

BIOGRAPHIES

sterling worth and eminent usefulness, endeared himself to our people."

By his first marriage Mr. McConnell was the father of three children: Elizabeth, generally called Lizzie, who married Joe Rice, and whose children are with us today; second, William V., generally called Bill who built up a large mercantile business which continues as the McConnell Dry Goods Company, and third John A. McConnell, who was also a successful merchant and whose widow and children are well known citizens of Crockett, one being our sheriff. By his last marriage, Mr. McConnell was the father of four children: Henry Grady, Esther, who married Arch Burton, Robert Emmett, whose family still live in Crockett and Dan McConnell, whose widow and daughter also live in Crockett.

THE McLEAN FAMILY

A pioneer of pioneers was Daniel McLean, who was a native of North Carolina and first came to Texas as a member of the Magee Expedition in 1814, which was one of the most important of the early incursions of Americans in Texas. He was one of the ninety-three survivors of the famous battle of the Medina River. He escaped the Massacre and traveled to Natchitoches, Louisiana, going by night and stopping by day with friendly Indians, who at that time were almost the only people living between the San Antonio River and the Sabine. Not many years later he came into Texas again as a regular member of Austin's colony and finally located his home about twenty miles northeast of the present site of Crockett on the Old San Antonio Road. Here he settled in 1821 and was granted a league and labor of land on which his home was located, the old home site has ever since been in the McLean family. In 1837, some Indians stole his horses and he and his brother-in-law, John Sheridan, in company with others pursued them to a point near the present town of Elkhart where both McLean and Sheridan were killed by the Indians. The Centennial Commission of Control erected an imposing monument at the site of this massacre. His body was brought back to the old home and buried there and a suitable marker stands at his grave, erected by the family. He was survived by two sons, James McLean and William McLean and daughters.

His son, William McLean, became one of the leading citizens of Houston County. He inherited the old Daniel McLean homestead from his father and later moved his family to