

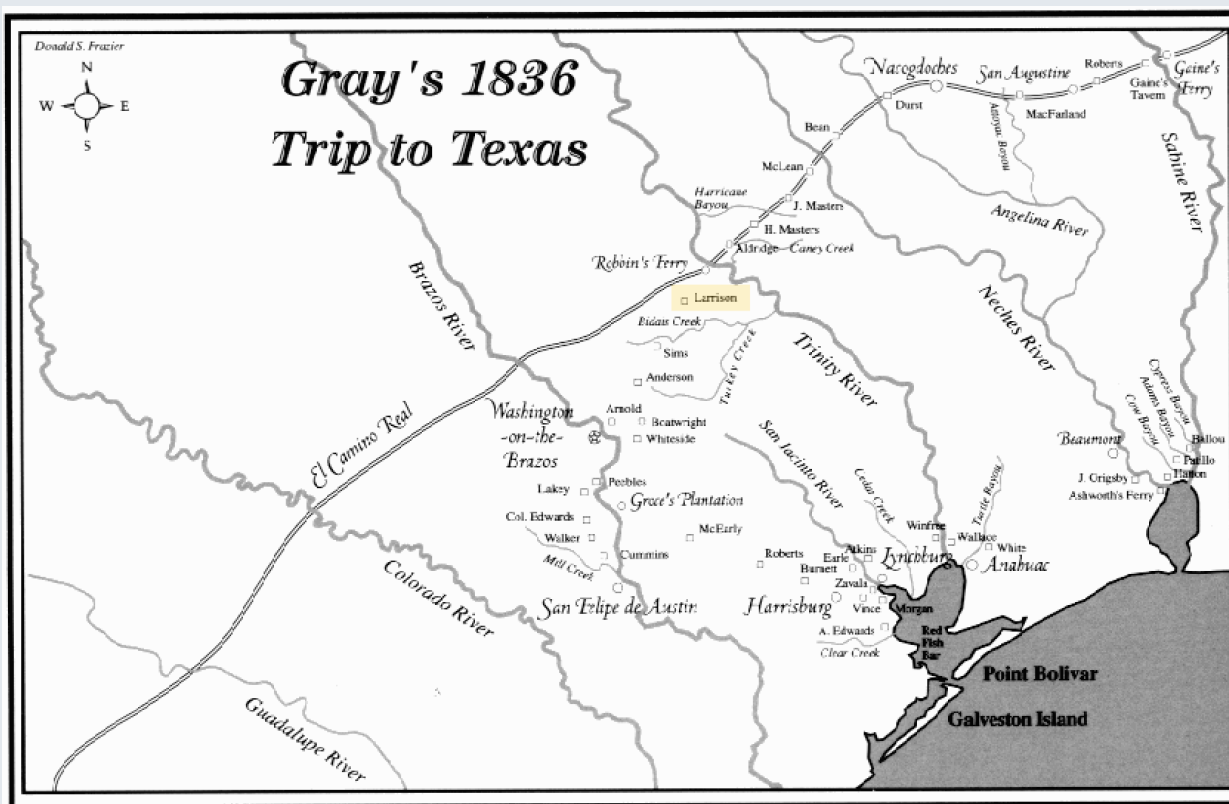
Excerpt of Daniel Milton Larrison in The Diary of William Fairfax Gray, from Virginia to Texas, 1835-1837

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"Nine miles from Trinity we came to a cabin kept by a man named **Larrison**.^[25] We had intended to reach Sims', sixteen miles further on, but the rain brought us to a halt, and with some difficulty we prevailed upon the man to take us in and give our horses some corn. We found our fellow traveler, Whitely, a valuable negotiator in the matter. The house was about twenty feet square, only one room; family consisted of two women, five children. There were three beds. Captain Sherman and myself had one, the family the other two. The Doctor and old Whitely took a pallet on the floor, and covered with our own blankets. The supper consisted of fried pork, coffee, coarse but good corn bread and milk. I ate heartily."

25. [p.94] **Daniel Larrison** received a league of land in what became Madison County in 1835. Henson, "Notes on the Gray Diary," p. 3

https://sites.smu.edu/swcenter/fairfaxgray/wg_094.htm



About William Fairfax Gray

William Fairfax Gray was 48 years old with a fresh license to practice law when he left his wife and family in Fredericksburg, Virginia to journey to Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas. This first job with his cousin's law firm was to seek land for investment of eastern capital. His diary gives us an intimate view of daily life and the rigors of travel by stagecoach, steamship and horse on the early 1800s frontier. In his travels Gray became acquainted with just about every important person of the Texas Revolution, recording his impressions of them in his diary. He was an observer and recorder of many events in the birth of the Republic of Texas, giving us through his diary a feeling of being there ourselves.

During his first stint in Texas, Gray reported on the proceedings of the Convention of 1836, where the **Republic of Texas Constitution** was drafted. [Constitution of the Republic of Texas](#), 7 March 1836

