John B. Swain: The Respectful Fugitive

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It's hard to believe that a man who broke someone out of jail was also known as being a very respectful man, but respectful is exactly what John B. Swain was. Because John B. Swain was a respectful person, it helped him in many different ways through his life. But during his life, he never let his respect for others get in the way of doing what he thought was best.

John B. Swain was born on February 9th, 1823 in Emanuel, Georgia. He was the youngest of nine children. So far no records show what the B stood for in his middle name, but he was often called by the nickname of "John the Baptist." In fact, when he wrote his signature, there was usually a symbol of the cross underneath the letter B in his name.

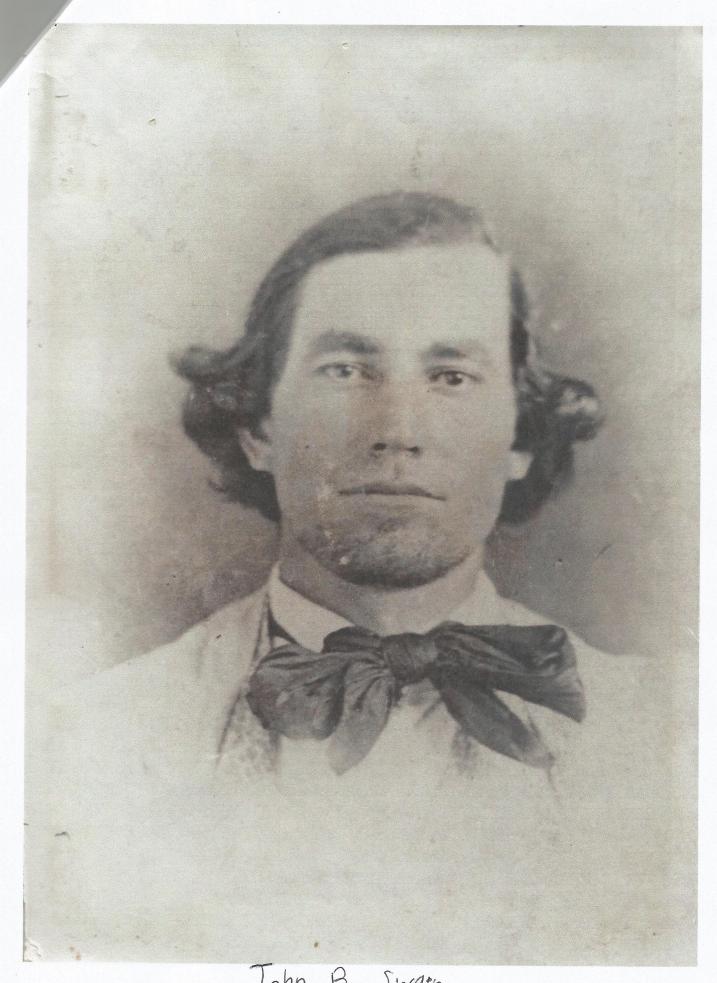
Not much is known about John as a child, but in John's journal he said that the Swain brothers were all very well-known for their dancing. So well-known in fact, that many town people described the Swain's as being "the best dancers in the country." Once John showed up to a party without being invited and was asked by the landlord to stop dancing after a while because he hadn't been invited and because he was jealous of John's dancing. As usual, John respected the landlord's wishes and stopped dancing. He met the brother of the landlord while he was outside, and was asked by the brother to dance for him because he knew John could dance so well. But still John would not dance for him until the brother got permission from the landlord. After the brother got permission, John danced his very best and soon everyone inside was watching him out the window. After he was done, the landlord invited him back inside for the rest of the party.

If he didn't get the respect of the landlord he may never have met his future wife, Elizabeth McMullen, because later at the same party, John had to sit on Elizabeth's lap as part of one of the party games and that's how they got to know each other. When he was 17 years old, John joined the military on May 6th, 1840 during the Indian War. When he returned from the military, John (age 17) married Elizabeth McMullen (age 21) on December 17th, 1840. They had 7 children.

