

## HISTORY OF HOUSTON COUNTY

J. M. Odell. He came to Texas with his father and his family February 11th, 1848. He was a soldier in the Confederate army. He married Miss Sallie Arledge, by whom he had one child, a daughter, Hally, who married George W. Crook, and died recently in Crockett. He afterwards married Miss Gertrude Lipscomb, by whom he had three children, Birdie, who married Weldon Odell, Snyder, who is a prominent business man in Crockett, and Albert, who died young.

He was a member of Lothrop Lodge, Masonic Fraternity, and at his death resolutions were passed by the lodge and published in the Crockett Patron. These extol his virtues in the highest terms.

He was an influential and useful member of the Crockett Baptist Church and had much to do in the erection of a new church building.

Probably no merchant who ever lived in Crockett displayed greater business ability than he.

### COL. D. A. NUNN

The following biography of Col. Nunn appeared in the National Cyclopaedia of American Biography, and is so complete and so splendidly expressed that it is adopted for this history of his home county:

"David Alexander Nunn, lawyer, was born at Summerville, Noxubee County, Miss., October 1st, 1836, son of John and Jane (Tubb) Nunn. His father was a pioneer Mississippi planter, and served as a soldier under Andrew Jackson (q.v.) in the war with the Choctaw Indians.

"David A. Nunn received his education in the private college and at the University at Murfreesboro, Law School at Lebanon Tenn. and later studied law at New Orleans; was admitted to the bar in 1857, and in that year began the practice of his profession in his native county. In his father's home he had known and admired such great Southerners as Jefferson Davis (q.v.) Albert G. Brown (q.v.), William Barksdale (q.v.) and others, from them he imbibed his old school conception of politics and civic and social relations. These ideals and ideas remained his characteristics throughout his political life.

"In 1858 he settled at Crockett, Texas. In this new community he soon acquired a place of distinction, and was voted into the office of Mayor (Crockett's first mayor) which carried no salary, and was then a post of onerous responsibility. The entire country about Crockett was infested by a dangerous and