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in the Confederate Army, and his services proved him to be worthy. He was the head of a family who almost idolized him for his many virtues. One of Texas noblest sons had died. His character was irreproachable.

Captain Smith also served several terms as Chief Justice of Houston County. At one time he operated the steamboat "Ida Reese" on the Trinity River. His family was hardly less distinguished than himself. His oldest daughter, Augusta Louise, first married Isaac Adair, who died while serving in the Confederate Army. She later married J. M. Porter, one of the outstanding citizens of Houston County, who gave his name to the town of Porter Springs. His next oldest daughter, Georgiana, married Captain B. B. Arrington, and they have a number of descendants still living in Crockett. His third daughter, Elizabeth, married B. F. Chamberlain, the father of our fellow-townsmen, B. F. Chamberlain. His fourth daughter, Grace, married Dr. S. T. Beasley, and was the mother of Mrs. W. H. Denny and Stephen T. Beasley. His fifth daughter, Mollie, married I. W. Murchison and she was the mother of Smith and Gaines Murchison. The one son of Captain Smith was Dr. John B. Smith, an eminent physician, who also served as Representative in the Texas Legislature.

### ZACHARIAH STIDHAM

Zachariah Stidham was not only a farmer, but he was in the habit of hauling freight from Houston for Crockett Merchants. He was also a soldier in the Confederate Army. I have in my possession a letter from Mr. J. C. Ingram of Groveton, Texas, in which he stated: "I have my grandfather's furlough, issued to him in October, 1863, by Captain White, but signed by Z. Stidham, acting commander of the company at Tarkington Prairie. I find this same Zachariah Stidham serving as a private soldier in a Georgia Company in the Indian wars in 1836."

I also have in my possession a letter from Miss Harriet Smither, archivist in the State Library at Austin, as follows:

October 1, 1835.

"Z. Steadham, private, enlisted July 1861, in Captain J. R. Barbee's Reserve Company, Beat No. 11, Houston County, 11th Brigade, Texas Militia."

Then I find from old records in my possession that he married a daughter of George Hallmark, Adeline Hallmark, and she