

**JAMES R. BENNETT**, age 29, came to Texas from Georgia in 1841 to claim his land grant, as did his parents, William M. and Nancy Roan Bennett. William, son of Reuben Bennett of Wilkes County, GA, died (1841) before reaching Texas, but his heirs claimed the land grant.

Roans Prairie, TX, was named after Nancy Roan's family. James R. and #2 Mary Ann Bruton married Oct. 28, 1837, in Sumter County, AL. Issues: Mary L. (b. 1839), Nancy E. (b. 1841), Hester A. (b. 1844), Elizabeth C. (b. 1846), Carolina V. (b. 1849), and Margaret E. (b. 1851).

James R. married several times, #1 Sara A. Brewster, #3 Ellen Moss (Issue: Clem Waters, Mary Virginia) and #4 Fanny Perry. He is found in the 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880 Census for Grimes County, TX, also on the tax roll beginning in 1842 along with mother, Nancy, and younger brother, Reuben (b. 1819). He had sisters, Elizabeth Pace and Mary J. Peteet (b. 1810). James R. was a farmer who was born in Wilkes County,

GA, (b. 1812) and died in Grimes County, TX, Aug. 3, 1892. He was named after his grandfather, James Roan.

James R.'s brother, Reuben, built a cedar log cabin in Grimes County, TX. The cabin is still standing and has a Texas historical marker.

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