

## HISTORY OF HOUSTON COUNTY

recently died near Trinity, and was present at the family reunion held on September 1st, 1940. Colonel George English was a second father to these nieces and nephews, and Elisha spoke in the most loving terms of his noble qualities and goodness to his kindred.

He died in Houston County and was buried in the old English cemetery, about 11 miles East of Crockett, located on the old James English homestead tract of land, and the author was instrumental in securing a monument for his grave and in locating the same where a splendid marker now stands, showing the last resting place of this patriotic Texan. It is a shrine worthy of a pilgrimage by the present generation, who delight to honor the noble and the good.

### CAPTAIN JOHN ENGLISH

The following sketch of Captain John English was furnished the author by Mrs. John E. Wright of San Antonio, who is a granddaughter of Captain John English.

"English, John—Born in Virginia, July 5, 1793, and came to Texas about 1825. In 1833 he was a delegate to the second convention of Texas, held in San Felipe. The following account of Captain English's life was written at his death by W. P. Sansom and published in a newspaper. It was pasted in a scrapbook by his daughter, Mrs. S. P. Tucker:

"Died at his residence in Houston County on Wednesday evening, December 30, 1868, at 4 o'clock P. M., Captain John English.' For several years Captain English has been laboring under a chronic disease by which he was greatly reduced. On Saturday night previous to his death he was attacked with acute pneumonia, which terminated fatally, after severe suffering, on Wednesday following. The subject of his life notice was one of the oldest living Texans. He was born at English's Ferry on New River, Virginia, on the 5th of July, 1793, his parents emigrating to North Carolina, thence to Tennessee, where he was married to Miss Elizabeth Choate in 1824, and immediately moved to Texas. In 1815 Captain English was a soldier under General Jackson and was captured by the enemy a few days before the memorable 8th day of January and was detained a prisoner for several weeks. In Texas he was a participant in all her early troubles. He was a member of congress of the Republic and always took deep interest in everything that concerned Texas or her welfare. No man excelled him in patriotism, in kindly feel-