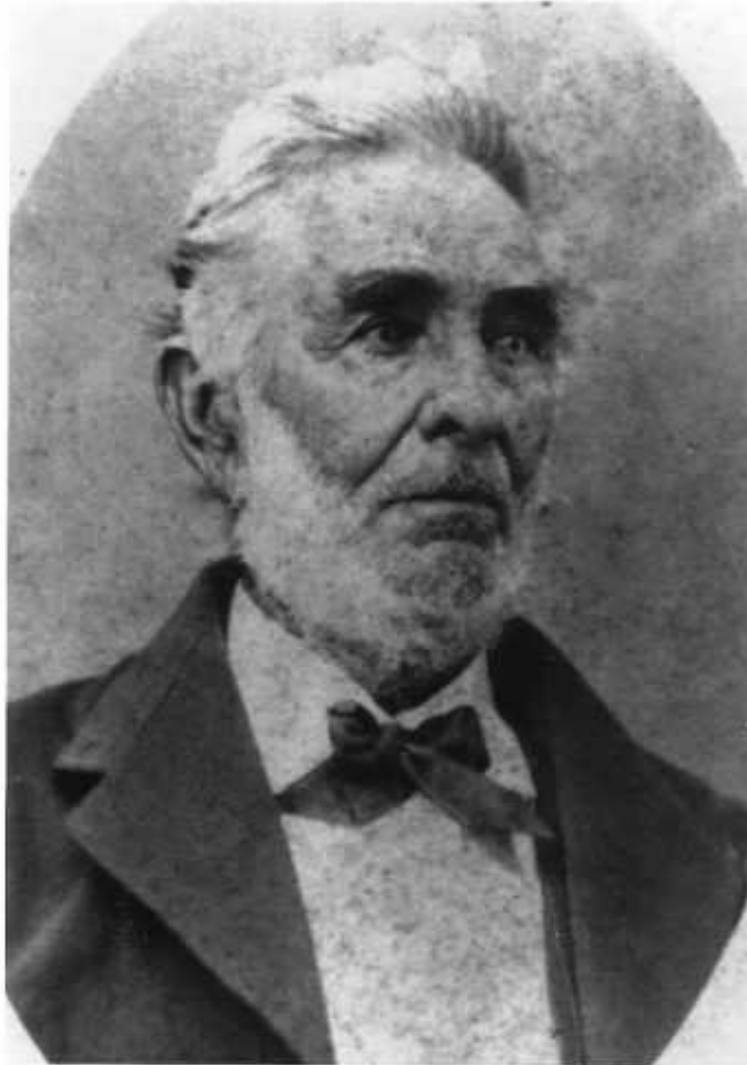


Caiaphas Kennard Ham
A Friend of the Bowies



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Caiaphas Kennard Ham, a native of South Carolina, was born on January 16, 1803. In the 1810 census he was living in Louisiana.

Ham was a neighbor of James and Rezin Bowie and arrived with them in Texas in 1830. In 1831, after living with the Comanche Indians for several months, he joined the Bowies in the Las Almagres Silver Mine Expedition and fought at the Battle of San Saba.

He returned to Louisiana and married Elizabeth McDaniel Parks on January 17, 1837.

On March 14, 1850, Ham purchased Lots 5 & 6 in Block 17 in Petersburg from Lavaca County at a public auction. He was listed in the 1850 Census living in Lavaca County. Ham remained in Lavaca County for over 10 years, moving to Goliad County, Texas by 1870.

Ham died at the home of his daughter on November 13, 1895, and he and Elizabeth are buried in the Masonic Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas.

Note: Some of Ham's belongings, including a notebook, eyeglasses, a Comanche Indian ceremonial pipe and a Bowie knife are on display at the Alamo.