

cis Shupak, one child, Lee.

John Reuben and Kitty had the following children who died early in life: Odie, Adell, Robert, Zola and Johnny.

John Reuben Hairston was elected as Representative of Houston County to the Texas Legislature in the year 1914 and died in December of that year.

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THE ROBERT HALE FAMILY

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Robert Hale was born July 4, 1816 in Dade Co. Ga. Julia Smith was born in 1817 in Cannon Co. Tenn. They were married in McMinnville, Tenn. in 1837. Their first child, George was born in Tenn. in 1839.

Robert's family lived in Dade Co. Ga. where they moved from Tenn. Three sons were born in Ga.: Drury, 1841, Peter 1843, and John 1845. Sometime after John's birth, the Hales moved to Tex. The first child born in Tex. was William T. (Bill) born in Rusk Co. May 1, 1848.

Robert Hale settled in the eastern part of Houston Co. Texas near Randolph, between the Coltharpe and Bates Ferry Roads ten miles east of Crockett. One neighbor was Jim English.

The Houston County census for 1850 shows Elizabeth Hale to be one month old. Elizabeth died soon after, as well as her mother, Julia. Their burial place is unknown.

Robert Hale's second wife was Cornelia Platt Frye. Cornelia was born in New York State Sept. 3, 1825. Josephine was the first child born to this union, April 12, 1854. Four children followed: Ida 1856, Ernest Burnett 1859, Arthur 1860 and Eugenia 1863.

Robert Hale preempted 285 acres of public land. On Feb. 20, 1857, George W. Julian and James M. Daniel, "two respectable witnesses, under oath had sworn Robert Hale had lived three consecutive years on the land and was a good character." J.H. Gillespie was the Clerk and Wm. B. Stokes the Deputy.

When the Civil War came the men of the County organized "The Crockett Southron," the first regiment of Hood's Texas Brigade. They were mustered into the Confederate Service at New Orleans, La., Aug. 9, 1861 "for the War." Edward Currie was the Captain and Drury Hale was one of four Corporals. D. Hale was killed at Sharpburg, or Antietam, Md. Sept. 17, 1862. The Casteel's Roll shows the names of George, Robert and Peter Hale. Peter Hale was killed in action, perhaps in Sharpburg with Drury. John enlisted also.

After "the war", relatives and friends flocked to Houston Co. from the defeated



Robert Hale

justments to be made, but some fun. On August 24, 1872, Ida Hale wrote her sister-in-law, Nettie Wingate Hale, in San Antonio, "I have been going to school all year until about one month ago to Mrs. Brown. We are having vacation now. Nothing to do but frolic and go to parties and preaching. We had a meeting last week at Pleasant Grove -- had plenty mourners but few joiners. I would have joined but I could not forsake the parties to join Brother Box."

The first Hale to marry was George, who married Nettie Wingate. They lived in small towns near San Antonio and later moved to San Antonio, where they died. John married Sarah Mirah Barbee, b. in Carroll Co. Tenn. who died in childbirth. The child, Dr. Robert C., lived and was cared for by Sarah's widowed sister. John married the sister, Angeline Saphira Isabella Barbee Green, b. in Carroll Co. Tenn. 8-3-1839, d. 2-17-1926. John d. 12-11-1895. The John Hales are buried in the Cook-Barbee-Hale Cemetery. William T. (Bill) married Melissa Dell Smith, b. 5-15-1848 in Cannon Co. Tenn., dau. of Jim Asa and Maranda English Smith who came to Tex. in 1865 or 66. Melissa d. 5-27-1927 and W.T. d. 5-11-1930. Both buried in Jim English Cemetery. Josephine married John Smith, b. 6-26-1844 in Cannon Co. Tenn., brother to Melissa. Josephine d. 7-22-1898. Both buried in Jim English Cemetery. Ida married Calvin LeMay b. in Tenn. 1856, d. 1931, and Ida d. 1936. Both buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Crockett. Eugenia married Jim Thompson, Jr., who died after the birth of one son, Jim Thompson, Jim Jr., buried in the Thompson Family Cemetery. Eugenia's second husband was Sonley Cook from Grandbury, Tex. Eugenia died in Grandbury Sept. 1893. Ernest Burnett (Bud) Hale married Lillie Webb. He was sheriff of Houston Co. two terms (1899-1904). He

died 1-1924. Lillie died one week later. Both are buried in Old Glenwood Cemetery in Crockett. Arthur (Babe) Hale never married. He died at the age of 28. Lightning killed him while hauling lumber in a thunderstorm.

Robert Hale's descendants have contributed politicians, farmers, ranchers, teachers, doctors to Houston County. Few descendants remain in the County today but many are scattered throughout Texas and the U.S.

JAMES MADISON HALL

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James Madison Hall was born in Baltimore, Maryland February 19, 1819. He came to Texas with his father when he was sixteen years old, and he settled on the Elkhart Creek in Houston County with his father Joshua James Hall in 1835.

He served in the Mexican War of 1846 according to the Hall's Company. He was a man of many different professions. He served as a Tax Collector, a farmer and Madison wrote a five year period of this Journal was in Houston County by a great

In this Journal are written with early settlers of prices of goods one ounce of \$300.00. He was 1863, they were day of his two been in Texas, frozen over." Bluff, January \$10.00 for the from Crockett. General E.K. S. Canley of Tra The war is over James Madison Texas on family Hall's Bluff. Five years of his life that city and he

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