

HISTORY OF HOUSTON COUNTY

vote in his delegation for Roscoe Conklin of New York.

It is said of him that he never drank a drop of intoxicants, as a beverage in his life.

Among his descendants who are with us today, are: Mr. William C. Wall, Mrs. Ruby Decuir, wife of A. M. Decuir, and Judge Leroy Moore, present County attorney, and former County Judge.

Although he died forty-two years ago, many of our older citizens remember him.

DOCTOR W. F. CORLEY

Dr. W. F. Corley, was a practicing physician in and near Crockett during the years 1851 and 1852, and probably earlier than that time, and we know that he lived here much later than 1852. At one time he lived at the place four miles east of Crockett on the Kennard Road, at one time known as the John H. Burnett place and later known as the Sam Platt place. Later he moved into Crockett and lived in a brick residence where Mr and Mrs. A. M. Decuir now live, generally known as the H. W. Moore place. This was the only brick residence in Crockett at that time. Before moving to Crockett and during the early days of the Civil War, W. F. Corley not only practiced medicine, but was a farmer and the owner of a number of slaves. One of his slaves was accused of entering the home of a white family here in Crockett and endeavoring to choke the wife of the owner, which resulted in a mob taking him and hanging him to the limb of a tree on the courthouse square. As Dr. Corley resented this action of the people, it is probable that this incident had something to do with his moving away from Crockett. At various times he was the owner of many tracts of land in the county and seemed to have been a first-class business man, as well as farmer and physician. While living at the Burnett or Platt place his children, Josie and Kit, attended school a short distance away at a school house in the Monk and Douglass neighborhood, probably known as the Monk School House at that time.

It seems appropriate at this time to take up and discuss the family of Dr. W. F. Corley, because his oldest daughter is still living in Kosse, Texas, and has recently celebrated her 87th birthday. This celebration was mentioned in a number of Texas papers. I think the following report of the celebration of her 87th birthday will be of sufficient interest to the people of Crockett to have a place in this history. It is as follows: