

NEEDHAM ANDERSON COWARD, SR.

Needham Anderson Coward. "Needham Coward was born in Amite County, Mississippi in 1815. Shortly thereafter he moved with his family to St. Landry Parish, Louisiana (now Calcasieu Parish). On Nov. 3, 1834 at the age of 18 he married Elizabeth Ann Perkins, daughter of Rees Perkins and Martha Morgan. In 1836 he was appointed as Constable for the Parish of St. Landry.

He and Elizabeth soon had a large family. In the 1850 Census for Calcasieu Parish his occupation is listed as a planter. In the early 1850's he moved with his brothers Richard and Allen, his brothers-in-law Samuel J. Perkins and Willis Butler and his mother to Galveston County, Texas.

In Texas he soon had a cattle herd, and this was his occupation for the rest of his life.

In the early 1860's, with the outbreak of war, he joined up to fight for the Confederate Army in a unit known as the Magnolia Rangers. After the War he returned to his home and continued to raise cattle. He died at his home on November 19, 1866 and was buried at Magnolia Cemetery (near League City, Texas).

