

HISTORY OF HOUSTON COUNTY

on November 7th, 1917, the anniversary of the birth of Mrs. Helen Williams Nunn:

"We meet today with bowed heads and sorrow stricken hearts to speak of one most tenderly loved by each one present—Mrs. Nunn.

"Mrs. Nunn was born in Macon, Mississippi, in 1836. She is described as having been a most beautiful, joyous and happy girl, giving evidence in her youth of that wonderful ability that has in her mature years crowned her efforts with marked success.

"She married, early in life, the Hon. D. A. Nunn, for whom this chapter is named. They lived a life of unusual happiness for over fifty years. As a wife and mother she was most devoted, finding her greatest pleasure in the happiness and comfort of her loved ones. Her relation to her brother, sister and grandson, was ideal.

"In the work of the D. A. Nunn Chapter she was leader and guide, impressing the fact that this work was not carried on through any feeling of animosity toward the North, but rather, that this work might cause our Northern brethren to see and know the feeling and principle that inspired the South, and to create kindly feeling between the sections of the country. She lived to see this hope largely realized, and was most happy in feeling that we were at last a United Nation, and that this union was in a large measure due to the efforts of the Daughters of the Confederacy. She was largely instrumental in securing the Woman's Confederate Home in Austin, where many happy, contented women have found a refuge for their old age, and will cherish and revere her memory.

"She was ever the friend of the Confederate Veteran, sincere and true. Through her efforts most of Houston County's veterans have their 'Crosses of Honor,' and on the 3rd of June she was always untiring in her efforts to provide suitable entertainment for them.

"She worked long and faithfully to secure the law making Jefferson Davis' birthday a legal holiday in Texas, and her joy was unbounded when the law was finally passed. It has been well said of her: 'She was a great woman.'

"The Texas Division of the Daughters of the Confederacy, delighting to honor her, created for her the office of First and Only Past President of the Texas Division daughters of the Confederacy, and later when the convention met, soon after she had passed her 70th birthday, she was presented with a most beautiful loving cup, as a token of their appreciation of what she had accomplished for the cause so dear to her. She was indeed a noble woman, tender and true, a most faithful friend, thoughtful for all.