

HISTORY OF HOUSTON COUNTY

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While she never resided in Houston County, she is entitled to a place in this history on account of her interest and activities in connection with the location of the site of Missions San Francisco and Santissimo Nombre de Maria, and of having obtained through the Historical and Landmarks Association the imposing markers that mark the sites of these missions.

WILLIAM DICKERSON

This pioneer was born in 1796 and came to Houston County some time prior to January 11th 1841, for on that date he purchased the place on which he established his home and on which he lived until his death on October 7th, 1861. He owned a number of slaves and opened and cultivated a large plantation about two miles northeast of Crockett on the old Crockett and Rusk road. That place has gone by the name of the Old Dickerson Place ever since, and has been one of the landmarks of the County.

He brought some of his children with him when he came to Houston County, for his oldest daughter, Mary Jane, married John McConnell as early as 1851, for during that year the old day book of Thomas P. Collins shows that items were purchased by the wife of John McConnell.

When he died he left surviving him his widow, Jane, who lived only one week longer and died on October 14th, 1861. He also left surviving him six children, Mary Jane McConnell, wife of John McConnell; Elizabeth, who first married Burton Clark, and after his death she married W. E. Mayes; Susan, who married Salathiel Robert; his sons were John H. Dickerson, Van G. Dickerson and Charles Martin Dickerson, all of whom are now dead.

He still has many descendents living in Crockett and Mineral Wells, including the children of William V. McConnell, who are conducting the McConnell Dry Goods Company, and the children of John McConnell, for many years, a leading merchant of Crockett, and the children of Elizabeth Rice, who married Joe Rice.