

***Two Centuries in East Texas: A
History of San Augustine County
and Surrounding Territory***
1932

While Crocket commuted back and forth between the towns he found time to keep a diary of his daily life, write poetry, and pursue his artistic abilities. He also became the first historian to publish a book about East Texas history: *Two Centuries in East Texas*. It was a tribute to the region where Crocket spent his life. He approached the history East Texas as a chronological narrative beginning with a time when the missions and presidios of Spain were “outposts of civilization.” He also devoted many of the pages to the names and histories of the families who settled East Texas. In 1931, it was stated that George Crocket knew more about East Texas than any other living person.

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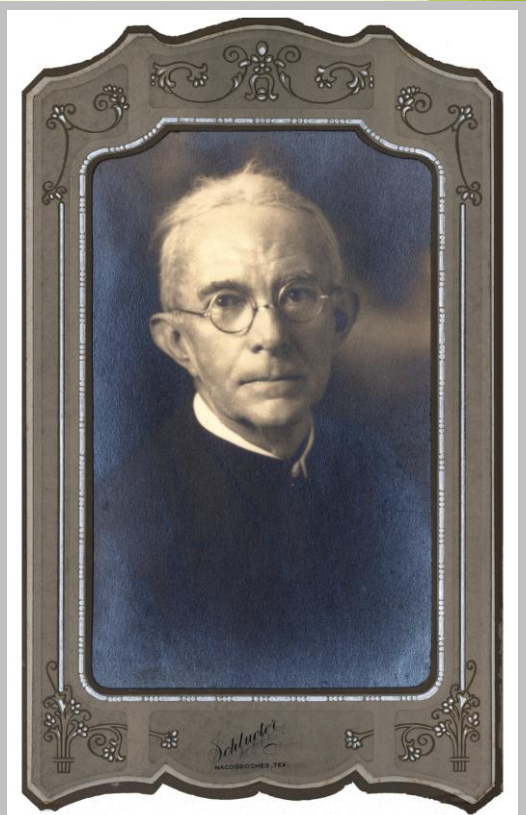
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GEORGE LOUIS CROCKET

1861- 1936



“The Grand Old Man of East Texas”

Early Years Of Crocket

1861-1888



Christ Episcopal Church in San Augustine, TX

George Louis Crocket was born on June 3, 1861 in San Augustine, TX. Following in the footsteps of his father's work with the Christ Episcopal Church of San Augustine, George Crocket received his Bachelor of Letters degree in Theology from the University of the South at Sewanee, TN. Within one year of his graduation he was ordained a Deacon of the Episcopal Church, and in the following year of 1888, he was ordained a Reverend by the Texas State Episcopal Church.

Reverend George L. Crocket

1888-1921
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1926-1929

Reverend George Crocket held the directorship of both Episcopalian congregations of Nacogdoches and San Augustine. He founded several new organizations such as the Ladies Guild, boy's choir, and furthered church functions and services. After compiling church records and interviewing older members of the church, he began the church's history. He made arrangements to build a new church on newly purchased land by the Old University Building, which was consecrated in 1905. While the new church was constructed, his wood carvings consisting of an altar, intricate panels featuring the nativity scene, crucifixion, and transfiguration, were brought to the new site and are still in the church today.

"The Grand Old Man"

1929-1936



George Crocket's home

Closer to the end of his life, Crocket was elected president of the East Texas Historical Society in 1926. He was also made honorary vice president of the Nacogdoches Historical Society. He founded the Boy Scout troops in San Augustine and Nacogdoches. While Crocket was a history teacher at Stephen F. Austin State University, he published *Two Centuries in East Texas*-a rich and still valued history of the region.

George L. Crocket died on January 30, 1936 of heart failure. His contributions to the East Texas and Stephen F. Austin State University can be felt for many years after his death.