1863. Buried in Texas section of Confederate Cemetery, Marietta, GA

One record lists a MARGRETE CHOATE as a daughter of MOSES L. could she be the female born 1826-1830 ?? Charlotte Nichols wondered if she might be the HETTY M. that married JOSHUA STEWART.

ELIZABETH CHOATE & STARK ROBBINS had 4 children in the 1880 census of Karnes Co., TX and probably more.

ZERILDA E. CHOATE & JAMES MONROE CHOATE had 4 children and one or the other had a child, ADA VIRGINIA (b. 1865) before they were married. Zerilda ( or Zelda ) was a Thompson when she married James Monroe in 1869.

NOTE--This is page 1 of 6 pages I have typed about this MOSES L. CHOATE. I also have 7 pages by Don Hendrix ( deceased). If anyone would like copies of these records I figure copy and postage would be about \$2.50. ICW

KYLE BINGHAM CHOATE, SR.

b. 1 February 1858, d. 4 July 1884

This story concerns this KYLE BINGHAM ("Bing") CHOATE, son of JAMES MONROE CHOATE. K. B. was born in Karnes Co., TX and killed in Dodge City, Kansas. Sid Cox stated "Bingham was killed by a gambler he had fired for cheating".

San Antonio Express ( San Antonio, TX ), Friday, August 25, 1967

104-Year-Old Man Recalls Old West, by Sam Kindrick :

Jewell Deams-- about 104 years of age-- broke into a nostalgic & toothless grin as he pushed his mind back into what he calls the good old days.

He was suddenly back out there on the Old Chisholm Trail, choking on the red dust of the Pecos and tickling a mule's behind with the blacksnake whip as BING SHOAT'S herd of longhorns plodded toward the wild and wooly town of Dodge City, Kansas.

"SHOAT was the name, " he said loudly, " BING SHOAT, best trail boss in the country. Got killed in Dodge over one of them drinkin' place ladies."

Jewell ( you pronounce that Jew-Ell) is a living throwback from the days when a .44 hogleg spoke louder than a Black Power rally.

The amazing old Negro, who lives in San Antonio, experienced discrimination "what am " as he busted broncs for four-bits a day and herded a chuckwagon on the Chisholm Trail, but he wouldn't know Rap Brown from Yogi Bear, and expresses little interest in current problems of the land.

Jewell has a thick rug of grey hair and a mustache which bristles when he laughs. He laughs a lot and his skin crinkles like burnt post oak when he whips his agile mind back and back.

"Times was hard back then, " he said, "but good. Not like now. I was a good rider an' I got along tolerable well."

Born in Karnes County, the son of slave, Jewell says he made his first trail drive in 1884 for BING SHOAT and a man known as Ben Borum.

While the Earps, Holidays & Clantons were writing the bloody history of the old West, Jewell was busy cooking sowbelly & beans, and that's how he liked it.

Puffing mightily on a cigarette, Jewell appeared dumbfounded when asked if he'd ever heard of lung cancer. " What's that ? "

Asked how long he has smoked cigarettes, he responded with a cackle: " Long as I was big enough to roll'em." Queried about his drinking habits, he laughed: " I don't drink nothin' but toddies. You wouldn't happen to have a jug out in your car."

According to Jewell, he could ride the hair off anything with four hooves. "Never been throwed off nothin'," he said, "only time I've ever hurt was once when a damn beer truck run over me on the road in Karnes County." Stretched inert before the Karnes City drug store, Jewell said he was the subject of a curious crowd who presumed him dead. " But I warn't," he laughed. " I still get the miseries in my head. I think I got a ruptured head."

On that first trail drive, he recalls, the herd was split at Pecos, with BING SHOAT taking part of the cattle to Dodge City, and Ben Borum herding the rest to Seven Rivers, N.M. "Lordy, but it was hot an' dry," Jewell said.

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He said SHOAT wanted to give the cowboys a decent feed at Pecos but Borum was dead set against it because many cattle had been lost on the drive. " Old BING SHOAT tole me take the wagon to the store and get everythin', " Jewell laughed, " We had us a bust. Plenty to eat, a gallon of whiskey, an' all the colored riders got drunker'n hell & was boxing all over the place. "

Even in those days , Jewell said, discrimination was dependent upon individuals. " I had me a white boy friend, Lordy, it's awful but I just can't remember his name. He loved me like his brother and I him. We was ridin' with a train load of cattle, for a man once and I remember the conductor telling my friend he couldn't ride back there in the car with the niggers. " My friend tole the conductor he'd ride with this nigger or he wouldn't ride. Then, when we got to this town and was waitin' for the cattle to be unloaded, we tried to eat in the cafe."

" The man said he'd seive my friend but no niggers. My friend was crazy as hell and he tole that man he'd skin his head if he didn't feed this nigger. "While we was waiting for our food. I slipped out the back door' cause I didn't want my friend in trouble. I rode that trail all the way back to Karnes from where ever we was at with a empty belly."

