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^[2]Mial Scurlock, defender of the Alamo ^[3], was born in Chatham County ^[4], the second oldest of five children of Joseph and Martha Jones Glosglow Scurlock. The other children—in order of birth—were Joseph, Eliza, William, and Timothy. In 1826 the Scurlock family moved to Tennessee and later to Mississippi. In 1834 Mial and his brother William, along with the people they enslaved, migrated to Texas. They entered the territory at Gaines Ferry at the Sabine River Crossing on the Old San Antonio Road. Subsequently they settled in San Augustine. On 17 Oct. 1835 both men joined the Texas army as privates.

Mial and William Scurlock took part in the siege of San Antonio de B  xar, which lasted from 5 to 12 Dec. 1835. After General Martin Perfecto de C  s's forces were defeated, Mial remained in San Antonio, while his brother joined a detachment of troops destined for Matamoros. Mial was still in San Antonio in February 1836, when the forces of C  s's brother-in-law, General Antonio L  pez de Santa Anna, reached the town. Mial joined the other Texans in San Antonio in defending the Alamo. He died when the Alamo fell on 6 March.

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