

Family Group Record

Notes for Thompson Fletcher Fowler

Thompson Fletcher Fowler, Husband of Martha Smithwick and later Mildred Maria Kuykendall. Father of Charles L and Wiley (with Martha) and Eugene E and Thompson E (with Maria) Thompson Fletcher Fowler Pioneered the establishment of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Temple. The Fowler Gin, Fowler Store, and the domain of Thompson F. Fowler were located about 7 mi E of Bartlett, Texas between the communities of Alligator and Davilla in Althea. The Fowler Ranch with the lookout on the roof was located here also. Fowler died on the Farm/Ranch 06-14-1886, and his grave in the Laughlin Family Cemetery is marked. ALTHEA, TEXAS. Althea was on Farm Road 487 in the southeastern corner of Bell County. The town was headquarters for farm and ranch operations of the Thompson F. Fowler family; the Fowler General Store and gin operated there. Althea had a store, a gin, a blacksmith shop, and a school in the early twentieth century and a post office between 1900 and 1904. It comprised one business and a population of forty in 1933, and its school, which had been part of the Williamson County School District, was consolidated with the Bartlett district in 1948. In 1964 the population had fallen to ten, and the community was no longer shown on government topographical maps.

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