

## BIOGRAPHIES

were away, his wife Mary, being one of them, and only nineteen years of age.

In a letter to his father in North Carolina, soon after they arrived, Dr. Hunter states that he and one other man furnished the meat for the inmates of the Fort by hunting, while other men were ploughing the fields.

He practiced medicine in and around the Fort and gave succor to the sick and wounded—the depredations of the Indians were at their height at this time. He died September 26th, 1840, less than a year after his arrival, of what they called “the fever.” His father-in-law, General Smith, and his wife, both died the year following, 1841. They are all buried in Fort Houston Cemetery. While in Texas such a short time, Dr. James Hunter left his impress on Texas by a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren who are loyal Texans.

His wife, Mrs. Mary M. Hunter, after his death, married Col. James Carr, a pioneer lawyer of Crockett, Texas. She lived to a good old age, rearing the two sons of James Hunter, both of whom served in the Confederate Army. Mary M. Carr was co-founder (with Col. J. J. Word) of the Episcopal Church in Palestine, and there is a tablet in the church to the memory of her and Col. Word. She was a woman of rare strength of character and accomplishments.

Miss Mary Kate Hunter, of Palestine, a lineal descendant of Dr. James Hunter, furnished the author with the above biography, for which he acknowledges his indebtedness.

### TILMAN INGRAM

Probably few now living in Houston County ever heard of this pioneer, yet he lived here in 1862, and probably much earlier. The record shows that on February 22, 1862, he was enrolled at Crockett, Texas, as a private in Captain George English's Company, Burnett's Regiment Confederate States Army. At that time he was 35 years of age. He has a grandson, J. C. Ingram, now living at Groveton, Texas.

### WILLIAM JOHNSON

This pioneer of Houston County, who was a cousin of President Andrew Johnson, came to this county in 1853, with his wife and one child, Florence Josephine, who was only 2