

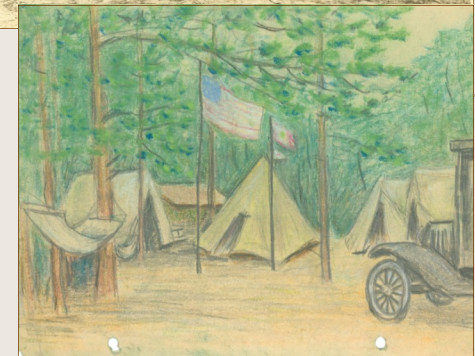
Reverend Crocket

George L. Crocket served as part time reverend for Christ Episcopal Church from 1888 to 1908 and then again from 1926 to 1930. He also served as the full time rector for Christ Episcopal Church in San Augustine for 42 years. Crocket made a huge impact on the Nacogdoches church. Before him, the church suffered from lack of leadership, organizational, and monetary problems. With his arrival the church took on a new life. Reverend Crocket is thought of as the first church historian. He made it his mission to compile church records and to interview older members of the church to complete the church history. The biggest project undertaken by Crocket involved moving the Church from its original location on Church Street to a new “modern” brick building on the southwest corner of the Nacogdoches University. The impact that Crocket had on the church can still be seen in the many woodcarvings made by Crocket, including the altar and wooden processional cross, that have remained in the church since his time as minister.

The Scouts

George Crocket participated in many civic organizations including the Nacogdoches Historical Society, Chamber of Commerce, and the Nacogdoches Rotary Club. He was proudest of his involvement in the Boy Scouts of America. He started troops in San Augustine and Nacogdoches and was commissioner of the Area Council for the Tejas area for Scouts

in 1928. Crocket arranged for the Nacogdoches Chamber of Commerce to set up an annual \$1,500 fund for the scouts. In recognition of his service, in 1932, the Scouts awarded him one of the first Silver Beaver Medal, the highest Scouting awards for a layman.



Teacher and Artist

George Louis Crocket was born in San Augustine, Texas on June 3, 1861. Attending the University of the South at Sewanee, Crocket graduated with a Bachelor of Letters in Theology in 1883. Becoming deeply involved in the East Texas Historical Society, Crocket served as its president in 1926. His book, *Two Centuries in East Texas*, published in 1932, forms one of the definitive histories of the area. In later years he taught Texas history as a Professor Emeritus at Stephen F. Austin. A prolific artist, Crocket's drawing and sketches also form an important visual record of East Texas.



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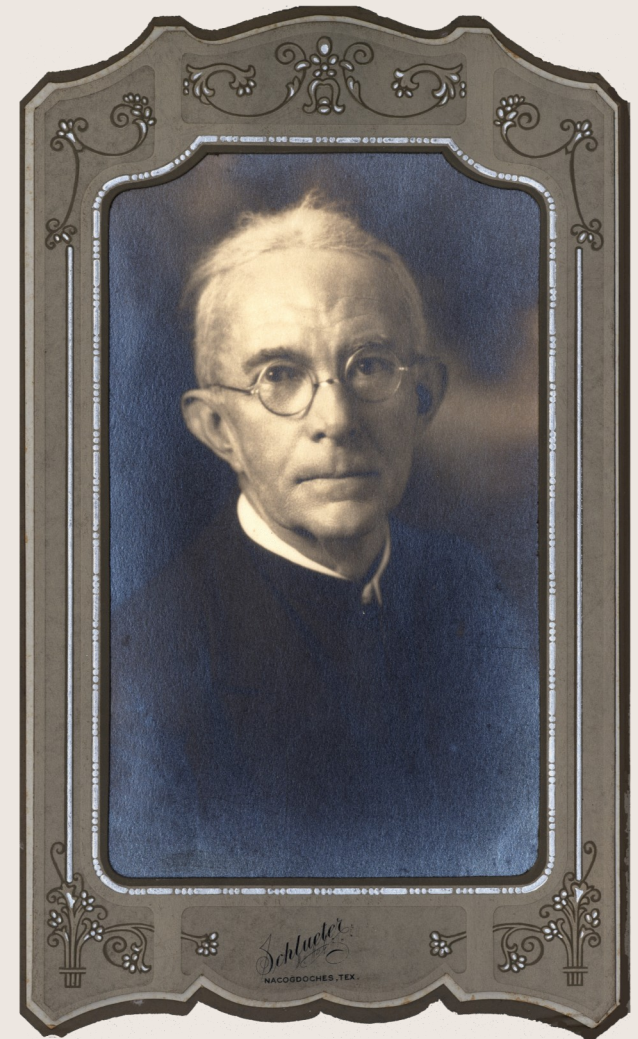
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George Louis Crocket 1861-1936



Minister, Teacher,
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