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It became my sad duty to record with you an event of more than ordinary significance in the death of our esteemed and beloved fellow citizen, Capt. John H. Wootters, who departed this life at his home in the town of Crockett on Thursday the 21st day of January, 1892.

He was born on August 12, 1839 in Queen Ann's County, Maryland. In 1860 he immigrated to and settled in the town of Crockett, State of Texas. In 1861, he volunteered his services and joined Captain E. Curry's Company, the first company raised in this county, and went with that gallant band of boys to the hottest of the fight.

At the close of the war he returned to his home and in 1867, intermarried with Berta, the daughter of Colonel John Smith, who had come from North Carolina and settled in Houston County in 1858. He joined the Baptist Church at Daly and afterwards transferred his membership to the Baptist Church at Crockett. He joined the masonic order at an early period, and was there esteemed for his good fellowship.

He leaves a widow and five children. The eldest, Dr. John Smith Wootters, who graduated about a year ago and is now attending a third course in Philadelphia; one other bright boy, Leon Blum Wootters, five years old, and three bright and promising daughters, Ethel, Lucia, and Fannie, ages 14, 12, and 8.

The services were conducted by the Reverend Mr. Armstrong of Palestine.

So passed away one of Crockett's noblest men. He will be missed by