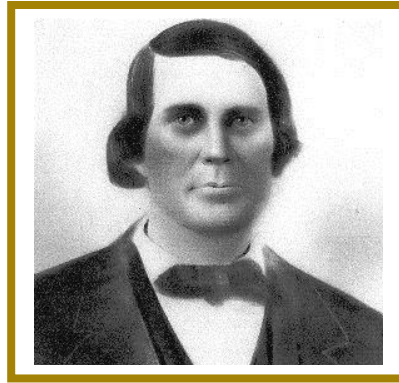




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★ RICHARD H. HIGHTOWER ★

13TH SHERIFF



Dr. Richard House Hightower served three separate terms as Sheriff 1860 – 62, 1866 – 68, 1871 – 73.

Richard was the son of Raleigh and Elizabeth (Betsy) House Hightower, born March 4, 1820. Raleigh moved to Henry County in 1825 near Concord Methodist Episcopal Church in the Stockbridge area. He owned about 607 acres here.

Dr. Hightower married Mary Ann Chapman in Henry County on February 18, 1849.

Richard was appointed Sheriff in 1860 through 1862, and later in 1866 he was appointed for a second term. He resigned in August of 1862 and moved to Jonesboro, Clayton County, Georgia and Dr. Hightower opened a drug store.

Richard served in Co. I, 4th Georgia Militia (Phillip's Brigade) and also Co. H, 3rd Georgia State Troops (possibly as a Medical Doctor). After the war was over he moved back to Henry County to his family plantation near Concord Church. In 1871 he was again sworn in as Sheriff of Henry County and served through 1873.

Dr. Hightower opened the first drug store in Stockbridge and lived the rest of his life on his family plantation near Stockbridge. One of his sons, Richard, Jr., also became a Doctor. Richard was also the Grandfather to Lewis D. Hightower who served as Henry County Sheriff from 1928 – 36.

Richard died July 3, 1897 and is buried at the Stockbridge United Methodist Church (formerly Old Concord Methodist church).

A Historic Notation: Richard's wife Elizabeth was the sister of Pascal House who was married to Clara Pattillo (later spelled Patillo), daughter of James Pattillo of Henry County. James Pattillo was the great-great grandfather to Claudia Taylor (Lady Bird) Johnson, wife of Lyndon Baines Johnson (LBJ) the 36th and 37th President of the United States. See Sheriff Jesse Johnson the 2nd Sheriff of Henry County for the LBJ connection.

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