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lawless element, and it required all the courage and firmness of his character to maintain peace and order in the community. Occasionally, with the assistance of the town marshal, and with revolver or shotgun, he personally coped with lawlessness, and he soon became celebrated as a force for the preservation of peace and the regnancy of the law.

"With the beginning of the Civil War he raised a company and went to the front, continuing an actual soldier of the Confederacy until the end of the war. He was in the early campaigns of the Texas Troops in Arizona and New Mexico, subsequently was transferred to Arkansas and Louisiana, and saw hardships and fighting in many of the campaigns of the Southwest. In the Confederate war records (series I, part II, vol XXXIX, p. 627) in the report of Gen. William Steel, who commanded in the Red River country, is the following:

"'Captain Nunn, of Morgan's battalion, succeeded in getting a good position with his squadron and delivered an effective fire at close range.'

"In these records (series I, vol. IX, p. 515) Lt.-Col. William Scurry of the 4th Texas Cavalry mentions him with others as conducting the last brilliant successful charge 'which decided the fortunes of the day' in an engagement in New Mexico, near Fort Craig.

"After the war he resumed his law practice and soon rose to rank among the foremost lawyers of Texas. The firm strength and ability which he had displayed as a soldier he again exhibited during the dark days of reconstruction. He was sent as a delegate to the Convention of 1875 which drafted the new Constitution for the State after its re-admission to the Union, and in that Convention was an acknowledged leader.

"He included in his friendship nearly all the great men of Texas of his day. Col. Nunn was especially beloved by his old comrades in Co. I, 4th Texas Cavalry.

"He married at Macon, Miss., June 8th, 1858, Helen, daughter of Bryan T. Williams, a planter of Noxubee County, Miss.; she survived him, with two children: David A., a lawyer of Crockett, and Corinne, widow of R. E. Corry, and one grandchild, Robert R. Nunn, son of Robert W. Nunn. Mrs. Helen W. Nunn died at Crockett, Texas, Oct. 9, 1917.

"David Alexander Nunn died at Crockett, Texas, August 13, 1911."

MRS. HELEN WILLIAMS NUNN

The following is taken from memorial resolutions adopted by the D. A. Nunn Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy,