

## BIOGRAPHIES

as the old Davis place, on March 15, 1831. He was an only son and the youngest of four children. His parents died when he was quite young and his three sisters were reared by their maternal grandmother. It is a part of the family history that his oldest sister was to have been married to the famous Jim Bowie, but she died before the marriage was consummated.

Colonel Davis was married to Lucy Margaret Penick on August 25, 1850, when he was only 19 years of age. The Penick family were also Houston County pioneers and came to Houston County from Missouri. He spent his entire life in Houston County, where he was born.

He was a capable business man and when a young man he was a partner with William McLean in a mercantile business at Augusta, which continued for many years. After coming from Augusta to Crockett he also engaged in the mercantile business for many years.

He was a man of unusual intelligence and ability and represented Houston County in the Legislature. He died on June 22, 1910, and left surviving him a son, John Davis, a daughter, Miss Betty Davis, still living in Crockett, and Mrs. Alice Long, who resides in Tennessee, being the wife of a prominent business man, and statesman, who represented his district in the Tennessee Legislature. His son, Wm. A. Davis, who preceded him in death, was one of the outstanding lawyers of the Crockett bar, and held the offices of County Attorney and County Judge before his death. Colonel Davis was noted for his amiable qualities. His memory will be revered in Houston County for generations to come.

### MISS ADINA De ZAVALA

Miss Adina De Zavala, research historian, was born at De Zavala's Point, Harris County, Texas. She was the daughter of Augustine and Julia (Tyrell) De Zavala and granddaughter of Lorenzo De Zavala, vice-president of the Republic of Texas.

She attended Ursuline Academy at Galveston, Texas; Sam Houston State Teachers College; and studied music in Chillicothe, Mo. She was the founder and president of the Daughters and Sons of the Heroes of the Republic of Texas; member of the Descendants of Signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence; Scientific Society, San Antonio; Texas State Historical Association (fellow and councillor) United Daughters of the