In the early days of Karnes Co., Jewell recalls what he refers to as the " Ku Kluxers". " Bad", he said, " always hangin' and robbin' folks. I knew this Irishman who raised sheep and he had an old Negro wife an' the Ku Kluxers hung him tryin' to get his money right after he's sold his wool."

Old Jewell is the father of seven daughters & three sons. One of the daughters and the sons are dead.

A self-taught writer who pens poetry, Jewell admits he can read very little. "I tended school hardly a session." he grins.

He spends most of his time in Jackie's Convalescent Home on Hackberry Street, but still stays with one of his daughters at times. " How long do you reckon I'll live," he laughed when the subject was broached, " I got a right smart of health left."

Jewell has never been on an airplaine and " don't intend it.". The nearest he has been to a motor vehicle was the beer truck that squashed him in Karnes Co.

When quizzed about his age & personal habits he gets fussy & flippant, answering when asked to what he attributes his advanced years: " I was always nice and never sassed nobody." Then before the next question can be propounded he tunes you out, splatters his mules with rawhide and lurches off behind the dusty cloud of another trail herd.

"Drivin' for this feller Scroggins, I believe was the name, hotter'n hell... couldn't keep the cattle from drownin' when they got to a water hole..... believe we was headin' for Seven Rivers, New Mexico again..... hard to remember it all....been so long....."

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NOTE-- This article has a picture of Jewell Deans. I can't remember who sent me this article so do not know who wrote the following on the article :

" Uncle Jim says this is important because it led to break up of the ranch. The cattle could not be sold after BING was killed. So they were driven back to TX. 1885 was one of the worst winters on record. Out of a herd of 2000 only 500 were left. There was also lawsuits over the talley book. Stray brands were tallied in the book and the ranchers divied up with the neighbors on returning. Since BING was dead and so many cattle were lost, every one was unhappy...

DAVID CHOATE [85]

b. ca. 1752

DAVID CHOATE, b. ca. 1752 was the son of CHRISTOPHER CHOATE # 3 and he seems to be the first CHOATE that was named DAVID. The first record I have of him is 1774 he is listed in Dunmore's War and resided in Virginia.

He was mentioned several times in the 1782 Court Records of Washington Co. VA. He was accused of stealing a horse and of retailing liquors above the rates. Shortly after that he must have left that area and the next account we have of him is in the Natchez District.

The Natchez Court Records, 1767-1805, by May Wilson McBee

Page 155.. JUDITH HOLSTEIN versus DAVID CHOAT... Judith Holstein represents that a certain DAVID CHOAT has carried off the daughter of your petitioner, the wife of Thomas Holmes, and the child of said Holmes has also been carried away by the said CHOAT and her daughter. Said CHOAT is a man of infamous conduct in other respects, having stolen horses in the province of Cumberland. She prays that consideration for the mother of a family and order that said CHOAT desist from having intercourse and all connection with her daughter and that the child of the said daughter may be placed under the care and protection of your petitioner. May 7, 1784, Signed: JUDITH HOLSTEIN// In consequence of the statement in the foregoing memorial, the constable is ordered to bring DAVID CHOAT and Mrs. Holmes to the fort and place the child of Mrs. Holmes in the hands of the petitioner. Trevino.

Apparently DAVID had gone to this area to visit his brother, JOHN CHOATE (b. ca. 1751/52 in VA ) who had married SARAH HOLSTEIN ( HOLSTON ), the daughter of STEPEHN HOLSTEIN & JUDITH KING.

So it would appear that DAVID had taken up with the sister-in-law of his brother JOHN. This sister of SARAH HOLSTEIN was married to ( or had been married to ) Thomas Holmes. JUDITH called her " the wife of Thomas Holmes ", but if they were still married it is strange that he was not the one in court. It sounds to me more like JUDITH just wanted her granddaughter brought back ??

JOHN CHOATE had a son born about 1784 that he named DAVID <sup>[478]</sup> so apparently he was not upset with his brother at the time this son was born. In fact he may not have been upset with the fact that his brother, DAVID was having an affair with his sister-in-law, \_\_\_\_\_ (HOLSTEIN)THOMAS.

In 1784 this DAVID CHOATE ( # 1 ) would have only been about 30 years of age so there should be other records concerning him and they could be anywhere because it would appear that this DAVID did a lot of moving around.

The name DAVID was carried on in the family of JOHN ( # 1 ) of LA. His son JOHN ( # 2 ) named a son DAVID, as did his grandson, JOHN ( # 3 ), so in LA we end up with the following:

477 DAVID CHOATE, b. ca. 1784 ( son of JOHN, # 1 ) went to Texas.

480 DAVID CHOATE, b. 30 October 1816 ( son of JOHN, # 2 ), md. Domicille LaPoint and as far as I know remained in LA.

DAVID JOHN CHOATE, b. 17 November 1837 ( son of JOHN , # 3 ), md. Mary Adeline Apple, d. in LA in 1890.

