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Doe, Jim, Ex-Slave

Born about 1802 in Jones County, GA, his first master was Owen Brown about 1808. Second master was Drew Green; then Frank White (not good). John R. Doe brought him to Texas by wagon before 1865.

In February 1858, as part of the inventory of the estate of William T. Doe of Webberville, Travis Co., TX, Jim Doe was sold for \$500. William's brother John R. Doe more than likely took Jim to Gonzales County and gave or sold him to his brother Benjamin's son, Owen Doe, who was his master when he was set free.

Jim went to near Waelder and lived in a cabin since before the railroad was built. He said his long life is the mercy of the Lord. His wife died in 1906 at the age of 104. His hearing is not good. He is a member of the Baptist church, eats well, has good health, and hasn't had any sickness. He has only one son living.



Jim Doe

The account of Jim Doe was written by L. M. Harris of Nixon, Gonzales Co., TX about 1920, according to his daughter Mary Harris Jones, January 1976, with addition of information by Myrl Jones.