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Major John Smith

In the death of Major John Smith, Houston County loses one of its oldest and valuable citizens. The deceased was a native of North Carolina, and moved to Texas previous to the war. He located in Houston County on the Trinity River, or near there, and engaged in the planting business. He owned one of the finest plantations in East Texas, and was regarded as one of the county's most successful planters.

For several years he has done nothing other than exercise supervision over some farming interests of his son-in-law,, Capt. Jno. H. Wootters.

Major Smith was a gentleman after the old school type-highly educated, intelligent, courteous, and patriotic. He leaves but one child, the wife of Capt. J. H. Wooters, with whom he has passed the latter years of his life.

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