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Colonial ancestry

Joseph Addison Clark, of Scotch-Irish descent, was born in
Shannontown, Gallatin County, Illinois, November 15,
1815, the son of Thomas Dyson Clark, who had
moved to the Mississippi valley from North Carolina.
With his family, J. A. lived three or four years near the falls
on the Ohio River, then in Hopkins County, Ky., Columbus,
Tenn., where he associated in school with William Park

and ^{where he was taken by his father to Nashville} ^{and later to} ^{Salina,}
he ^{was} ^{at} ^{the} ^{age} ^{of} ¹⁸ ^{years} ^{becomes} ^{associated}
with Carter and (George) Bonnell, editors of the newspaper,
the Argus. Connection with Bonnell continues for
several years at Mobile, Columbus, Miss., and later in
Austin, Texas as state printer in 1841, and the publication

of the Topographical History of Texas.
In 1836 Clark meets Wm B. Chittre in Livingston,
Alabama; reads law, enters Univ of Ala;

study law and engineering. He received the news of the
fall of San Jacinto at Clinton, Miss, where he was solicited
ing sales of Forbes (prospective) History of Texas. Again
edits newspaper at Aberdeen, Miss, where he goes to
Louisville Ky, thence to Cincinnati, O, to acquire press.

At Cincinnati he meets Daniel Webster.
In 1837 C. joined his mother and family in Jessamine
Co. Ky where he teaches school two years, at Liberty

and Mt Pleasant. + B. Arrived Aug. 15, 1839, with his mother and
two sisters he starts from Louisville to Texas; fifteen
days by boat capt. and
Luceana to Matagorda, Texas, where, after the
S.B. Arrived 1841

