

## BIOGRAPHIES

ciated with patient departments of Howard Hospital; St. Josephs Hospital and Polyclinic, Philadelphia. He is a member of American Medical Association; is former councilor of Texas Medical Association and former president of Smith County Medical Association. He is also a member of Texas State Historical Society.

He has contributed to Gould and Pyles, Cyclopedia of Medicine and Surgery Journals, American Medical Association, Texas State Medical Association, Journal Medical Sciences, Investigation on Conveyance of Malaria by anopheles mosquito (Journal American Medical Association, 1901); believed to have been 2nd successful result in America. Was awarded 2nd prize by Texas Centennial Commission for oldest relic, "rabadoquines" (cannon, about 1690) found near location of Mission San Francisco de los Tejas; located sites of San Francisco, Santissimo Nobre de Maria missions, Houston County; also located several historic spots in Smith County where granite markers will be erected.

His recreations are: fishing and hunting. He is a Democrat, Episcopalian and his address is Gary Buildings, Tyler, Texas.

Dr. Woldert was never a resident of Houston County, but his contributions to its history entitle him to a place in any history of the county.

### MAJOR JOHN WORTHAM

Among the pioneer citizens of Houston County, who contributed to its development, no one stands out more prominently than John Wortham. He was born on May 10, 1800 and came to Texas in the early thirties. His ability and fine character were recognized at once and he was appointed to responsible positions. There are so many historic documents that tell the story of his early life that the author will let these speak for themselves.

The oldest of these is a commission signed by Sam Houston as President of the Republic of Texas, dated December 18th, 1837, as follows:

"IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME OR  
MAY CONCERN—GREETING.