

## Henry King Judd

### ▣ Margaret Mims Judd & Henry King Judd



A native of Leicestershire, England, Henry King Judd was born on March 20, 1821. After he immigrated to the United States he lived in Louisiana and Illinois before settling in Texas.

By 1846 he had settled in Petersburg, Lavaca County, Texas. Judd and his partner Dr. J.J. Morgan, of New Orleans, opened a mercantile business under the name of Morgan & Judd. Morgan would purchase goods and ship them to Port Lavaca. From there they were hauled to Petersburg by ox-wagon. In 1856, John Williams became an employee of the business. After the Civil War, the partnership expanded to include Williams and became Morgan, Judd & Williams. The mercantile stayed in business at Petersburg until approximately 1876.

On January 16, 1848, married Margaret Mims. He was appointed the deputy postmaster in 1848.

According to local stories, Judd's possessed excellent penmanship and for that reason he was selected to conduct the first census of Lavaca County in 1850.

Judd remained in Lavaca County until his death at Sublime on February 19, 1889, and is buried in the Judd cemetery at that place.