

HISTORY OF HOUSTON COUNTY

stood in the Bracken yard are still there. The creek just beyond this place is still known as Bracken Creek.

The history of the Bracken family would be a good subject for historical treatment by the students of Glover School, for the old home stood almost in sight of where that school is located. James R. Bracken was justice of the peace for the Augusta precinct in an early day. His oldest son, B. M. Bracken, commonly known as Ben Bracken, was a soldier in the war between Mexico and the United States and was a member of Captain John L. Hall's company. He married a daughter of G. W. Wilson, a pioneer, who lived and died on his headright league on which the town of Augusta is situated.

C. W. Bracken was born in Alabama, August 16, 1827, and came to Texas with his father in 1839, and served in both the Mexican War and the Confederate War. He was married to Betty Cummins on Valentine's day, February 14, 1858. They had several children; the oldest, Emma Bracken, born December 8, 1858; Dick Bracken, born October 21, 1866; Estelle Bracken, born August 15, 1871. All of the above were born in Crockett and the youngest, Bert Bracken, was born at Lampasas, August 10, 1879. In 1865 C. W. Bracken was deputy tax collector of Houston County under H. G. McDaniel. In 1875 he was deputy sheriff under J. L. Sheridan. This is just another case of a pioneer family whose history should be perpetuated.

MENDEL BROMBERG

One of the enterprising citizens of Crockett, who deserves to be remembered is Mendel Bromberg, who was born in Meretz, Russia, September 16th, 1844. He spent his boyhood in the City of Bromberg, Poland, (now annexed to Germany). He arrived in the United States in 1860, and lived first in Syracuse, New York. He married January 5th, 1868, and he and his family moved to Crockett in 1873, where he lived until his death on January 12th 1919. During his residence in Crockett, covering a period of 46 years, he was engaged in business and took an active part in the civic affairs of the City and County.

In 1890, when the City of Crockett was re-organized, he was chosen one of the alderman and served faithfully in the establishment of an improved public school system, and was a member of the city council, which also served as trustees of the public schools, and under its direction a splendid new school building was erected, which stands today as the Grammar School building.