

BIOGRAPHIES

Beeson, widow of Dr. Jehu Armistead Beeson, May 13th 1846.

When Anderson County was cut off from Houston County in 1846, and Palestine made its county seat, he removed thereto, with his family, which consisted of his wife, Pauline, her daughter, Jane Armistead Beeson, one year old, and Annie Jowers, daughter by his first wife, Ann Lacy, near the same age. Here he practiced his profession, but just before the Civil War went into the merchandizing business. When the Civil War broke out he raised and was Captain of a company from Anderson County. His wife, Pauline, died during the Civil War, in 1862. Before this, in 1848, he was elected Representative of Anderson County and served in that capacity and later in the State Senate for sixteen years.

In 1863, he married Mrs. E. W. Gardner, widow of Judge Gardner. By this union there were no children.

In 1865, he was commissioned Adjutant General by President Houston. In 1869, he married Mrs. Bettie A. Lamon Hill and from this union there were five daughters, all real Daughters of the Republic of Texas and all now living: Mrs. Frank T. Rennie, Mrs. Sam S. Smith, Mrs. W. B. Flanagan, Mrs. R. E. Doyle, Mrs. Waites Bowdon.

Dr. Jowers probably held public office as long and as continuously as any man in Texas. After his service for sixteen years in the Legislature of Texas, he was elected County Judge, which office he held until he died. From 1868 to 1892, he was County Judge of Anderson County. Daughters of his son, Richard Beeson Jowers, are living: Mrs. George D. Hunter of San Antonio; Mrs. D. B. McKenna, and Mrs. J. P. Burkhead, of Palestine, and Mrs. Ed Burkhead, of Houston, and a great number of great grandchildren are citizens of Texas. Doctor Jowers, or Judge Jowers, as he was called, later in his life, was a prominent Mason. Being a member of the first lodge organized in Palestine.

He is buried in the old (pioneer) Cemetery of Palestine. He died after his long and useful life, on July 30th, 1892.

The author is indebted to Miss Mary Kate Hunter, of Palestine, for the above biography of Dr. Jowers, and is glad to have this opportunity of helping to preserve the memory of a worthy pioneer of Houston County.

The location of Dr. Jowers home, while he lived in Crockett, is not definitely known, but there is a strong probability that he lived where the Schmidt House now stands, as the author has in his possession an original unrecorded deed, from Dr. Jowers to J. H. Gillespie, dated July 2, 1852, conveying lots 138 and 140 in Crockett. J. H. Gillespie in turn conveyed the same to John