

BIOGRAPHIES

the disobedient student and thereafter had no trouble in school.

He established a newspaper at Crockett, **THE CROCKETT PATRON**, and conducted it for several years. While thus engaged, he was associated for a time with R. M. Johnson, who moved to Houston and became prominent in newspaper work.

He was a devout Christian, an enterprising citizen, and a kind and devoted husband and father.

He was survived by three daughters: Mrs. Anna Gause Phillips, Mrs. Johnnie Dawes, and Mrs. Flora Gause Murchison.

JAMES H. GILLESPIE

Just when or where this pioneer was born the author has no information, but he was living in Crockett as early as 1841, as shown by records. They show that at that time he was serving as deputy County Clerk of Houston County, under C. H. Nelson, the second County Clerk of the county. In 1846 he succeeded C. H. Nelson as County Clerk and continued to hold that office until 1858, when he was succeeded by Oliver C. Aldrich.

He died in Houston County and William Wortham was appointed Temporary Administrator of his estate on January 29th, 1861.

He was a close friend of the family of Daniel Murchison and frequently paid his attentions to his daughter, Angeline, who later married H. F. Craddock.

An interesting bit of history connected with him is the fact that he followed the gold rush to California in an early day, and brought back with him a gold nugget, from which a ring was made that is now owned by Miss Minnie Craddock.

The deed Records of Houston County attest the fact, that during his more than ten years of tenure of the office of County Clerk, he wrote a good hand, took numberless acknowledgements to deeds and other instruments and recorded them in long hand. He seems to have died a bachelor as no relative is mentioned in the administration proceedings of his estate.

JAMES MADISON HALL

This pioneer was the son of Joshua J. Hall and was born February 22nd, 1819, probably in Maryland. He came with his father to Houston County as early as July 1st, 1839, for at that time he made out a deed to a large tract of land in Houston