DAVID CHOATE  
b. ca. 1784

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DAVID CHOATE, b. ca. 1784 was the son of JOHN CHOATE # 1 of Louisiana. I have his wife as SARAH CLARK but another source says she was SALLY JOHNSON.

Sid Cox stated that a DAVID CHOATE made application for admittance to Texas in 1806 , saying he was a Spanish Citizen. Sid went on to say this man was in Opelousas (St Landry Co.) LA in 1818. I have an article from "Holdings of the Texas State Archives " as follows:

DAVID CHOATE, Jr., born in Louisiana in 1811 a son of DAVID & SARAH A.M. (CLARK) CHOATE. In the Headright Certificate issued to Mr. CHOATE June 6, 1839 for one-fourth of a league of land by the Liberty County Board it is stated that he came to Texas in 1831. His father at Nacogdoches, October 27, 1834 secured a league of land from the colony of Joseph Vehlin. In applying for it he stated that he had a wife and six children. The land was surveyed in 1835 on Pine Island Bayou in what is now Hardin Co.

Mr. DAVID CHOATE, Jr. was on May 25, 1838 issued Bounty Certificate # 3577 for 320 acres of land for serving in the army from March 6 to June 6, 1836. He was a member of Captain William M. Logan's Company at San Jacinto and on May 28, 1838 was issued Donation Certificate No. 244 for 640 acres of land for participation in the battle. In service record No. 7613 it is stated that he drove & butchered beeves on East Bay for the troops stationed on Galveston Island from October 29, 1836 to January 8, 1837, for which he was due pay at the rate of \$2.00 per day.

It appears that DAVID CHOATE, Sr. and his wife moved to Harris County and there died in 1845. At least their estates were probated in that county with DAVID CHOATE, Jr. and THOMAS J. CHOATE as administrators.

The Headright, Bounty & Donation lands of Mr. CHOATE were surveyed in Hardin Co. on Pine Island Bayou. Adjoining this was surveyed the one-fourth of a league of land granted to EDMUND CHOATE by the Jefferson County Board February 3, 1838. On this land MR. DAVID CHOATE, Jr. founded the town of Concord. There he died January 26, 1879, while a member of the Texas Veterans Association.

On his death bed Mr. CHOATE sent to Beaumont for his friend, John Wood Davis and had him promise to remain with Mrs. CHOATE and manage her estate. Mrs. CHOATE died November 13, 1909 leaving no children. She had provided in her will that at her death her property should go to Mr. Davis. Mr. Davis, born in St. Louis, Missouri in 1845, died August 10, 1911.

On a plot of ground deeded by Mr. CHOATE for cemetery purposes are buried Mr. & Mrs. CHOATE and Mr. Davis in well marked graves. Heavy chains fastened to huge iron posts surround their burial lot. The cemetery , in a grove of pine trees, is near the present town of Voth, Hardin Co. Old Concord once a thriving town is now but a memory.                   END OF ARTICLE...

In another letter Sid Cox stated " DAVID CHOATE in Texas in the 1820's & 1830's was reputed to be in Cahoots with LeFitte, the pirate. This statement was made by Fairfax Gray in his journal of travel through Texas. He spent the night with DAVID and his wife and described her ( wish he had described him instead)."

DAVID CHOATE, Sr. had the following children : SUSAN, EDMUND, DAVID Jr., SARAH, JOHN & THOMAS JEFFERSON.





GREEN ANDERSON CHOATE  
born ca. 1809  
died 1875



DAVID M. CHOATE  
born ca. 1811  
{ Battle of San Jacinto }

Bruce Choate sent these two pictures to me about 1984 along with this statement, " I met a Mr. J. B. Sanders who had a very valuable book in his safe. I believe it to be a history of the Battle of San Jacinto and some biographies of its heros. He assured me it is a picture of DAVID M. CHOATE , born in LA about 1811, came to Texas with DAVID, Sr. about 1831. As far as I can tell he was the only CHOATE in the Battle of San Jacinto and on the monument there. Mr. Sanders was kind enough to trust me to get some copies of the photo. "

I don't remember where Bruce said that he met Mr. Sanders, but think it was some place in Texas and Bruce added a bit about DAVID, but I have included all that in the write up so will not repeat.

GREEN ANDERSON CHOATE ( Bruce's grandfather ) was born ca. 1809. He was the son of THOMAS CHOATE that was killed by a neighbor . The story goes that the neighbor's stock was running on Tom's land and his wife kept at him to do something about it and when Tom approached the neighbor he was killed.

THOMAS CHOATE was farming somewhere in Tennessee at the time and after his death she married an Englishman and moved to Arkansas. One source thought that GREEN A. had a brother ANDREW JACKSON CHOATE, b. ca. 1824. If this is true then THOMAS would have been killed after 1824.