

## BIOGRAPHIES

### DANIEL M. COLEMAN

The subject of this sketch was born in Perry County, Alabama, on the 23rd day of August, 1818 and came to Texas with his mother, Nancy Dean Coleman in 1851, and settled on a plantation, about 4 miles southeast of Crockett on the Crockett and Sumpter (now Pennington) Road, which became known as the Coleman Plantation, and now known as the Stockton Farm or Ranch. His brothers, Frank and Lawrence, with their mother, settled in Anderson County and his brother, Nat Coleman, settled on a plantation in Henderson County, near Athens.

About 1858 or 1859 Mr. Coleman, then and ever after, known as "Uncle Dan" bought the house of A. T. Monroe in Crockett and lived there until 1880, when he sold the same to Oliver C. Aldrich, and moved to Henderson County and lived with the family of his brother, Nat Coleman, until his death on February 6th, 1895.

Before and during the Civil War, he was a planter on a large scale, and before his slaves were freed, he was very prosperous, and was surrounded by every luxury. Before coming to Texas, he married Louisa Matlock, and they had a large family of children, several of whom died while they lived in the country, and only three of them lived in the Crockett home. The oldest of these was Cornelia, who married Captain Albert Alford, who first moved to Galveston, and moved from there to Rice, Texas, and later to Wills Point, Texas. The second daughter, Josephine, married Gus Aldrich, and she died at the home of her uncle, Nat Coleman, near Athens. The third child, Walter Coleman, sold the Coleman plantation to W. V. Berry and moved to Houston, where he enlisted as a soldier in the Spanish American War, in 1898. Later he lost his health and entered the Veterans' Hospital in Kansas, where he died about ten years ago.

Many of the older people of Crockett will remember "Uncle Dan," when he lived in his old home in Crockett, and grew flowers, because he loved them, and spent his time in friendly greetings to his neighbors and friends, and delighted in making others happy. He was truly an apostle of sunshine.

### JAMES COLLINS

James Collins was born in Ireland May 29th 1834, being the oldest of a large family of children. He came to the United States when only 12 years of age and lived in Philadelphia for seven years. He came to Crockett about the year 1854 and was asso-