**Samuel Wade Wybrants**

9 Feb 1815 Samuel Wade Wybrants born in Kings, Ireland.

1828 -1833 Went to sea. Then returned to Ireland.

28 Sept 1835 Samuel, age 20, and Joseph Wybrants, age 21, arrive in the U.S. immigrating from Ireland. They sailed on ship Franconia from Liverpool, England to New York, New York and listed their destination as Canada. They listed their occupation as farmers and settled in Charleston, South Carolina.

Early 1837 Samuel Wybrants came to Texas and joined the Texas Army.

11 Apr 1837 – 11 Sept 1837 Served in the Texas Navy as a Midshipman on the Invincible. The Invincible was lost outside of Galveston after fight with two Mexican  *brigs, Libertador and Iturbide*, August 27, 1837. T*he Invincible attempted to run into Galveston Harbor, but due to the shallow tide at the time snagged her rudder on the harbor bar and ran aground. She was then quickly pounded to pieces by the breakers until her hull completely disappeared.*

No Date Samuel W. Wybrant petitioned the Commissioner of the General Land Office to correct the Headright Certificate No. 87 for 640 acres by the District Court of District of Refrugio which in error named his heirs, he now being alive.

25 Apr 1839 Elected Coroner on Refugio County, Texas.

Late 1839 Was with General Canales on his expedition to Mexico to establish the Republic of Rio Grande, composing of several northern states in Mexico which had revolted against the Mexican government.

Next 2 years Moved to Arkansas.

30 Mar 1843 Commissioned Customs Collector for the District of Arkansas.

Returns to Texas He entered the mercantile business in Liberty and Huntsville.

10 June 1846 Samuel Wybrants purchases 1,535 acres of land (8 & 2/3 labors of land) in Milam County, Texas.

1848 Held position of Worshipful Master in the Forrest Masonic Lodge No.19, Huntsville, Texas

5 Sept 1848 Marries Catherine A. Johnson (10 Oct 1830 in N.C.-14 March 1911) in Huntsville, Texas. They were married in her father’s house, Malcolm Johnson (8 Jan 1804 in Cumberland County, N.C. – 3 Jan 1873 in Tellico, Ellis County, Texas).

1849 Son, Samuel Wade Wybrants, born in Walker, Texas. Died in 1928.

22 Jan 1850 Receives a Patent from the State of Texas as assignee of George E. Hunter for 886 9/10 acres in Milam County.

1850 Census Living in Huntsville, Walker County, Texas. Samuel is 33 years of age, married to Katherine, age 20, who was born in Alabama. They had 1 son, Samuel, 1 year old born in Texas. Barbary J. Johnson (Katherine’s sister), age 17, born in Alabama living with them along with 2 workers listed as Sadlers.

1850 Walker County Slave schedule Listed Samuel as owning 2 slaves, a 23 year old black female and a mulatto age 14.

10 Jan 1850 Legal notice in the *Democratic Telegraph and Texas Register* that lists Samuel as 1 of 20 men from Huntsville who are offering land and the construction of a building if voters decide that the capital of Texas will be located in Huntsville.

19 Jan 1850 Samuel W. Wybrants received a Mont. 3rd patent of 320 acres in Montgomery District, Walker County by grantee James G. Mabry

1851 Named on the building committee of the Forrest Masonic Lodge No.19.

13 March1851 Daughter, Elizabeth Bettie Wybrants born. Died 20 Dec 1890 Bell County, Texas. Married William Sandford Holman. Had 1 child, Louis W. Holman (3 Aug 1874 in Bell County-28 Feb 1906 in Bell County).

24 Apr 1851 Sam'l W. Wybrants received a military bounty patent of 320 acres in Milam District, Bosque County by grantee Ralph McGee.

12 Apr 1853 Samuel W. Wybrants received a military bounty patent of 1,280 acres in Milam District, Coryell County by grantee Samuel W. Wybrants.

1857 Son, John M. Wybrants born. The 1930 Census: age 76, single, living in Dallas with his sister Nannie.

1860 Census Living in Division 5,Ellis County, Texas (Post Office: Tellico). Farmer, age 45. Wife C. A., age 28, born in N.C. Also S Wybrants, male, age 10, born in Texas; E. Wybrants, female, age 8, born in Texas; J. M. Wybrants, age 6 born in Texas; N. J. Wybrants, female, age 4 months, born in Texas; and a M. Johnson, male, age 22 listed as a farmer living in the house.

1860 Ellis County Slave schedule Lists SW as owning 4 black slaves as follows: male, age 40; female, age 23; female, age 9; and male, age 1.

1860 Nannie J. Wybrants born. Died 31 Oct 1940 in Dallas, Tarrant County, Texas. The 1920 Census has her listed as Nancy J. married to William F. Miles with 1 child, Katheleen, age 24, single).

1866 Samuel moved family to Belton, Bell County, Texas were they attended the Baptist Church. The children were: Sam W., Mrs. W.S. Holman, John M. and Nannie J.

1867-1890 On the Bell County, Texas Tax rolls.

22 July 1867 Samuel Wybrant registered to vote in Bell County stating he lived at least 12 months in Texas and 30 days in Bell County.

1870 Census Living in Belton, Bell County, Texas. Listed as a Retail Merchant, age 56, his wife Cathrine, age 40, born in N.C.; Samuel W, age 21 as a retail merchant, Henrietta, female, age 17; John, male, age 16; Nannie, female, age 13; and Prince, age 9, a black domestic servant.

1870’s Bell County records Samuel active buying land and buildings in the city of Belton. He is listed as developing an addition to the City of Belton and numerous warranty deeds and mortgages which are listed are associated with the subdivision.

April 1871 Malcolm Marion Johnson (14 Sept 1863 in Falls County Texas) and his older brother, Reuben Hartwell Johnson were raised in Belton by their aunt and uncle, Samuel and Katherine Wybrants, after the death of their parents.

1880 Census Living in Belton, Bell County, Texas. S.W. is 65, listed as a farmer with his wife, C.A., age 51; along with son, John, age 23, a farmer; daughter, Nannie, age 20, single; and Malcolm Johnson, age 15, as a “ward”, who works on the farm.

23 June 1881 Wrote will attested to by W.S. Holman (his son-in-law and attorney) leaving everything to his wife, Catherine.

13 July 1890 Died in Belton, Bell County, Texas. Buried in North Belton Cemetery, Belton, Bell County, Texas.

NOTES:

Catharine A. Wybrants died 14 March 1911 as a resident of Bell County. On 21 March 1911, her son, John M Wybrants filled application for probate of her will dated 5 August 1908. She listed various bequests mainly to her daughter, Nannie J. Miles, and then to her two sons, Samuel W. and John M.. Property listed included various lots in the Wybrants addition to the city of Belton, Texas.

**Malcom Lee Johnson, Adm., Texas Navy** *says:*

[December 14, 2012 at 10:16 pm](http://www.numa.net/expeditions/invincible-republic-of-texas/#comment-3588)

According to my own research, the INVINCIBLE struck the Channel Bar and damaged her hull, then carried over the Bar, into the Main Channel while still heading for the Texas Navy base at the North end of the island, then she sank “in deep water”, in the middle of the channel, somewhere between the Bar and the Texas Navy base.
So, she is in the Main Channel, NOT out in the Bay. A relatave of mine was the Midshipman on INVINCIBLE, named Samuel Wade Wybrants.