

# CAPTAIN G. B. HESTER

No MERCHANT in the Indian Territory is more highly respected, nor has a better business record than Captain G. B. Hester, who was known as a trader in the old quarters at Boggy as far back as the year 1858.

He was born in 1831, in Granville county, JST.C, and came to Tishomingo in 1855. From thence he moved to Caddo, where he clerked for a few years for Major Harlan, after which he settled down in Boggy. At the commencement of the war he was appointed quartermaster and commissary in the First Choctaw Regiment, and served in most of the principal engagements.

In 1865 he was chosen cotton agent for the Creek Indians, who were at that time squatting in the Chickasaw Nation, and in a state of almost utter destitution, having but little to eat and nothing to wear. In this capacity Captain Hester acquitted himself honorably, displaying the tact and rare business qualifications for which he has since become remark-

able.

In 1866 the subject of this sketch entered business with J. P. Kingsberry, and this gentleman dying the year following, Hester shouldered the responsibility of the firm, with the wife of deceased as a silent partner. The partnership continued for nine years, and dissolved in 1876, when Captain Hester purchased the entire business. He now carries from fifteen to seventeen thousand dollars worth of goods, and purchases on an average five hundred bales of cotton annually, which he buys in the seed, and gins at his own establishment.

Mr. Hester married a Miss Lizzie Fulton, of Tunnel Hill, Georgia, a lady in the truest sense of the term. His eldest daughter, Fannie, the wife of Edward Perry, Esq., of Denison, Texas, died in November, 1885. The second daughter, "Daisy," married Robert L. Owen, ex-Indian agent, on Dec. 20, 1889.