

BIOGRAPHIES

Mrs. Jennie Sample, a granddaughter of William Dickerson, and a daughter of John H. Dickerson, still resides in Crockett.

COLONEL GEORGE ENGLISH

Col. George English was born in Tennessee in 1808 and came to Texas in 1830 and settled in what is now Shelby County. On November 29, 1835, he was appointed First Lieutenant of Infantry of the general council of the provisional government of Texas. He commanded a company at the storming and capture of Bexar, on December 5 to 10, 1835, and for his service, he, on January 27, 1840, was issued Donation Certificate No. 1006 for 640 acres of land. At the same time he received Bounty Certificate No. 730 for 320 acres of land for having served in the army for a period of three months. On May 31, 1837, President Houston appointed him captain of a company of mounted gunmen for duty in Shelby County. He commanded a company of volunteers in 1839, and was at the same time president of the Board of Land Commissioners of Shelby County.

Captain English was lieutenant in Captain A. M. Truitt's Company in the Monterrey campaign in the Mexican War."

The name of Col. George English was already been recorded in history. In the history written by Dr. George L. Crockett, called *Two Centuries in East Texas*, the name and achievements of this hero are mentioned on several occasions. On page 84 of said history, the following statement is made:

"Neighbors of Jonas Harrison were the English brothers, one of whom, George English, was the first sheriff of the district in 1827, and was also first sheriff of San Augustine County under the Republic of Texas."

After having acquitted himself so bravely during the War of Texas Independence in 1836, and the Mexican War of 1846, this patriotic pioneer was ready for the third war and enlisted in the Confederate service and fought in the Civil War of 1861 to 1865. At that time he had long been a citizen of Houston County, having removed to Houston County from San Augustine County at an early day and spent his later years in this county. After the death of his uncle, Arch H. English, he took care of his children and widow, the children being Miranda English, who later married E. E. Barlow and died in Houston County only a short time ago. Another daughter of Arch English was Miss Lizzie English, who also died in Crockett not many years ago. A third child of Arch English is Elisha English, who