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lins, who married Will Ike Kennedy. These was not all of his children, but will give the reader some idea of the large family he raised in Crockett, and how many of them are still with us.

DOCTOR JOHN COLLINS

Among the three brothers who emigrated from Cookstown, Tyrone County, Ireland, about 1839, was Dr. John Collins, who was born August 24, 1811. He came to Crockett about 1839 and at once took high rank among the pioneers of the county. In 1840, he was serving as Chief Justice of the county, and from that time until he decided to move to Athens, in Henderson County, about ten years later, he was an influential citizen. His first wife was a daughter of Ed Wingate, one of the soldiers of the Texas Revolution, who fell with Fannin at Goliad.

The records show that on February 9, 1841, he was serving as deputy Clerk of the County Court of Houston County, under Jacob Allbright, the first County Clerk of Houston County.

While in Houston County, before moving to Athens, he engaged in the mercantile business and later practiced medicine. After moving to Athens he continued to practice his profession of medicine and also engaged in many business enterprises. In fact he became one of the leading citizens of Athens and Henderson County.

His first wife having died he married again and raised a large family of children in Athens. One of his daughters married Judge Gooch, who held the office of District Judge for the Third Judicial District for many years. One of his sons, W. E. Collins, now lives in Dallas, and is the manager of the large business of Padgitt Brothers Company. One of his sons was named Jim Tom, evidently for his two brothers, James P. Collins and Thomas P. Collins. A large picture of Dr. John Collins now hangs in the courthouse in Crockett, to preserve his memory as a former Chief Justice of the County.

He died on January 3rd 1890, in Athens and is buried in the cemetery there. He was highly educated and a lover of poetry, which he could quote by the page.

JOHN COLLINS, JR.

John Collins, Jr. was the son of James P. Collins and Amelia Vann Collins and was born July 17th, 1838. He received his education in Tennessee and later attended Baylor University at