

LIFE OF GEORGE L CROCKET

George Louis Crocket was born on June 3, 1861. His father helped to reorganize the Christ Church of San Augustine and his mother was a highly educated woman; both are credited with instilling in him strong Christian values as well as his destiny to join the ministry.

In 1882, attended University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee, and studied Theology and graduated in 1886 with a Bachelor of Letters degree. In 1887, Crocket was ordained as a Deacon of the Episcopal Church and in May 1888 he was ordained as a Reverend by the Texas State Episcopal Diocese.

He returned to San Augustine and became the director of Christ Church until 1921. Crocket held directorship at Christ Church in Nacogdoches and Christ Church in San Augustine, until he was forced to resign to care for his ailing sisters'.

Crocket returned to the directorship of Christ Church in San Augustine in 1925 and again took on leadership of Christ Church in Nacogdoches the following year. Two years later, Crocket resigned from Christ Church in San Augustine and became the full time director of Christ Church in Nacogdoches.

George L. Crocket died at City Memorial Hospital on January 3, 1936 of heart failure.

Above Center- Old Christ Church

Above Left- Old Stone Fort



HISTORY OF EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The history of Christ Episcopal Church begins in Philadelphia, PA, where Mrs. Frances Cox Henderson, a former Philadelphia socialite, appeared at the General Convention of the Episcopal Church and requested the establishment of an Episcopal church in Texas. Reverend Henry Sansom was sent by the Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church in 1848 to begin organizing the church. The first building was completed in 1852 on the corner of Main Street and Church Street.

During the Crocket years, a new church was constructed and by May 12, 1940 the church building was moved to its current location on Starr Avenue.

In an effort to increase the role of the church in the community and to provide more adult interaction with the children of the community, Christ Episcopal Day School was established in 1948



CROCKET IN NACOGDOCHES

Crocket is best known for his narrative *Two Centuries in East Texas* one of the first histories of East Texas. Crocket served as the first historian of Christ Episcopal Church, without which much of the church's history would not be known.

Crocket increased the number of church organizations, formed a boys' choir, a Ladies Guild, and furthering church functions and services. He was responsible for overseeing the timely construction of the new church (1905). He also contributed by hand-carving the pulpits in the new church, which can still be seen today.

Crocket was extremely active and committed himself to many projects that furthered community activity and participation. He was elected as President of the East Texas Historical Society in 1926 and in 1934 was made honorary vice president of the Nacogdoches Historical Society.

Crocket established a reading club for boys and organized Boy Scouts troops and served as commissioner for the Tejas area scouts in 1928.

KEEP NACOGDOCHES HISTORIC

Historic Nacogdoches, Inc. was formed November 30, 1992, as a civic organization to preserve, conserve, and restore the unique historical and cultural assets of Nacogdoches and to promote public awareness of the community's heritage.

Recently, Historic Nacogdoches, Inc. has merged with Friends of Durst Taylor House and Friends of Sterne Hoya House to form one organization: Friend of Historic Nacogdoches, Inc. The organization has sponsored three public statues in Nacogdoches' downtown. Currently the organization is working to build four additional statues to add to the Heritage Walk currently in Nacogdoches which will soon include a statue of George L. Crocket, Dietrich Rulfs, Karle Wilson Baker, and the Country Doctor.



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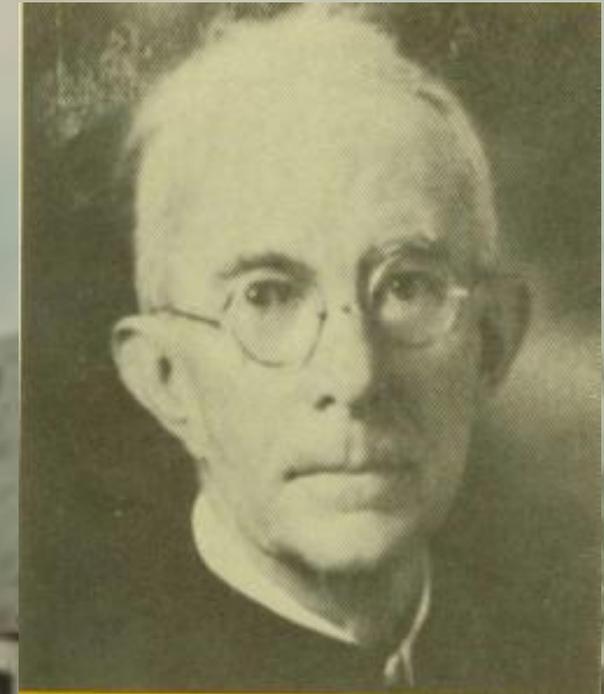


Left-Old Town Square

Above-Young Love

All art work done by Crocket

GEORGE L. CROCKET



JUNE 3, 1861-
JANUARY 3, 1936