

HISTORY OF HOUSTON COUNTY

Independence, Texas, where he met and later married Miss Lucy Atkinson on November 29th, 1866. He and his bride came to Crockett soon after his marriage and made that his home until his death. He was admitted to the Bar July 21, 1866, showing great promise of being a successful practitioner, when he died in the prime of life, August 16th, 1869.

There was a meeting of the Crockett Bar to take proper notice of his death, which was attended by all the members of the Bar, which included at that time Col. Steward A. Miller, Col. W. A. Stewart, Col. D. A. Nunn, Edward Currie and Judge William M. Taylor, and suitable resolutions were passed extolling his fine and amiable character. These resolutions were prepared by Col. D. A. Nunn, his law partner, and the original copy is still in existence. Later on October 11th, 1869, resolutions were passed by Lothrop Lodge, of which he was a member, the resolutions having been presented by a committee, of which Col. S. A. Miller was Chairman, and Richard Douglass, secretary.

He left surviving him his wife, Mrs. Lucy A. Collins, one daughter, Amelia, his father and mother and a number of brothers and sisters.

GENERAL THOMAS P. COLLINS

The subject of this biography was the oldest of the three brothers, who about 1839, left their native Ireland, and sailed for America, choosing Crockett, as his destination. He was probably the first merchant to begin business in Crockett, and built a large log store house, on the northeast corner of the public square, where the Crockett Hotel now stands. He was born in Cookstown, Tyrone County, Ireland, on January 12, 1800. He first married Miss Adaline Bishop, who was born July 3rd, 1809 and died July 24, 1861. He afterwards married Emma, sister of his first wife, who survived him. By his first wife he had one daughter, Mary, who first married Billy Moore, and after his death, she married Zacheus Wilson. Later she married Charles Douglas, who was killed in March 1883, accidentally. Mrs. Douglas was associated with her stepmother, in carrying on the business of her father, Thomas P. Collins, first under the firm name of Collins and Wilson and later under the name of Collins & Douglas.

Thomas P. Collins died July 6th, 1869. He first established his home in Crockett, where Mrs. Maud McConnell now resides, where his daughter, Mary, was born, on November 7th,