

BIOGRAPHIES

present County Judge; Mary McLean, who married Judge W. A. Davis, Jennie and Daisy, who, in succession, married W. V. McConnell, and Eula, who married Rev. Riall. William McLean is buried in the Cemetery at Crockett.

DOCTOR FRANCIS LEWIS MERIWETHER

This distinguished pioneer and eminent physician was born in Abbeville District, South Carolina, July 29, 1804, and moved with his parents when quite young to Alabama, where he grew up and received his medical education. From there he moved to Harrison County, Texas, where some of his children were born. It is not known just when he came to Houston County, but it was some time prior to 1851, for his name appears on the old Thomas P. Collins day book on November 3, 1851, and he became a regular customer after that date. While living in Alabama he married Miss Ethelinda Dunlap, who was the mother of all his children. While living in Houston County he made his home on Elkhart Creek, about fifteen miles northwest of Crockett, where he did an extensive medical practice as long as he lived. His children were: a daughter, Huldah, who married Dr. Frank Rainey; another daughter, married Judge Anson Rainey; another daughter, Jessie, married Tom H. Dailey, and his youngest daughter, Willie, married Frank Edens. His oldest son was Dr. Lewis Meriwether and his youngest son was Frank Meriwether. None of his children are now living. Dr. Meriwether died on February 9, 1881, and is buried in the old cemetery near Dailey, and his wife, Ethelinda, died on the 26 of December 1876, and they both sleep side by side in the same cemetery. A granddaughter, Mrs. Robert M. Hamby, now lives in Austin, and several other grandchildren live in and near Grapeland. The widow of Dr. Lewis Meriwether lives in Washington with her children.

COL. STEWARD ALEXANDER MILLER

The subject of this biography was a pioneer of Houston County, who had such a distinguished career, and left his impress on the life of his day, that he deserves to have his memory preserved for the benefit of posterity. He was born in Campbell County, Virginia, and was left an orphan at an early age. He learned the trade of a tanner and later taught school. He came