

WILLIAMS, R. L. LETTER (Wheelock, E.L.R.)

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WILLIAMS R. L. LETTER, WHEELLOCK, E.L.R.

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Dear Judge:

The writer well remembers your residence at Wheelock, Texas; more than 40 years ago, and some of those good sermons where you preached and gave a testimony for Christ. Am sure the same Lord has blessed you since then; I was informed of your political rise to Governor and now occupying the distinguished seat as Judge of the U. S. District Court in the State of Oklahoma, my Grandfather Col. E. L. R. Wheelock came to Texas and established the village after his name in the year 1833; Before coming to Texas he surveyed and established the original town site at Quincy Ill--80 acres recorded there as the E. L. R. Wheelock original survey. In the year 1825 he went to Mexico and there surveyed and staked off the city of Tampico. The town had been started off only two years previously by a Frenchman, but not surveyed with instruments-- Am told it is the only city of all Mexico today where the streets are laid off with the compass pointing directly N. S. E. and W. Our family have kept a very interesting document written in Spanish of the transaction wherein the Alcalde in charge deeded him 2 lots located on State street for services performed. He was a Grand Son of Eleazar Wheelock, founder of Dartmouth College in N. H., my information as well as I remember he graduated at Yale,

taking the course of Engineering. He helped to survey in and out of Robertson Colony and locate many tracts of land for the early settlers- homesteads. He acted as Indian Agent and especially treated with the Puelco Indians, whose village was located where the City of Waco, Texas now stands. This service was under James K. Polk, administration. For your information will say our family gathered together his papers quite a volume of letters, documents pertaining to early affairs and Indian letters. These papers are now in possession of the Library of the University of Texas, together with Austin, Houston, Travis and a host of other invaluable papers open for the public inspection and valuable to Historical writers for the interest and facts covering the early History of Texas. Therefore if you have occasion to visit Austin, Texas or would write the Library there you might get the information you are now seeking. Would appreciate if in your investigation where he graduated, that you advise me-what you find.

I have been confined to the house for almost a year- my hands are so swollen can not hardly hold pen or pencil, (some kind of pneumatic trouble) Have no typewriter available- consequently you will over look and pardon this attempt in answer to your letter of June the 28th inst. addressed to me at Ft Worth and forwarded to me here. Will be glad to help assist or give you

any information I possess.

With best wishes and Regards

Yours sincerely

E.,L. R. Wheelock-

Note.

E. L. R. W. was borned 1793

he died in 1847.

Remember my Aunt Annette Willough, (his daughter) told me
years ago, that he had a prominent part in Black Hawk War, but
I have never investigated.