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## JOHN G. BARTON

The above named gentleman resided in old Tishomingo County for thirty-eight years, eleven of which were spent in the service of the people. He was a man of unusual ability, unquestioned honesty and sound judgment, and as a public official especially as a member of the county Board of Police, executed the trusts reposed in him in a manner eminently satisfactory to his constituents and highly commendatory to himself. He was a man of much force of character, and believed in doing well any task undertaken, and during his public life devoted a large portion of his time to the furthering of the interest of the county as a whole, and at time to the injury of his personal affairs.

John G. Barton was born in Jackson County, Alabama, in 1818, where he lived for twenty years, being educated in the different schools of the county. In 1838 he removed to Tishomingo County, Mississippi, purchasing a tract of land near Cartersville and settling down to the life of a farmer. Here he met and became engaged to Miss Catherine Carter, who was born in 1821, daughter of J. C. Carter, who had settled in Tishomingo County in 1836, founder of Cartersville, and for whom the place was named. The young people were married at Tuscumbia, Ala, on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1840, at the residence of the relatives of the bride, and returning to the plantation of Mr. Barton, residing there until 1860. Mr. Barton was an uncompromising Democrat in his political views, and soon after his location in the county became a leader in the councils of his party. In 1855 he was elected a member of the county Board of Police, which position he held until the election in the fall of 1860, when he was successful in a contest for the office of sheriff and tax collector and served in this capacity until the first day of January, 1865. He also filled, by appointment, the responsible position of county school commissioner for 1860 and 1861. After election to the office of sheriff, Mr. Barton disposed of his landed interest in the eastern portion of the county and for ten years resided near Jacinto, thence moving to the Rienzi neighborhood, where he resided until his death on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1876. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Barton,

eight of whom are living as follows: Clark and Jake Barton, Hill County, Texas; Dixon Barton, Crockett County, Texas; Mrs. Kate Raper, Tarrant County, Texas; Tom Barton, Boss, Oklahoma Territory; Mrs. Harriet Knowles, Iuka and J. W. Barton, Corinth, Mississippi. Mrs. J. G. Barton is residing with her son, Dixon, in Crockett County, Texas, now being in her eighty-second year.