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HON. TERRY DALTON

Among the many people to settle in old Tishomingo County after its organization no one proved more loyal a citizen or was held in higher esteem than the subject of this sketch. Terry Dalton was born in Greenville District, South Carolina, on the 28th of October, 1797, and lived the life of a farmer until 1819, when he married Miss Nancy Lowe, a native of Milledgeville, Georgia. The young couple, with only good health and unlimited energy to begin with, decided to seek their fortune in the west, and emigrated to Perry County, Alabama, where they resided for sixteen years, working hard and accumulating some little property. In 1835 they disposed of their holdings in Alabama and emigrated to Marshall County, Mississippi, where they remained until 1852, moving thence to old Tishomingo County and settling some five miles west of where the flourishing town of Booneville now stands. Five years later they moved to near Rienzi, where they lived the remainder of their lives, Mrs. Dalton dying on the 12th of December, 1865, and Mr. Dalton in January, 1879, having reached the advanced aged of eighty-one. Mrs. Dalton was in her sixty-first year at the time of her death. Fourteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Dalton, five boys and nine girls, eight of whom are still living: Mrs. Mary A. Williams, Mrs. Malissa Young and Mr. C. C. Dalton of Corinth; Mrs. Winnie L. Palmer of Rienzi; Mrs. Jane Whitlow, of Brownwood, Texas;

Mrs. Cynthia A. McLeren of Grand Junction, Tenn.; Mr. Thomas J. Dalton of Birmingham, Ala., and Mr. S. A. Dalton of Kossuth.

At the beginning of the war Mr. Dalton was one of the wealthiest citizens of Tishomingo County, having, by hard work and close application, accumulated over one hundred thousand dollars, but aside from his landed interest, most of his fortune was lost during the war. Mr. Dalton was opposed to secession, believing that the differences between the South and North could be amicably settled by compromise, but when the call for troops was made he furnished four sons and two sons-in-law to the Confederate army, he being too old to enter the field. Mr. Dalton evinced little interest in politics, and only held one political position in Mississippi, being a member of the State Constitutional Convention in 1868. Mr. Dalton was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church, and lived a consistent Christian life. The progeny of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Dalton are today scattered throughout the States of Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama and Texas, and are worthy descendants of their illustrious ancestors.