

BIOGRAPHIES

Lovell, Mrs. Mack Hale, Mrs. A. M. Langston, Mrs. Anna Austin and Wilse Beeson.

One of his sons, Jehu Beeson, married a daughter of Judge R. N. Read, and lived on the old Read home place on Nevills Prairie, near what is now known as Prairie Point. The author is indebted to Dr. Sam P. Beeson of Weldon for much of this information. One of the remarkable facts in connection with his history is that both of his grandfathers, H. W. Beeson and Judge R. N. Read, were seventh sons. H. W. Beeson is a pioneer whose memory deserves to be perpetuated.

DR. JEHU ARMISTEAD BEESON

Dr. Jehu Armistead Beeson, pioneer doctor of Houston County, son of John and Priscilla Saunders Beeson of Guilford County, North Carolina, came to Texas about 1838 and settled near Crockett, Houston County, two miles north of Hurricane Bayou on the old Palestine, Texas, Road, about five or six miles from Crockett. He practiced medicine in what is now the Murchison Neighborhood and also practiced in the small town of Houston and in its Fort Houston, which was then in operation. He took out his headright grant in what is now Anderson County. He brought with him his mother, a widow, Priscilla Saunders Beeson, whose headright was in Rusk County, four miles north of the town of Henderson, and he also brought his niece Ann Eliza Lindsay, daughter of Jane Beeson, his sister. Ann Eliza married later Wm. Young Lacy of Cherokee County, son of Martin Lacy of Fort Lacy.

From all accounts his brother, Harston W. Beeson, had preceded him by several years, and had settled in Houston County about 1836, bringing with him his wife, Jane Shelley (of Mansfield, La.) and two children, Argyle and John, being one of the very early settlers of the district.

In 1844 Jehu Armistead Beeson went back to North Carolina, Guilford County and married Paulina Catherine Tatum. She was a niece of Richard G. Beeson's wife who lived near Greenboro and owned a tobacco plantation. She was reared by her aunt and uncle and educated at old Salem College, N. C.

Dr. Beeson did not live a year after he was married. He died from pneumonia, the effect of his swimming the Trinity River on a freezing night that froze his clothing. He left one child, Jane Armistead Beeson, who was born about two months after he died, which was on April 30th, 1845.

His widow, Mrs. Pauline Catherine Tatum Beeson, married