

Austin, Tex. Sept. 23. '76.

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Called on Mrs. Susanna Stannig, whose
husband Joseph Stannig is living with her.
She was at the sacking of the Alamo in
1836, 6th Mch; was then in her 15th
year; was then named Susannah Dickerson
wife of ^{Lieut} Almarion Dickerson, and her
maiden name was Susanna Wilkerson.
Her parents even in Williamson Co,
Tenn. Her husband was one of the
killed. They had one child, a daughter,
who, then an infant, was with them in
the Alamo; this daughter married John
Menard Griffith, a native of Montgomery
Co. Texas, by whom she had 4 children, all
of whom are living; she died in Montgomery
Co. Tex about the year 1871. (TX)

The Mexicans came unexpectedly into
San Antonio & returned & her husband & she
retreated into the Fort. Enemy began throwing
bombs into Fort, but no one hurt till

The last day, i.e., The assault, except one horse killed. Had provisions enough to last the besieged 30 days. Among the besieged were 50 or 60 wounded men from Cos's fight. About 18 cannon (she believes) were mounted on parapet & in service all the time. The enemy gradually approached by means of earth works thrown up. Besieged were looking for reinforcements which never arrived. The only outsiders who succeeded in coming into Fort were 3 of our spys who entered 3 days before the assault & were all killed.

Dr. Horace Alsbury (bro. of Perry Alsbury of S. A.) retreated into the Fort for protection with his Mexican wife & sister-in-law. He left, unknown to mitness, & the two women R escaped to the enemy & betrayed our situation about 2 days before the assault.

On morning of 6th Mch. about daylight enemy threw up signal rockets &

advanced & were repulsed. They
 rallied & made 2^d assault with
 scaling ladders, first thrown up on E. side
 of Fort. Terrible fight ensued. Witness
 retired into a room of the old church
 & saw no part of fight - Though she
 could distinctly hear it. After the
 fall she was approached by a Col. (?)
 Black (an Englishman) and officer in
 the Mexican service) who sheltered her
 from Mexican injury & took her
 in a buggy to Mr. Musquey, a IX
 merchant in town, where she staid
 till next day, when she was conducted
 before Santa Anna who threatened
 to take her to Mexico with her child;
 when Almonte, his nephew, addressing
 his English, pleaded for witness, saying
 he had been educated in N. O. & had
 experienced great kindness from
 Americans. Witness was then permitted
 to depart to her home in Gonzales.
 Col. Travis commanded the Fort

The only man, witness saw killed
 was a man named Walker from
 Nacidochee, who was bayoneted
 & shot. She knew John Garnet
 from Gonzales, who she is certain
 was killed though she did not see
 it. After her removal to Mesquigg's
 she expressed a wish to visit the
 scene of carnage, but was informed
 by the people of the house that it
 would not be permitted as the
 enemy was then burning the dead
 bodies - and in confirmation
 thereof, she was shown a smoke
 in the direction of the alarm.
 She knew Col. ^{she saw him} Bonney in the Fort,
 both before & after his death. He was
 sick before & during the fight, and had
 even been expected to die. -
 Col. Crockett was one of the 3 men
 who came into the Fort during the
 siege & before the assault. He was
 killed, she believes.