

## HISTORY OF HOUSTON COUNTY

"Be it known, That I, SAM HOUSTON, President of said Republic of Texas, reposing special trust and full confidence in the honor, patriotism, fidelity, skill and capacity of J. Wortham, do by these presents, constitute and appoint him the said J. Wortham to the office of associate commissioner of the Board of Land Commissioners for the County of Houston to which he has been duly elected by the joint vote of both Houses. Giving and hereby granting to him, the said J. Wortham, full power and authority as such, to exercise and discharge all and singular, the duties, obligations, and trusts to his said office, in anywise appertaining, by the Constitution and Laws of this Republic.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same and all and every the honors, fees, perquisites and dues thereunto belonging, for and during, and until the full end and term of his said appointment.

Given under my hand and the Seal of my office, at the City of Houston, this 18th day of December, A. D. 1837, and of the Independence of said Republic the Second.

SAM HOUSTON

By the President,

R. A. Irion, Secretary of State."

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The following document dated June 15th, 1839 should be of general interest:

"Crockett, June 15th, 1839.

"We, the undersigned appraisers by authority of Major John Wortham to judge a lot of beeves, furnished by Collin Aldrich & Jacob Allbright, for the use of Gen. Burlisons Command, do hereby certify that we have this day judged the weights of 31 beeves on said contract and judge them to weigh 15,460 lbs. and that we judge them to be sound and wholesome beef.

"GIVEN under ourhands this date above written.

A. E. Gossett"