

Exhibit #2: From *The Montgomery County History*

Pages 98-99: "Margaret Montgomery married Owen Shannon in Wilkes County, Georgia on October 22, 1792.²⁰ Owen was the son of Thomas and Eleanor Shannon. Both father and son had served in the American Revolution and received bounty land for their services in Franklin County, Georgia.²¹ Owen and Margaret Shannon moved to Pecan Point on the Red River in 1822. They thought they were in Arkansas; however, they were actually in Texas. In 1824 they moved to the area of San Augustine, Texas where they too were caught up in the atmosphere of the Redlanders and the Fredonian Rebellion. In 1827, they came over the Lower Choushatti Trace to settle near the trading post of Margaret's nephew, Andrew Montgomery. At the time of their arrival, the area had already become known as Montgomery Prairie due to Andrew's influence. It continued to carry that name even after Andrew relinquished ownership of the post to Owen Shannon and his wife Margaret Montgomery Shannon around 1827 in order to move a few miles to the west to be with his father's family."

Page 146, caption under photo: "Site of Andrew Montgomery's Trading Post—northwest of Montgomery at the crossroads of the Lower Choushatti Trace and the Loma del Toro. The Loma del Toro was a ridge which the Indians could see the beginning of the Buffalo Country."

Harry Daves, Jr. writes, "This is a long distance from the Margaret Shannon home site where the mound and thirty feet square burial ground and graves that Jacob Shannon Reserved in 1848."

Exhibit #4: From *The History of Montgomery County*

Footnotes on Pages 111-112: "*Heretofore, the burial place of Owen Shannon had been a mystery. When his wife, Margaret Montgomery, died in 1854, it was impossible, according to Owen's descendants, to bury her beside her husband, due to the flooding of "Big Dry Creek." believing Big Dry Creek to be Lake Creek to the east of Margaret's burial place, the descendants of Owen and Margaret have believed Owen Shannon to be buried in Montgomery. However, since Big Dry Creek was actually the present Cedar Creek, (so designated by the old survey maps to the west of Margaret's burial place, its flooding blocked the approach to the Joel Greenwood cemetery where Owen Shannon lay at rest.

Further evidence testifying to Owen Shannon's final resting place appears from a survey of the Montgomery County Probate Records beginning in 1838. The appraisals of estates recorded in these records failed to show any instances of the deceased having engaged in business transactions with Owen Shannon. This would lend credibility to the family tradition that he operated the trading post in Montgomery for only a few years after obtaining it from Andrew Montgomery in 1829, and that he spent his declining years on Shannon's Prairie with his son, Jacob, not far from the Joel Greenwood cemetery where most of his relatives were buried."

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Exhibit #3A: Montgomery County Deeds, Vol. N, page 254

JACOB SHANNON

TO

RUTHA MILLER

TEXAS AUSTIN COLONY
AUGUST 8th 1833
LAKE CREEK SETTLEMENT

Articles of agreement made and entered into between Jacob Shannon of the one part and Rutha Miller of the other part both of the colony and settlement aforesaid, Showeth that the said Jacob for and in consideration of an agreement entered into heretofore the said Jacob is to let the said Rutha have the one half of his said League of land lying in said neighborhood, the said Rutha having paid the one half of the expense, said League which League being known by the name of the Beadeye on which the parties is now settled so as to be divided as to be equal to both of the parties in soyal, water and timber, all of which League is held by the said Jacob by grant from the Government of which the said Jacob has disposed to Mathew Hubert three hundred and fifty acres of English measure of which each of the parties is to deduct by agreement from their said half, or to divide the residue after deducting the three hundred and fifty acres then to be divided as above, in witness whereof we hereunto set our hands and affix our seals.

Jacob Shannon

Exhibit #3A: Montgomery County Deeds, Vol. N, page 254, Continued

TEST: Mat Hubert & John Shannon

STATE OF TEXAS |

POLK COUNTY |

Personally appeared before me William B. Williamson, Notary Public in County & State above stated, Mathew Hebert well known to me, being one of the subscribing witnesses to the above agreement here attached here in date August the 8th 1833. Being duly sworn by me, says he seen the above signed by Jacob Shannon, as such. I hereby certify the same and sign my name and affix the seal, of my office, this the twelveth day of September, Eighteen hundred and forty nine.

(SEAL)

W. B. Williamson
Notary Public

Filed for record at 6 o'clock P.M. Sept 17th 1849 and recorded at 12 o'clock Sept. 1849, 1849.

H. B. Boston Clerk
County Court
Montgomery County

Transcribed by Harry G. Daves, Jr. and typed by Wendy Gale Wood of the Wallisville Heritage Park on July 25, 1983

NOTE: Original Article of Agreement is in the Montgomery County District Clerks Office, Cause #923, Ruth Miller vs. Jacob Shannon, Montgomery County Courthouse, Conroe, Texas

