

OLIVER CROMWELL ALDRICH

Was born on the 5th day of January 1830, in the Mexican State of Coahuila and Texas, on Red River, near where the City of Clarksville now stands, the son of Collin Aldrich, and Elizabeth Aldrich. In that early day he had scant opportunity for an education, and attended country schools for a few months, but was self educated and by his own efforts acquired a fairly good education and became what could be called a well informed man. When a young man he clerked and kept books for A. T. Monroe, a leading merchant of Crockett, and in that way became an efficient business man. In 1855 he was chosen County Treasurer of Houston County and served in that capacity for only a short time. On the 5th day of January 1857, he married Miss Eliza Jane Masters, daughter of Henry Masters, in the old Double Log house, where Henry Masters lived, on Masters Hill, about three miles east of the courthouse in Crockett, now known as Campbell's Hill. On the 10th day of April 1858, he was elected County Clerk of Houston County for the first time and held the office until 1868, when he was removed by the Reconstruction Administration. In 1873, when the Democrats regained control of affairs in Texas, he was elected District and County Clerk, the offices having been combined and held that office until the offices were separated under the constitution of 1876, when he was elected County Clerk and held that office until 1886. He was for many years a member of Lothrop Masonic Lodge and also a member of Palestine Commandery of Royal Arch Masons. His wife preceded him in death in 1874, and he died on September 1889, at the age of fifty nine years, and is buried in the Old Crockett Cemetery. He left surviving him the following children: Armistead Albert Aldrich, Mary Aldrich, later the wife of A. P. Moore, of Tyler, Collin Isaac Aldrich, Rush Oliver Aldrich, Elizabeth Aldrich, who married C. M. Newton, and Robert Lee Aldrich.

JACOB ALLBRIGHT

This pioneer was here before Houston County was erected or organized. In fact he was one of the organizers and was elected the first County Clerk of the county in September 1837 and held the office for more than one term. He later filled the offices of Notary Public and tax assessor and collector. His father, John Albright, was also a pioneer and brought a large family with him to Texas in the early thirties. His father met a tragic death,