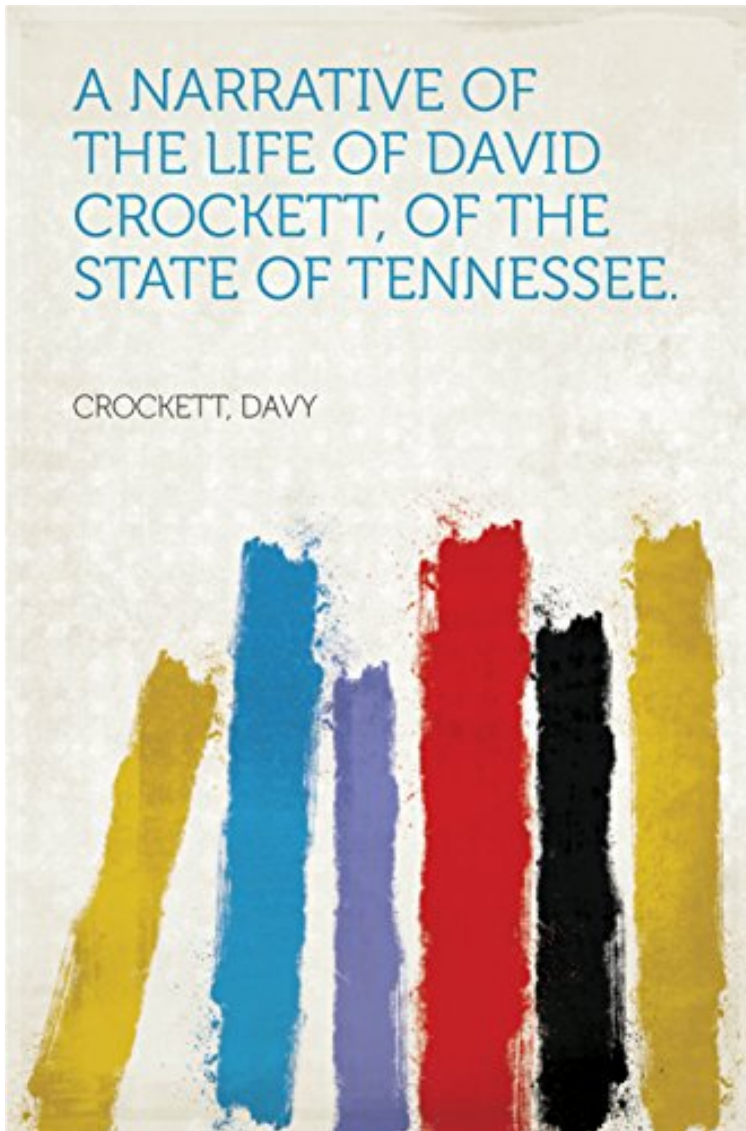


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election effort for the 1834 term. As such, he makes reference to the burning question of the day---President Jackson's destruction of the United States Bank----which Davy opposed even though he was of Jackson's party. Jacksonian Democrats used all their influence to try to defeat Crockett as they had in 1832 when he opposed Jackson's Indian (Cherokee Removal Bill) bill. In that effort, Davy prevailed. In this election (1834) he was defeated. Near the end of the campaign, Crockett said in his inimitable style to his enemies, "If I lose this race, you can all go to Hell---I'll go to Texas!" He did lose and wound up as an American folk hero for his part in the Siege of the Alamo. Crockett's account of what it takes to persevere and create a life for settlers and their families on the American frontier is of interest to any student of social and economic conditions of the early 19th century. In his colorful speech pattern, he would probably have stated it thusly:

"It warn't easy, if'n a body hadn't got no staying power!"