

HISTORY OF HOUSTON COUNTY

was in a campaign in West Virginia with Generals, Floyd, Wise and Lee. On April 1st, 1862, he was wounded at White Marsh Island, near Savannah, Georgia. He afterwards joined his regiment and served until the end of the war.

Doctor Beasley came to Texas in 1865, and settled at Marshall for a year. From there he came to Porter Springs, in Houston County, where he carried on a successful practice. In 1885 the family moved to Crockett, where they resided until his death, December 3rd, 1916. He was married in 1862 to Miss Elizabeth Crook, who died in 1864. In 1867 he married Miss Grace Smith, of Porter Springs, a daughter of Captain John T. Smith. She died in 1872, leaving two children, Ada Louise, now Mrs. W. H. Denny, of Crockett, and Stephen T. Beasley, Jr., of Sealy, Texas. In 1874, he married Miss Kate Smith, of Huntsville, Texas. To this union there were born seven children, including the following: Mrs. John C. Millar, Mrs. G. Q. King, John Gordon Beasley, Sr. generally known as Jack, Miss Nell Beasley, of San Antonio. He was a member of the Methodist Church. He was Mayor of Crockett from 1887 to 1901, and his son Jack served for several terms later. He was County Health Officer for Houston County for several years.

H. W. BEESON

H. W. Beeson lived within three or four miles of Crockett for many years and a great many of his descendents are living in and around Crockett now. Although he had a large family of children, I believe that only three of these are now surviving. From these I have by diligent effort, obtained the information that follows:

He was born October 29, 1812, and died April 15, 1890. His full name was Horeston Wilson Beeson. He came to Texas from Alabama in 1847, and spent the remainder of his life at his farm home about three or four miles South of Crockett, a farm that was later owned and operated by his son-in-law, Bill Austin.

He was twice married and by his first wife, had the following children: Argayle Beeson, Billy Beeson, Walter Beeson, Jehu Beeson, Jennie Beeson, who married G. W. Woodson; Alvis Beeson and Cal Beeson. The last named died near Crockett only a short time ago.

His second wife was a daughter of Dr. W. A. Murchison, who once was a prominent citizen living northwest of Grapeland on Elkhart, near Dailey. His younger children were: Mrs. Willie