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John W. Thomson, Texas pioneer, was born in North Carolina, probably in [Orange](#) ^[2] or [Johnston County](#) ^[3]. He migrated to Tennessee and in 1835 joined a group that was traveling to Texas. Arriving there in January 1836, Thomson went initially to the town of Washington. From there he moved to San Antonio de Bexar, enlisted as a private in the Texas army medical corps, and was assigned to David Crockett's company. He died with Crockett at the Alamo. In 1883 a special act of the Texas legislature enabled Thomson's heirs to receive a grant of 3,036 acres of public land.

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