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NACOGDOCHES NOTES

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The *Nacogdoches Times* (1847-¹⁸⁴⁹~~1859~~).

The first number of the *Nacogdoches Times* was issued on the 31st July, 1847, by Floyd H. Kendall, publisher, editor, and proprietor. It was a weekly paper, published on Saturday morning, and was designed from the first to be a permanent journal. It had been published for eight months when, on April 29, 1848, Kendall published a "Prospectus of the Nacogdoches Times," stating the purpose, plan, political neutrality and principles of the editor, as well as the prices and terms of subscription rates. The office of "The Times" was on Main Street, in the second story of the "Brick House."

Some time later Kendall associated with himself a Mr. Hammond and John H. Cohoon. Then in the Spring of 1849, between the dates of the 10th and 24th of March, Kendall and Hammond "departed," leaving Cohoon alone to continue the paper. At the end of the year, for the paper that is, Cohoon was forced to announce suspension of operation of the paper for a time and to appeal for wider support in order to continue it—a support which was not forthcoming.

The paper ran for two years, July 31, 1847, through August 4, 1849, and was numbered serially in two volumes. A file of this Nacogdoches newspaper is to be found in the State Archives. The first twenty-seven numbers are missing from this file, as well as some of the later ones, but on the whole it is a good run. A microfilm copy is to be found in the Library of Stephen F. Austin State College.

Nothing is known of the personal history of Floyd H. Kendall, Mr. Hammond, or John H. Cohoon at this writing, except that Kendall went to California during the "Gold Rush," returning, according to Adolphus Sterne, in 1851, with "much of the Dust." None of the three men appears as residents of Nacogdoches on the Federal Census of Population Schedules for 1850 or 1860.

In his editorial policy Floyd H. Kendall was an ardent advocate of internal improvements, especially the navigation of the rivers, improvement of transportation, mail routes and service, and accommodation. His articles were interesting, readable, and sincere.

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