

HISTORY OF HOUSTON COUNTY

friend and neighbor in Tennessee saw and recognized Elijah as he passed through the village on his ill-fated journey to San Antonio where he met a tragic death but a few weeks later, Elijah suggested that the town be named 'Crockett,' which was done. (David Crockett spent the night with his old friend en route to San Antonio, but I do not know the date.)

"Andrew Edwards Gossett was born July 19th, 1812, in Maury County, Tennessee; married Rhoda E. Mulder, daughter of Koder and Rhoda Mulder, who was born in Halifax, N. C. Jan. 14th, 1812, and died at her home in Crockett, April 14th, 1853. They were married Dec. 27th, 1831 in Tennessee and were the parents of nine children.

"A. E. Gossett and Mary Margaret Murchison were married Jan. 22nd, 1857. She was the daughter of Simon Murchison, and Elisabeth Daily Ross, and was born in McNary County, Tennessee. Feb. 17th, 1832 and died Dec. 20th, 1904, age 72 years. Their children were: Andrew Edwards Simon (Tony) born Aug. 4th, 1858, died April 28th, 1928, age 69 years, 8 months, 24 days; and Margaret Josephine, born Dec. 22nd, 1862."

EDWARD ALEXANDER GAUSE

Edward Alexander Gause, was born August 8th, 1819 in Mobile, Alabama, of Welch and Scotch-Irish parentage. He graduated from a college in Ohio, where he had as his friend, the distinguished James A. Garfield, who later became President of the United States. It was through the influence of this eminent statesman that Mr. Gause was appointed Postmaster at Crockett on October 16th, 1879. He was married to Miss Catherine Neal Hall, a granddaughter of Huguenot refugees. Mrs. Gause was born in Wilmington, North Carolina, and died in Crockett on October 16th, 1883, being the 23rd anniversary of her marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Gause came to Crockett soon after the Civil War and he and his sister, Mrs. McCall, engaged in teaching school. At that time Crockett was noted for the unruly character of some of its older students, and they had hitherto fought and intimidated the teachers. In Mr. Gause they met their match. He was fearless and resolved not to be overrun by any of his students, however large physically. When it became necessary to punish one of these bullies, he brought his revolver to school and laid it on his desk. While his sister held the gun he thrashed