

HISTORY OF HOUSTON COUNTY

Reconstruction Convention in Austin, which was under the supervision of Governor Jack Hamilton, the military governor.

During the Civil War he was appointed brigadier general and recruited a brigade for service, but on account of other duties did not enter the actual military service. In 1862 he was elected district judge and held that office until he was removed by the military government, which removed all civil officers.

In 1850 Judge Taylor married Miss Isabella A. Moore, daughter of S. M. Moore and Eliza Houston Moore, her mother being the youngest sister of General Sam Houston. She bore a strong resemblance to General Houston and was nicknamed "Little Sam."

Judge Taylor was one of the most outstanding Masons in the history of masonry and held high office in masonic circles and died while attending the general encampment of Knights Templar on September 23, 1871, at Baltimore. As a member of the Grand Lodge of Texas, he traveled over Texas as lecturer and inspector and compiled Taylor's Monitor, which is still recognized as authority among Masons everywhere. His wife survived him for many years and spent the latter part of her life in the home of James W. Hail, an old friend of the family. She died in Crockett at the advanced age of 92 and is buried in the old Cemetery in Crockett.

MONROE THOMAS

Many people of Crockett and Houston County will remember this venerable, kindly old gentleman, who died in the home of his son, Dr. M. A. Thomas, in Crockett, more than twenty years ago. He was born in North Carolina, January 5th, 1814, and moved from there to North Mississippi, when very young. He married Amelia Howell, in Mississippi, and came to Houston County in 1878. He first occupied a place on Nevils Prairie, belonging to Dr. S. J. Collins. He next moved to a place belonging to W. J. Murchison, also on Nevils Prairie.

Later he purchased his home on Nevils Prairie from Charles Little, where he lived until he came to Crockett, to live the balance of his life with his son.

He died at the home of his son, January 18th, 1918, at the advanced age of 89 years, full of honors and good deeds.

He and his wife are both buried in Antioch Cemetery about five or six miles west of Lovelady.