

The enlisted men were buried in a military cemetery west of the building area of the Fort, near the site of the later sawmill. Through the effort of Mr. J. W. Taylor, in 1907, all of the bodies which could be located were disinterred, by authority of an Act of Congress, and transported to the National Cemetery at Pineville, Louisiana.

There was born at the Post of Fort Jesup on April 19, 1835, a daughter to him who later became General Albert G. Blanchard. She was named Susan Blanchard and later became Mrs. Charles D. Elder, of New Orleans and was a well known author. She wrote "The Life of the Abbe Adrien Rouquette" and besides many poems and dramas of exceptional merit, her literary productions include "The Leos of the Papacy," "James the Second" "Savannah," "Ellen Fitzgerald, a Southern Tale," and others.<sup>83</sup>

An interesting reference to life at this frontier army post in 1837 is presented by the following advertisement from the *Red River Gazette*, published in Natchitoches in August of that year:

#### FORT JESUP HOTEL

A. W. P. Ussery has the pleasure to inform his friends and the public, that he has taken the Fort Jesup Hotel, and is now ready to receive company. He has a commodious house and stable, and a delightful situation. In addition to the comforts of a well regulated house, the weary traveller will be regaled at night and morning by the delightful music of the well known Military Band at the Fort, to listen to which is a treat, which will doubtless be an inducement for many to call. A. W. P. U. requests the patronage of the travelling community. May 14, 1837.

With the impetuous Gaines no longer stationed there, and the ability of Texas to maintain her independence becoming more and more certain, Fort Jesup again settled down to the humdrum existence of a peaceful frontier garrison. During the summer of 1838 the commanding officer there was directed to order Brevet Major Belknap to Fort Smith, Arkansas, "with such other portions of the command at Fort Jesup as could be spared, thus reducing the garrison not less than two companies."<sup>84</sup>