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Wilfred Robbins Clapp

Funeral services for Wilfred Robbins Clapp, age 81 of Houston, descendant of pioneer Elisha Clapp, were held Saturday, August 23, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. at Memorial Oaks Funeral Home, Houston with Bill Watkins and Cecil Rix officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery in Lovelady at 3:30 a.m.

Mr. Clapp was born August 21, 1922 in Midway to Tom and Arrie Clapp and passed away on August 21, 2003 in Houston. He graduated from Abilene Christian High School, Texas A&M University and the University of Houston. He served 40 months in the South Pacific in the U.S. Naval Reserve as a radioman. He served from August 1942 until January 1946. He worked 33 years for 3M in the National Advertising Division as a graphic artist. He was a member of the Memorial Church of Christ, San Jacinto Descendants, Sam Houston Chapter of the Sons of the Republic of Texas of which he was past treasurer and current first vice-president, Houston Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution serving as secretary and ~~currently a member of the~~ Carrington Chapter and the Harris County Historical Society.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, **Claire Jean Click Clapp**; two sons, **Noel Thomas** and **Brian Hamilton**; daughter-in-law, **Nancy**; grandchildren, **Angele Clapp McElroy**, **Kristan Clapp Lockshire**, **Travis** and **Leanne Clapp**;

great grandsons, Travis, Jake and Wyatt McElroy; brother, **Joe** and **sister-in-law Irene Clapp**; **sister-in-law, Elizabeth Click**; nephew, **James Calvy Click, Jr.** and nieces **Judith Clapp, Michael, Jan Clapp Johnson** and **Bettie Click Krivatsy**.

Houston County Historical Commission remembers Wilfred Robbins Clapp or Fred Clapp as the descendant of pioneer Elisha Clapp and for his caring interest in the restoration and fencing of the Clapp Cemetery for which he sponsored and secured a historical marker. A dedication program for the marker brought some 300 persons to the cemetery, located a quarter mile between SH-21 and Porter Springs of FM-2967. Also thanks to Fred Clapp, one of the Stephen F. Austin oaks was planted and is growing in the David Crockett Memorial Park. The public ceremony during the planting brought county and city officials to the program in 1998 on Austin's birthday and anniversary under the sponsorship of the Sam Houston Chapter of the Sons of the Republic of Texas. He and his wife, Claire Jean have assisted with ~~plans for the development of the~~ Houston County Visitors Center/Museum at Crockett and have been ardent supporters of the county's historical research and genealogy collections in the Commission's office. **Mr. Clapp** continued the historical work, which his ancestor Elisha Clapp began, in Houston County during the 1830's.