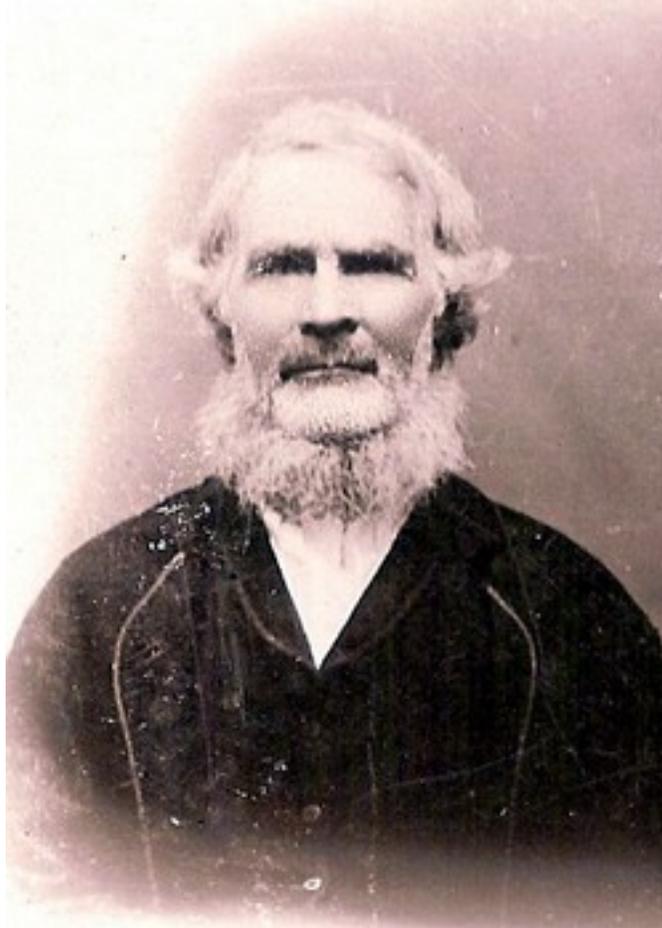


William T. Townsend
Death in Mexico



William T. Townsend, brother of Petersburg merchant, Spencer Burton Townsend, was born May 26, 1814. in Marlboro Co., South Carolina.

From 1840 to 1846 lived in Colorado County, Texas with out members of the famous Townsend family.

On November 18, 1847, he purchased Lot 6 in Block 8 in Petersburg from Arthur Sherrill and on March 10, 1848, was appointed the postmaster of Petersburg.

Townsend's first wife, Mary McNeil Townsend, died in Lavaca County in December 1849. He remarried on November 27, 1850, to Mary Ervin Kennedy.

By 1861, he had relocated to Refugio County, Texas and later moved to Hays, County, Texas.

He later joined other men from Colorado County by moving to the state of Veracruz on the eastern coast of Mexico near the town of Tuxpan, a location many referred to as the Confederate Colony in Mexico.

He was attacked and killed by a group of bandits near Tampico, Mexico on July 7, 1885.