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continued until his death on May 31st, 1897 at Lovelady. The business was continued under the name of E. Mainer & Sons until Ella Mainer's death in 1912.

Besides the store, he accumulated a large estate in land and cattle. He was active in political life of this section, and in public affairs. He was a deacon of the Baptist Church and one of the pillars of the church as long as he lived.

Names of children: Myrtie Mainer Neff; Clyde Mainer (deceased) T. Nelms Mainer; J. R. Mainer; Hayne Mainer (deceased) Ella Mainer Young; Lucille Mainer McMurry; and Roy Mainer.

THE MASTERS FAMILY

The Patriarch of this family, Jacob Masters, Senior, and his wife, Elizabeth Shaw Masters, started on a trek from North Carolina, some time as early as 1828, with their two sons, Jacob, Jr. and Henry, and their daughters, Mary, who married Lemuel Rice, and who was known as "Polly"; Fannie, who married Solomon Allbright; Sallie, who married John D. V. Gossett; Eliza, who first married Alex Shaver, and after his death married..... Cawthon; Elizabeth, who married Sanford Shaver; Willie, who married Joseph Rice.

Jacob Masters, Senior, located his league of land, on the King's Highway, known also as the Old San Antonio Road, about ten miles northeast of Crockett, and there established his home, which was a landmark for years thereafter, and where he entertained the traveling public. An old pecan tree, standing on the highway, more than a hundred years old, now marks the site of this pioneer home.

The exact date when Masters arrived in Houston County is not known, but that he was here as early as 1828, is borne out by an entry in the Diary of Adolphus Sterne, published in the *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, which is as follows:

"Wednesday June 2nd (1841) fine weather-left Col. Bean's early in the morning traveled slow to Jacob Masters another old friend of 13 years standing, this day is the 13th anniversary of my marriage with my dear wife."

Previously Sterne had written in his Diary under date of Tuesday, April 23rd, 1839, as follows: "reached Masters at 7—having some 42 miles this day. Masters is a timid old Dutchman, has built a Block House and makes all the members of the establishment sleep there at night."