

COL. D. A. NUNN

The following biography of Col. Nunn appeared in the National Cyclopedia of American Biography, and is so complete and so splendidly expressed that it is adopted for this history of his home county:

"David Alexander Nunn, lawyer, was born at Summerville, Noxubee County, Miss., October 1st, 1836, son of John and Jane (Tubb) Nunn. His father was a pioneer Mississippi planter, and served as a soldier under Andrew Jackson (q.v.) in the war with the Choctaw Indians.

"David A. Nunn received his education in the private college and at the University at Murfreesboro, Law School at Lebanon, Tenn. and later studied law at New Orleans; was admitted to the bar in 1857, and in that year began the practice of his profession in his native county. In his father's home he had known and admired such great Southerners as Jefferson Davis (q.v.) Albert G. Brown (q.v.), William Barksdale (q.v.) and others; from them he imbibed his old school conception of politics and civic and social relations. These ideals and ideas remained his characteristics throughout his political life.

"In 1858 he settled at Crockett, Texas. In this new community he soon acquired a place of distinction, and was voted into the office of Mayor (Crockett's first mayor) which carried no salary, and was then a post of onerous responsibility. The entire country about Crockett was infested by a dangerous and