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ciated with his relatives Thomas P. Collins and James P. Collins in business for many years. He was manager of the large business of Collins & Douglas for many years and as long as said business lasted. On February 14th, 1860 he married Miss Hattie Bond Stokes, a daughter of the pioneer lawyer, William B. Stokes, the ceremony having been performed by the distinguished Presbyterian Preacher, Dr. Samuel A. King. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church at Crockett almost from its beginning and was Superintendent of the Sunday School from January 1871, when Rev. S. F. Tenney came as pastor of that church, until his death November 14th, 1887. His two daughters, Rydie and Carrie preceded him in death. He was survived by his wife and his four sons, Robert Lee Collins, James Stuart Collins, Douglas Stokes Collins and Thomas Bell Collins. Only the last two still survive and both reside in Dallas. He was Quartermaster in the Southern Army during the Civil War.

JAMES P. COLLINS

James P. Collins was one of three brothers who were born in Cookstown, Tyrone County, Ireland, and all came to Texas in an early day, associated with Moses Warden, under the firm name of Collins & Warden. He was born on August 12, 1809, and died on Monday, May 9, 1881. His oldest child was John Collins, born July 17, 1838, and who married Lucy Atkinson. who taught school in Crockett for many years and was generally known as Mrs. Lucy Collins up to the time of her death. His oldest daughter was Eliza Collins, who married William McLean, and was the mother of the late Dan McLean, Judge Will McLean, Jim McLean, Mrs. Mary Davis, wife of W. A. Davis: Mrs. Daisy McConnell, who was the wife of W. V. McConnell, and Jennie McLean, who married W. V. McConnell, and Eula McLean, who married Rev. Riall.

James P. Collins, was also the father of Janie Collins, who married F. G. Edmiston, and was the mother of Charlie and F. G. Edmiston. He also had a son by the name of William Peacock Collins, who married Virginia Smith, whom we now know as Mrs. Virginia Collins. His second son was named Samuel B. Collins, who was born in August, 1844, and who served in the Civil War. His second oldest daughter was Susan B. Collins, born in 1846, and who married John W. Prewit. Many of our people today will remember James V. Collins, who married Miss Fanny Denny, and who was the father of Alfred Collins, Denny Collins, Brownie Collins and Mattie Col-