

War for Independence of the United States. He came to Texas in 1829 where his first son, Oliver Cromwell Aldrich, was born on January 5th, 1830 in what is now Red River County, near Clarksville. He removed to a place, then in Nacogdoches District, and now known as Houston County, where he located on the league of land, known as the Collin Aldrich League, and near the spot where his grave is situated. He was a volunteer in the army for Texas Independence, and Albert Sidney Johnston, Secretary of War in the days of the Republic, certified that "he fought bravely at the Battle of San Jacinto." His name appears on the San Jacinto Monument.

He had an active part in the creation and organization of Houston County on June 12th, 1837, and was elected the first Chief Justice of the County in September, 1837, which office he held until 1840. He married Mrs. Elizabeth Crowover, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Lawrence. He died in June 1842. He was survived by his widow who died in 1875, and the following children: Oliver Cromwell Aldrich, Albert Augustus Aldrich, Collin Aldrich and Ann Aldrich.

COLLIN ALDRICH, JR.

Collin Aldrich, Jr. was the third son of Collin and Elizabeth Aldrich, was born on Mustang Prairie, Houston County, 1840. He received his education in the country schools of Houston County and had scarcely reached his majority when he was mustered into the Confederate army on July 4th, 1860, at Old Randolph in Houston County, and marched off on that day as a member of Currie's Company and became a member of Hood's Brigade. He remained in the army until the end of the war and in 1865 returned to Crockett. In 1866, he married Bettie Kyle, a daughter of Matthew G. Kyle, of Augusta, and began business as a merchant at Augusta, with his father-in-law, under the name of Kyle & Aldrich. During his residence at Augusta his wife, Bettie, died leaving an only child, a son who was named Wace, a peculiar name, composed of the initials of his friends, who served as waiters at his wedding, Billy Wingfield, Gus Aldrich, John Collins and Dan Egbert. After the death of his first wife he married her sister, Julia Kyle, who survived him and they were the parents of three children, George, who died without having married, Jesse Kyle Aldrich, who married Ruby Godsey and Charm, who is the wife of B. L. Satterwhite, a prominent business man of Crockett.