

John Abston, a soldier in the American Revolution, was a native of Virginia. In the 1830s, Abston and his family moved to Missouri. In 1850 he moved to Collin County, Texas, with the family of his son Jesse. Following Jesse's death that year, the family moved farther south in the county. John Abston and Jesse Abston's widow, Sarah, purchased land in this area in 1854. A small plot of land was set aside as a family burial ground. John Abston's burial here in 1856 was the first in the cemetery.

John Abston was born January 2, 1761 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. He was the son of Captain Joshua and Rachel Clement Abston. He was 18 years of age when he entered military service in 1779. John fought in the "Battle of King's Mountain" on October 7, 1780.

July 26, 1789 - Married Frances Thurman in Chatham, Virginia. John and Frances were the parents of: Jesse and Stephen Abston. As a widower, John moved with Stephen, his son Jesse & his wife Sarah & granddaughter to Jackson County, Missouri in the 1830's. In 1850, John Abston and his son Jesse began their wagon trip to Texas. John's son, Jesse died of pneumonia shortly after crossing the Red River into Texas. John moved on, settling in Lavon. John Abston never drew his pension for serving in the Rev. War, his application (filed Feb 4, 1857) was denied due to lack of documentary evidence or testimony of comrades in proof of his service. The land where John is buried was purchased by John Abston and his daughter-in-law, Sarah, widow of his son, Jesse, on January 19, 1854 from the Rainer Family. Note: The dates on the memorial do not match the information on various websites.