

Seguin Texas Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1904

Mr. S. W. Menkes

Austin Texas

My dear Sir

Your esteemed favor  
of the 6<sup>th</sup> inst has been received enclosing an extract  
of a letter written from Huntsville Tex April 1<sup>st</sup> 1840 from  
Joseph A. Acklen to Genl M. Hunt introducing  
my brother in law James M. Miller -

You desire me to give some information relative  
to the persons named in Mrs Acklen's letter

I know of Mr Acklen only through what was told me  
by Mrs Miller - my brother in law, as a prominent citizen  
of Huntsville Tex - Michael Erskine, who was  
then living on the Guadalupe river about 14 miles be-  
fore Cleburne Miss -  
~~lived again~~ my father - who came to Texas in  
July 1840 - with all of his family except <sup>the</sup> two daughters  
<sup>mention in the letter</sup> Margaret & Ellen, who were left at <sup>6</sup> with Mr. & Mrs. Alexander  
Miller that they might be educated - The former married  
J. M. Miller in 1844 & the latter John De Anderson one of  
those who were born in Maryland Va moved thence to Huntsville Tex  
then to Cleburne Mississippi & from there to Texas on July 1840 -

20th Anniversary, Aug 27<sup>th</sup> 1869 & 2nd  
anniversary of the victory at Resaca de la Palma

the deputies or delegates to the Constitutional Convention of the Republic of Texas which convened Aug 27<sup>th</sup> 1845 was one of the founders of that state Michael Erath, settled temporarily at Kilpatrick Ranch on the Aransas, about ten miles from Seguin. He was there at the time of the raid of the Comanche Indians in August 1840 & his family and a number of others collected at his home were surrounded for one entire day by the savages Sunday Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> 1840 <sup>Ripped a number of persons</sup>, after they had <sup>been</sup> pillaged and burned Lynville, the principal sea-port for S.W. Texas that time — <sup>The time when he was born to his wife</sup> <sup>the same year he founded</sup> <sup>where he was born and by name</sup> he was surrendered to the Comanches, then in Gonzales County — After the organization of Guadalupe Co., he was elected ~~as~~ the first Chief Justice (or <sup>He died in May 1862</sup> Judge) of the County Two of his sons Jno. & Andrew were members of Capt John C. Hays "Spy Company" as the Tex Rangers were then called — Andrew was County Clerk of the Guadalupe Co. for many years, <sup>He fell at</sup> <sup>in the battle of the</sup> <sup>Hornet's Nest</sup> <sup>Sept 1862</sup> <sup>at the</sup> <sup>Resaca de la Palma</sup> <sup>battle</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>1862</sup>

The family coming to his home the evening before Capt. Hays <sup>He died in May 1862</sup> <sup>had been</sup> <sup>and all</sup> <sup>called</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>him</sup> <sup>a</sup> <sup>horrible</sup> <sup>fate</sup>



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A. C. ERSKINE,  
Agent.

SEGUIN, TEX.,

Oliver Eleanor married Jno. D. Anderson a deputy to the  
Convenor of July 4<sup>th</sup> 1845, giving his <sup>assent</sup> to the existing  
Government of the Republic of Texas to the Annexation  
of Texas to the United States, also of the members  
the Constitutional Convention of August 1<sup>st</sup> 1845

Michael Erskine's home with G - was the sloping  
place for all comers into the Pedernas, who were collectors  
hostile to the ~~but~~ charge. This was one of the  
few houses between Tampico & San Antonio.  
He had also a place of refuge for many  
fugitives from San Antonio, at the time of the ~~the~~  
massacre of the Mexicans under ~~the~~ Genl. Wm.