

## BIOGRAPHIES

elected the first Representative from Houston County and served on the First and Second Legislatures in 1846 and 1847. Then he was a member of the State Senate in 1851, 1854 and 1861, when he had to make some of his trips on horseback. On one of these trips his wife started with him in a carriage but could not get across the Trinity and had to turn back leaving Col. Miller to finish the trip on horseback. He was a member of the Senate when Sam Houston refused to take the oath of office and was deposed as Governor. When the Constitution of 1876 was adopted he was elected County Judge of Houston County and held the office for two terms.

### ARMISTEAD THOMPSON MONROE

The following sketch of Col. A. T. Monroe is furnished the author by his only living son, A. T. Monroe, Jr. of San Antonio.

A. T. Monroe was the son of Augustine Garnett Monroe, who was a nephew of President James Monroe.

"My father had three brothers, named, John and Joseph. James was a general in the northern army and his regiment guarded the capital at Washington during the Civil War. He died in harness and his remains lie in the National cemetery at Washington. A life-like painting of him is now hanging in the armory in New York City. John, his brother, was a trader and left his family well provided for in New York City. His brother, Joseph, was a priest in New York City. Mrs. Douglas Robinson of New York City, who was a grandchild of President James Monroe, was a first cousin of my father, and her son married a sister of President Theodore Roosevelt.

"My father left Virginia when he was 18 years old and went to New York City, and my recollection is that he came to Texas in 1842 or 1843, landing at the west end of Galveston Island, instead of the east end, which is now Galveston City. A short time after this he went by ship to Liberty and took a steamboat to Alabama Crossing, on Trinity River, in Houston County. There he remained and went into the mercantile business. He met my mother there, who was a daughter of Jacob Allbright, and was married in 1846. He was the oldest child in the family and the only one who came south.

"My father had the first wood cook stove that was in Houston County, and had it put up at home, but the negro cook said she couldn't cook on that thing, and the only way he could get her to use it was to have the fireplace walled up.