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The Probate Records of Colorado County show that Mr. Beason made his will in 1856 and died in Colorado County in January, 1857. In his will he requested that his wife, Mrs. Rebecca A. Beason be appointed administratrix of his estate. The graves of Mr. and Mrs. Beason are lost.

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An Act of the Texas Legislature approved by the Governor, February 1, 1845 legalized Leander Beason, illegitimate infant of Leander Beason and Martha Jane Pace. (Gammel's Laws of Texas, Vol. 2, p. 1110.) Martha Jane Pace later married a Mr. Brown.

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