



## **Rev. Samuel Armstrong (1809-1890)**

Samuel Armstrong was reared in South Carolina, where he was ordained as a minister in the Methodist-Episcopal Church. He was stationed in Alabama where he married widow Eliza Chappell (1815-1877), who had a son and a daughter by her previous marriage to the late Rev. George Chappell. Eliza and Samuel conceived further children, two of whom lived to adulthood, Mary Catherine and William Hora. The Armstrong family moved to Louisiana prior to the Civil War. They moved to Dallas in about 1871, following daughter Mary and her new husband, Dr. John H. Stevens who had come to Texas about a year before. Rev. Armstrong's estate is the source of most of the 20<sup>th</sup> century Stevens's family wealth.