

HISTORY OF HOUSTON COUNTY

standing nearby the campus, as is the old homestead, a gift from the Barbee family to the university.

"In Memorial Hall, the large center tablet was erected to the memory of Christopher Barbee. The Barbee history included in the history of Chappel Hill University, was written by the father of Dr. Battle, at one time president of the University of Texas. I visited the University of Chappel Hill last summer and felt quite humble, but had a thrill I shall never forget.

"My father, J. G. Barbee, met my mother at the home of her aunt, the wife of Col. M. C. Gallaway. Col. Gallaway served on Forrest's staff during the Civil War.

"The first Ku Klux uniforms were made and worn in Memphis. My mother's aunt, Fannie Gallaway, and other Memphis ladies made them. Being unable to finish them in time for the parade, my mother, Fannie Barker Fifer, and other Memphis girls, were sworn in, to sew on the buttons.

"Colonel Gallaway was the owner and editor of the Commercial Appeal and advocated the choice of Col. N. B. Burrow for the presidency of the Confederacy. Colonel Burrow was an uncle of Mrs. Miranda Burrow Barbee, wife of Dr. J. G. Barbee, and mother of my father, J. G. Barbee, Jr. Miranda Burrow was thrice married. At the age of 15 she married Dr. Barbee in Tennessee. They came by horseback to Texas. After Dr. Barbee's death, near Caldwell, she married a Mr. Keene, and after his death a Davidson.

"Mrs. Virginia Wall-Erymier was a sister of my father, Col. N. B. Barbee was his oldest brother. Another sister, Mary, married Tom Gay, a son of Tom Gay of Texas' heroic pioneers, at San Felipe, and Old Washington. Ab Keene, a half-brother, was nephew of George Keene of Jefferson, one of the Mir prisoners. He and a brother drew white beans in the lottery for life. I think you are undoubtedly acquainted with the many valorous deeds of George Lawson Keene in the World War, and know the story of how those medals, that were stolen from him, were replaced by the United States.

FIELDING HARVEY BAYNE

Fielding Harvey Bayne was born in San Augustine County, December 5th, 1846. His parents were Grafton H. Bayne and Harriet Kinley Bayne. They came to Houston County in 1854 and bought and settled on a farm on White Rock Creek, when Harvey was only eight years of age. Here he was raised from his early boyhood until he was sixteen when he volunteered in the Confederate Army and served in Company H, Fifth Texas Bri-