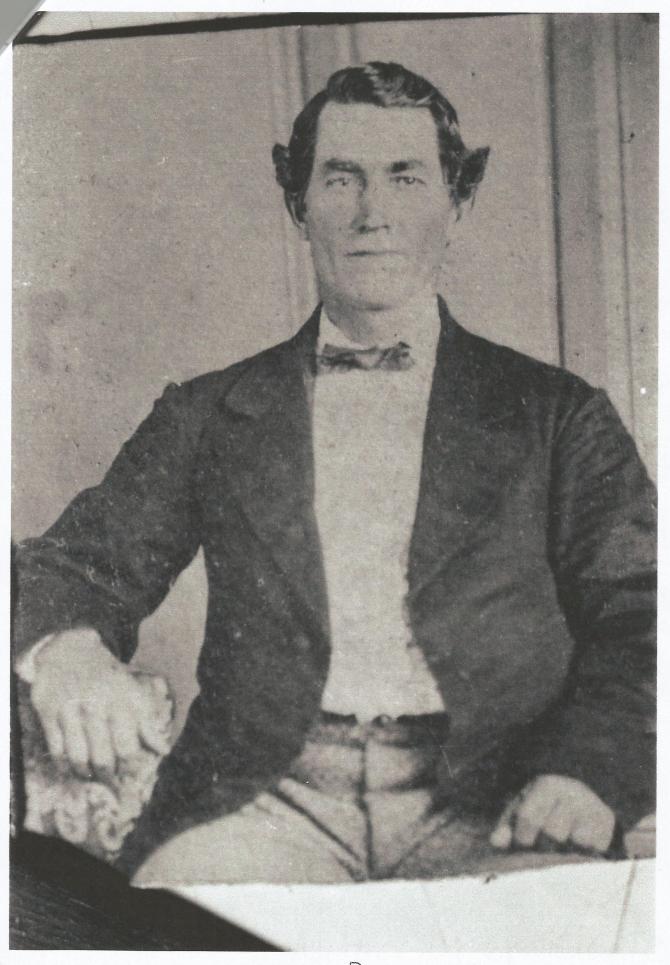
Two years after he had his youngest child, John's brother Agustus C. Swain, known as Gus, was arrested for murdering William Blueford Barwick on August 6th, 1855 in Thomas County, Georgia. In the newspaper called the "Southern Enterprise," it said that William Barwick had been drinking and tried to attack Gus with a knife because he thought Gus had stolen his money, which he hadn't. To protect himself, Gus drew out a bowie knife and killed William Barwick with one stab.

John decided to help his brother escape from jail. He had a gunsmith make a key to open his brother's prison cell and hired a band to distract the guards so he could successfully break-out his brother without being noticed. After they escaped, they ran from Georgia and went to San Antonio, Texas so they wouldn't get caught and thrown back in jail. What's funny is that later Gus became a sheriff in Arizona and John became a sheriff in Texas.

John lived in Texas for the rest of his life. He died at age 75 in his granddaughter's house, which was right behind the Alamo in San Antonio, Texas on the 23rd of September in 1898. As you can see, John B. Swain was just as respectful as he was determined during the years of his life.



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To the Citizens of Bexar County: I am a candidate for the office of District Clerk; election November 8, 1898. HENRY UMSORIED.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

We are authorized to announce W. HERPEL, as a candidate for Coun Commissioner in Frecinct No. Three.

JESS M. ÉELL is a candidate for re-lection as County Commissioner for reclate No. Two. Election November

FOR COUNTY JUDGE

The Light is authorized to announce JUDGE PETER JONAS as a candidate for re-election as county judge.

FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY.

We are authorized to announce the HON, JOHN A. O'CONNOR as a candidate for the office of coun-ty attorney; election November Sth.

FOR SHERIFF.

MR. JOHN P. CAMPBELL is a candidate for re-election as Sheriff of Bexar County, at the election November 8

FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. I am a candidate for the office of Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1, and respectfully solicit the support of my fellow clikens. T. T. ADAMS.

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i am a candidate for re-election for November 8, Your support is re-spectfully solicited. JOE KOHR.

FOR ASSESSOR.

