

1869 and practiced law for five years in Louisiana, coming to Crockett on January 14, 1875, where he has since made his home. For two years, 1878-80, he served as county attorney of Houston County, and for six years as district attorney of the third judicial district. He then retired from active politics and engaged in the private practice of his profession, and at his death was recognized throughout the length and breadth of Texas as one of the foremost lawyers, one almost without a peer in criminal practice. At the time of his death he was president of the Houston County Bar Association. Col. Adams united with the Baptist Church in early life, and in his more mature years was a very active member of that denomination.

Col. Adams was survived by his wife, who has since died two daughters, Mrs. Emma Castleberg and Mrs. Denny Arledge and one son, Earle Adams, who has since died. His oldest son, Hon. Joe Adams, who was his law partner, preceded him in death. He is buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Crockett, Texas.

THE ALDRICH FAMILY

BIOGRAPHY OF THE AUTHOR

Armistead Albert Aldrich, the author of this history, was born in Crockett, Texas, on the tenth day of April, 1858, the son of Oliver Cromwell Aldrich and Eliza Jane (Masters) Aldrich, being the same day on which his father was first elected County Clerk of Houston County. The house in which he was born then occupied the site of the present Tenney Memorial Presbyterian Church. His first school was taught by Miss Margaret Hall, later Mrs. John S. Shivers, where he learned his alphabet. Later his teacher was Mrs. Jane Blair, the wife of Colonel John Blair, a veteran of the Mexican War. His next teacher was Mrs. Luc Collins, who was his teacher in 1870.

In 1871, he was a student under Major John Spence, one of the noblest men who ever taught school. One year, 1874, he studied with George P. Miller. After that from 1875 to 1877, he was a student under Hon. W. B. Page, one of the ablest instructors who ever followed the profession of teaching. He finished his high school work under Mr. Page, and at his suggestion in 1877, attended the University of Virginia during the session of 1877-1878. He then began the study of law, in the well known offices of Nunn & Williams, and was admitted to the bar in 1883. His political life began as alderman of the City of Crockett, in