

Jean Baptiste (John) Wuneburger
A Frenchman in Texas



Marie Dorothee Christine Hornburg Wunneburger
John Wunneburger

Jean Baptiste (John) Wuneburger was a native of Alsace France. He was born on June 26, 1825 and immigrated to Texas in 1843. He arrived at the Port of Galveston with this aunt and her family.

While the aunt and her family traveled to San Antonio, John evidently found work in the Victoria, Texas area moving freight. While in the Victoria area, he met and married Marie Dorothee (Dora) Hornburg on February 23, 1847.

John and his family moved to Lavaca County and were listed on the 1850 Census.

Before the fire in April 1851 that destroyed the existing county courthouse, Lavaca County had allocated \$800.00 for the construction of a new building to serve as the courthouse. Spencer Townsend secured the contract and carpenters Thomas Sanders/ Chaudion and John Wuneburger built the courthouse of native lumber all hewn by hand. The weather boards that covered it were handmade from post oak.

The Wuneburger family remained in Lavaca County until 1869 when they moved to Industry in Austin, County Texas. In 1872 the family moved to Paige in Bastrop County where John resided until his death on April 26, 1909.