The Light is authorized to announce MR. LOUIS WITTH as candidate for ra-election as county assessor. Elec-tion, November 2, 1893;

HILPS OUR HOME MERCHANTS.
ANSIN, Texas, Sept. 23.—(Special).
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BANKS MUST REPORT.

FILIPINO RECOGNITION

AGUINALDO APPEALS TO ALA THE CIVILIZED POWERS.

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Chicago, Sept. 22.—The Pribune special from Manila, August 30, via San Francisco, September 22, says:
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KARSIS City, Mo., September 22.—
Col. W. Toody, "Buffon Bill," has been taken very ill here and has been removed from his private car to St. Joseph hospital: He is suffering from typhotic fever and his hypotians say his condition is serious. "He has been ailing ten days.

SHIPPMAN GETTING-WELL.
Washington, D. C., Spriemher 23
Ex-touring Sherman has no far a covered from his illness that his phaician has left the city for a few day On his advice Sherman abandoned it speech making plans in Ohio.

CUBAN ADVICES

SPECIAL AGENT PORTER MAKES . HIS ROUNDS.

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Havana, September 23.—Mr. Robert P. Porter, who is in Cuba on a special mission from the United States, inas-returned forigicientuegues and Trinidad He was accompanied by an ansistant. During his trip Mr. Porter had occas-ted to the companied of the com-tained of the companied of the original contenting planters of the Island, orthorous planters of which he will \$\pmu\$ and to President Me-kinley.

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STORMS ON THE BALTIC.

Memel, Prussia. September 23.— Heavy storms are prevailing in the Baltic see and 120 fishermen have been drowned between Polagen and Lilian, scaport towns, province of Courland, Russia.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, D. C., September 23.— aztern Texas: Generally fair tonight ad Saturday, light southwest winds. SLOAN'S MOUNT OVINS.

London, September 23—At Manches-tenday, Newbarns selling, handleng to the control of the control of the special powers of the cold by auction for 300 sovereigns was won H. Hardy's three year old by, 401y queen of su-tince year old by, 401y queen of su-with Tod Sloan up. Fight horses ran; distance 7 furlongs.

PIFTY BURIED ALIVE.

Pittaburg, Pa., September 23.—An explosion of fire damp occurred in the Umpire coal mines, near Brownsylle, Pa., this morning. Fifty men are entombed. Two have been taken out

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MODER ADMIVALS OP TROOPS.
New York, Sept. 22.—The Junited
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quarantine at 6:40 this morning. She
has on board 170 members of the HBroots Signal Corps, bound for Wash
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TO PROMOTE GEN. MILLER TO PROMOTE GEN. MILLER.
San Francosco. Sept. 22—An effort is being made to have Brigadler General Miller, who has been ordered to the command of the next expedition to the Irulinghness made major general of volunteers. Officers of Kamms, and Command of the Comm

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JUWISH SERVICES.

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Jewish congregation will be held this
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morning at 5:50 at the Synagogue.
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GOING TO SCHOOL.

Misses Alma Turner and Ella Butler will leave Monday for Edunisville to enter the graduating class at the Sam Houston normal school and will be ab-Butler and the model of the school of the sc

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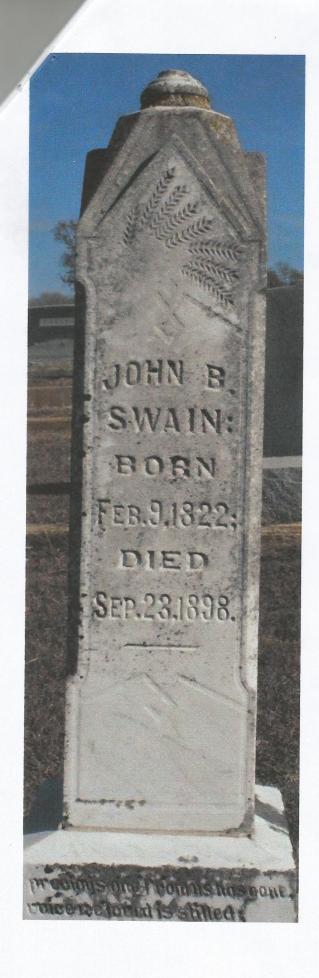
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