

## Mrs. Ella Hutchins Sydnor

Ella Hutchins was the daughter of William J. Hutchins, a pioneer merchant of Houston. Although she was married to Seabrook Sydnor, son of John Sydnor of Galveston and founder of Seabrook, Sydnor was her second husband.

The marriage of Miss Hutchins to Lord Stewart of England, was to be one of the most elaborate social affairs of its time in Houston. Lord Stewart, born Frank Nichols of Houston, was the son of General E. B. Nichols. It was while attending school in England that he had been adopted by Lord Stewart. However, following the death of the senior Lord Stewart, it was learned that English succession law prohibited the transfer of titles—and estates—to a foreigner. Thus, the former Lord Stewart returned to Galveston as Frank Nichols, minus his inheritance and his title. Unfortunately, his marriage to Miss Hutchins did not fair much better and ended unhappily.

