

CROWNOVER, ASTER - Received title to 4,428 acres of land in  
Colony situated in the present counties of Grimes.

CROWNOVER, ARTER - Born in Buncombe County, North Carolina, July 22, 1810, a son of John and Elizabeth (Chesney) Crownover. The eleven children of John and Elizabeth Crownover in order of birth were Benjamin, Robert, John, Matchell, Polly, Snelson, Franklin, Arter, Joseph, Elizabeth and Melissa Corwnover. The Crownovers were living in Little Rock, Arkansas, May 29, 1819 when their last child, Melissa, was born. She is said to have been the first child born in Little Rock. The Crownovers came to Texas among the first colonists but the parents, with their children Arter, Benjamin, John, and Melissa went back to Arkansas. A daughter, Polly, who had married John Rabb, remained in Texas and in 1830 the others returned.

Mr. Arter Crownover joined Captain Gibson Kuykendall's company in 1836 and on October 6, 1845 he was issued Donation Certificate No. 1214 for 640 acres of land for having been detailed to guard the baggage at the camp opposite Harrisburg, April 21, 1836. On December 11, 1841 he received Bounty Certificate No. 9913 for 320 acres of land for his services in the army from March 1 to May 30, 1836.

Mr. Crownover was married to Lavina Castleman, daughter of Sylvenus Castleman. Mr. Crownover died February 8, 1876, while a member of the Texas Veterans Association. Mrs. Corwnover died in 1880. The two are buried in marked graves in Comanche Springs cemetery in Blanco County, just across the Burnet County Line. Mr. Crownover was a Methodist and on October 5, 1872 he was licensed to preach in the Lampasas circuit. He lost his life getting material

together to build a church in the Backbone Valley, Burnitt County, when he fell from a wagon while hauling lumber from a mill several miles distant.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Crownover were Aaron, who married Hastletine Hardin; Levi, who married Mary Hudson; Jasper, who died single while serving in the Confederate army; John, who married Lydia Harrington; Melissa, who married Wash Morrow; Rufinia, who married Butler Hardin; Fannie, who married Sam Luckey; Anna, who married Wash Hardin; Kate, who married Ewing Lacy and Alexander Crownover, who was married twice. His first wife was Irene Francis and after her death he married Mary Anderson.

Meliasa Crownover, sister of Arter Crownover, was married to Benjamin Phillips. A granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillips is Mrs. Mattie Phillips Hallford of Llano, Texas.