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## The Andrews Pioneers.

Editor Express: In Sunday's issue of The Express I notice a communication from Yoakum signed by C. W. Andrews, in which he claims to be a nephew of Richard Andrews, who was killed at the battle of Conception, and says that his family records were destroyed in the early days of Texas.

If C. W. Andrews is a nephew of Richard Andrews, he has got his relation's names badly tangled. Richard Andrews was the son of William Andrews (commonly known as Uncle Billy), and Richard was born in Sandersonville, Georgia, in 1790. His father was a soldier of the Revolutionary war, moved from North Carolina to Georgia, and from Georgia to Dallas county, Alabama, in 1808. From Burnsville, Dallas county, Alabama, Richard came to Texas in 1821. He was the oldest child of a large family. His brothers, being grown, who came to Texas, were Green Andrews, the father of Rev. Green Andrews of Bell county, and grandfather of Judge Frank Andrews of Houston; Reddin Andrews, who first located with Richard in Fort Bend county and moved from Fort Bend to Bastrop county, where they were partners in business from 1830 to 1835, and where they located their headright survey of a league and labor of land each. Micah Andrews, another brother, with Reddin fought with Houston for Texas independence. Micah was a lieutenant in Billingsley's command at San Jacinto and was one of the few wounded in the fight. Richard had one sister in Texas, Mrs. Dunn, the mother of the late Major B. F. Dunn of LaGrange. A brother, Rev. Athelston Andrews of Burnsville, Dallas county, Alabama, and a brother, Gray Andrews, and a sister, Aunt Bettie Clay. The last two I never saw, but they left families.

Reddin Andrews left the following children: Green, Richard, James, Micah, Robert and myself. Richard Andrews was married and left a wife, who acted with my father in the administration of Richard Andrews' estate.

There are people living in Bastrop and in Fayette counties who knew all the brothers in their lifetime. They all fought in the war for independence of Texas, and the probate records of Bastrop will show and do show the name of his brothers and his wife. Richard Andrews never lived in Missouri. His father had a brother by the name of John, who, I think, was the grandfather of T. T. D. Andrews of Fort Worth and Dallas.

I have always heard that Richard Andrews was buried under the largest pecan tree on the tract of land known as the old fair ground. John R. Baylor knew where the grave was, and perhaps his wife or the elder members of his family can point out the spot. My recollection is that a Mr. Haney of Fayette county, Texas, dug the grave and kept the ball that killed Richard and had it some fifteen years ago, but of this I am not sure. All of the older children of Col. John H. Moore of Fayette county would perhaps remember all the Andrews brothers, and some might know of Richard's burial place.

My communication has been lengthy, but while people are yet living who know facts, it is well to record them.

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