

## BIOGRAPHIES

He left surviving him three children, Fletcher Thomas, who still lives on Nevils Prairie; Dr. M. A. Thomas, a well known physician of Crockett and a daughter, Mrs. Sallie Magee.

### THE THOMPSON FAMILY

In November, 1853, a covered wagon caravan set out from Lawrence County, Alabama for Texas, consisting of twenty-nine persons, old and young. Among the older members of this caravan were David Thompson and his family and William Vicory Tunstall and his family. Among the members of the Thompson family were Samuel Morris Thompson, and three of his children: William Porter Thompson, Thomas Wilson Thompson and Sallie Thompson, the first born October 11th, 1845, and the latter August 6th, 1852. Elsewhere in this history, the biographies of the Tunstall family appears.

Samuel Morris Thompson, son of David Thompson, was born in East Tennessee on July 13th, 1813, and died at Crockett, Texas, February 23rd, 1891. He married Caroline Tunstall, daughter of William Vicory Tunstall and Dollie Vaughan Tunstall, about 1845. He moved from Tennessee to North Alabama in 1820 and resided there until he came to Texas in 1853. On arriving in Texas he first stopped at Larissa in Cherokee County, and taught school there in 1854. During Christmas week, 1854, he moved to Houston County and settled in Old Randolph, about twelve miles east of Crockett. There he lived in a log house and taught school during the years 1855 and 1856. He later taught school at Cochino and other places in Houston County. In 1869 he was Chief Justice of Houston County and also served as Deputy District Clerk under R. J. Blair. He moved to Crockett in 1870 and first occupied the Dr. James A. Corley home, where the Ritz Theatre now stands and later moved to the McDaniel place in South Crockett, where he resided until he returned to his home in the country.

He was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and an elder in said church before coming to Texas. Later he joined the Crockett Presbyterian Church, when Rev. S. F. Tenney became pastor in 1871 and served as elder in that church until he moved back to his home in the country in 1875. He then became a member of the Concord Presbyterian Church and served as Superintendent of the Sunday School there and was the Bible teacher also.

He left surviving him the following children: Thomas W.