

BIOGRAPHIES

later taught school in Boise, Idaho, and in Huntington, West Virginia, but later returned to Crockett and again taught for several years here. She was active in church and Sunday School work and after her death a church museum, which she was instrumental in establishing, was named the MAUD PENCE MEMORIAL, and a suitable bronze marker is placed in the room to her memory.

She was a niece of Rev. Samuel Fisher Tenney, who was pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Crockett for fifty-four years.

She was fatally injured by a motor car and died at Crockett, Texas on August 3rd, 1937, leaving surviving her an only son, Edward Pence, who now lives in Wheeling, West Virginia. She also has many other relatives in Crockett and elsewhere. She is buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Crockett, Texas.

CYRUS HALBERT RANDOLPH

C. H. Randolph was a son of Jesse Nathaniel Randolph of Rowan County, North Carolina, but was born at St. Claire, Ill. as the family was moving westward, on December 9th, 1817. C. H. Randolph lived in Missouri in 1820, later in Tennessee, and in 1828 moved to Alabama. He came to Houston County in 1838, the year following the county's organization. An attorney, but practicing very little, he was Chief Justice (County Judge) in 1844-45 and Sheriff in 1847-48. He served three terms in the Legislature and was State Treasurer from 1858-65. Later public service included recorder for the Supreme Court and employment in the land office and the State Treasurer's office. Judge Randolph did not return to Houston County after going to Austin. He had married Susan Nowlin, daughter of Peyton Wade Nowlin of Hyde Park, Austin, about 1853, probably while in the Legislature.

Old Randolph, in Eastern Houston County, was once one of the most important towns of Houston County, rivaling Crockett, which had been made the county seat in 1837 when A. E. Gossett donated the land for the town and county seat. It is often heard that Randolph, which doubtless got its name from C. H. Randolph, tried to get the county seat in 1837, which probably is a confusion of county history. The information by the grandson is that Cyrus Randolph did not come to Houston County from Alabama until 1837. The town grew up and became Randolph after the county was organized, probably reaching its peak shortly before the Civil War, according to Judge Aldrich. Crockett and Randolph became natural rivals and the latter wanted the