

BIOGRAPHIES

On April 27th, 1839, he issued an appeal to the citizens of Houston County to enroll as members of a Battalion of Rangers which he signed: "John Wortham, Major, Houston County Rangers."

At the January Term 1846, Major Wortham was appointed road overseer by Order of the Commissioners Court as follows:

"REPUBLIC OF TEXAS
HOUSTON COUNTY.

"Co. Com. Court.
Jany. Term. 1844

"ORDERED BY THE COURT, That John Wortham be and he is hereby appointed of Precinct No. 1, Crockett & Ft. Houston Road from Crockett to Greenwood and the following hands are apportioned to work said road, to-wit: C. R. Pruit, A. E. Gossett; J. R. Brackin & son; John Wortham & hands; E. Cheatham; R. A. Walker; M. A. Walker; Mobley Roan; H. E. Roan; Widlow Brents Hands; D. Doubt; E. T. Powell & hands; James Fortune; Alfred Range & S. Adams.

A True Copy.

C. H. Nelson, C. C. H. Co.

By H. Nelson, Depy."

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On July 1st, 1842, he was appointed Quartermaster of the 4th Regiment of the 3rd Brigade, Texas Militia by James Carr, Colonel Commanding said Regiment.

Correspondence shows that he was an intimate friend of Hon. Isaac Parker, Congressman from Houston County in the Congress of the Republic of Texas as early as 1839. He was one of the original trustees of Trinity College located at Alabama on Trinity River.

Later he married Miss Cary Ann Vaughan, and settled on a large plantation four miles northwest of Crockett, where he led the life of a country gentleman for many years and where he died November 10, 1867 and is buried. His grave is marked by a beautiful marker, erected by the Centennial Commission of Control. After his death his family moved to Crockett and acquired a good house, which was later known as the Brauner Place, now occupied by Smith Murchison. He and his wife raised a large family of children, the oldest being his son, Wil-