

## HISTORY OF HOUSTON COUNTY

Miss Nell Daniel, who married Max Hardy and Miss Carol Faye Daniel, who married Harvey Doran Oatman.

Another daughter of James M. Daniel was Augusta Daniel, who married H. F. Craddock. She is now dead and left the following children: Frank Craddock, Dan P. Craddock, Ike Craddock. The above sketch of James M. Daniel, a pioneer, shows how closely the past history of Crockett is connected with the present.

### BRADFORD DAVIS

A pioneer, who met a tragic death, at the hands of Indians, came to Texas in 1839 from Jefferson County, Mississippi and settled upon a tract of land near what is now known as Ash, in Houston County. He owned two farms in Mississippi and about one hundred negro slaves, but brought only 22 with him to Texas. The story of his death is briefly this: He and his friend, Joel F. Leathers, were not only farmers, but bee hunters. They had baited the bees with some honey placed on a pole. Early one morning as they visited the bait, Leathers discovered that the Indians had been there and told Davis to run for his life. Leathers mounted his horse and made his escape. Davis not acting so rapidly was too slow and the Indians killed him. He sleeps in an unknown grave on Mustang Prairie. He left three children: John A. Davis, Bradford Davis, Jr. and James Franklin Davis. The oldest son, John A. Davis attended school in Crockett, and after the death of his father, Judge A. E. Gossett became his guardian and he lived in his home for a time. John A. Davis, son of Bradford Davis, at his death left six children, one being John A. Davis, Jr., who was Justice of the Peace at Grapeland for many years, but is now dead. A son, Ed W. Davis, still lives in Grapeland and is a patriarch himself, with children and grandchildren gathering at his home frequently. The Davis Family had an important part in the development of Houston County.

### COLONEL W. W. DAVIS

Colonel W. W. Davis was a native son of Houston County, born of pioneer parents, his father, Wm. P. Davis, coming from Mississippi to Texas in 1828, and his mother, Elizabeth Davis, was a native of Tennessee. Colonel Davis was born in Houston County near the present town of Weches, on what was known