

John's health was not always good so to get away from the cold Minnesota winters, the family moved to Richmond, Texas in April of 1900. Here he purchased a 300 acre farm and built his family a three story house. The Galveston Hurricane of September 1900 destroyed this house which he rebuilt. Their last son Herman was born here in Richmond in 1902.

They made a second move to Oklahoma in 1908 settling on a farm they purchased west of Gotebo. Near the end of their lives they made their home with daughter Lena where they were cared for through their last illnesses by Lena, John, Anna and George. John was 87 years old when he died on October 28, 1926.²³ Helena preceded him in death by six weeks on September 16, 1926. They are both buried in Corn.