

## A Memory Cast in Bronze

In recognition of Rev. George Louis Crockett's service to the people of Nacogdoches, Friends of Historic Nacogdoches, Inc. spearheaded efforts to erect the statue in his honor on the grounds of Christ Episcopal Church in Nacogdoches. Designed by John Doe and cast in bronze, the life-size statue overlooks the beautiful grounds of Christ Church, the place where Rev. Crockett spent so much time in loving service to his congregation. The statue was dedicated to Rev. Crockett's memory on June 2, 2012.

## Location of Statue

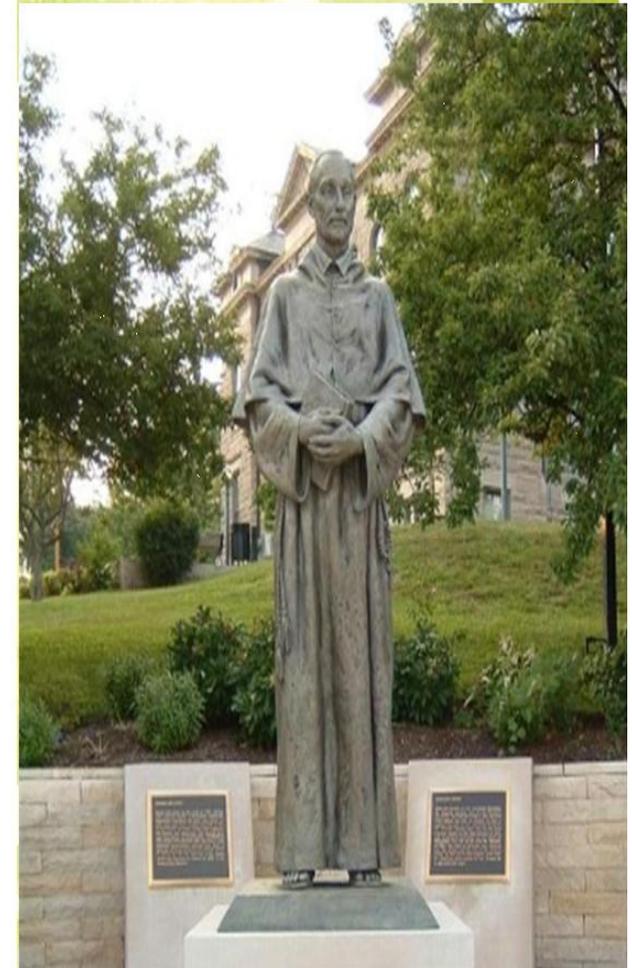


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## The "Grand Old Man of East Texas" George Luis Crockett

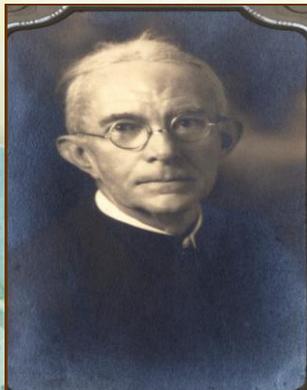


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## George L. Crocket

A man of many talents, Rev. George L. Crocket was born in San Augustine, Texas in 1861 and died in Nacogdoches in 1936. Inspired by faith and generosity, his life was filled with activity and accomplishment:

- **Educated** at University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee;
- **Served** as rector of Episcopal churches in San Augustine and Nacogdoches;
- **Authored** *Two Centuries in East Texas*, the first published work to explore the unique history of the East Texas region;
- **Created** works of art – wood carvings, sketches, and watercolors – that decorate the churches he served;
- **Appointed** Professor Emeritus of history at Stephen F. Austin State Teacher's College in Nacogdoches.



## Christ Church

San Augustine, Texas



Founded in 1848 through the efforts of Frances Henderson, wife of the first governor of Texas, the present Christ Church building was constructed in 1869, and has been in continuous use ever since. Built on land donated by Rev. George Crocket's father, Christ Church is an excellent example of "Carpenter Gothic" architecture, a style that evokes the churches of New England. Rev. Crocket served as director of Christ Church from 1888-1921, and again from 1925-1927. The church's baptismal font, carved by Rev. Crocket, is one of many of his carvings that decorate this beautiful and historic church.



## Christ Episcopal Church

Nacogdoches, Texas

Rev. Crocket served as director of this church until his retirement in 1929. He oversaw the construction of the church's building in 1905, founded the Ladies' Guild and a boy's choir, and carved the church's pulpit that is still in use. He was also active in the greater community of Nacogdoches. He served as a leader in the East Texas Historical Society, the Boy Scouts, and in several civic organizations.

*"Rev. George Crocket's selfless acts and kindnesses touched not only the people he taught, but the communities of San Augustine and Nacogdoches even generations after his death. His accomplishments and deeds to further these communities are still present today."*

