

Court of Wayne County and filled that post until 1892. He was elected for two terms to the legislature from Wayne County. He filled the office of Solicitor General of the Brunswick Circuit for four years, being elected in October, 1896; was re-elected in 1900 and again in 1904 and altogether gave twelve years to that important position. In 1904 he was appointed a member of the board of trustees of the University of Georgia and for over twelve years has served as a member of the City Board of Education and one term as President of the Board.

During the administration of President Woodrow Wilson Mr. Bennett was appointed District Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia. He now represents Ware County in the State Senate of the General Assembly. In Liberty County, on Dec. 31, 1889, Judge Bennett was married to Miss Gertrude Price. To this marriage have been born three children: Junita (Mrs. B. H. Minchew) E. Kontz (married Katie Dale Mitchell) and John W., Jr., (married Allie Madge Sanders). Mrs. Bennett died May 14, 1929.

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE W. BARNES

When Mr. and Mrs. Barnes moved from their home in Charlotte, North Carolina, to Waycross during March, 1888, they found this little town in southern Georgia just beginning to outgrow its primitive existence. A new brick court house had just been erected to replace the wooden structure that had proved itself inadequate to hold the people during "big court." There was talk of a Baptist Church being erected along with the court house, and the building of a Presbyterian Church in the early future.

A great part of New Waycross was swamp lands overgrown with pine trees and the only street lights were of kerosene which were stationed near the railroad crossing and along the corners of the streets in "Old Waycross".

Mr. and Mrs. Barnes soon identified themselves with the town. They always contributed gladly of their time and resources toward any movement for the moral or material welfare of the community and have ever been recognized as foremost citizens of Waycross.

Mr. Barnes is of a modest and retiring disposition, often setting in motion plans for achievements but carefully keeping himself in the background, preferring that others should receive credit. Easy of approach, once his word is given, it is to be depended upon.

Mr. Barnes has been an elder in the Presbyterian Church for many years, and is a faithful official and a loyal churchman.

He was born in Fremont, North Carolina, July 4, 1853 and was married to Miss Julia E. Moore at Titusville North Carolina, October 4, 1874.

Mrs. Barnes was born at Bugar, North Carolina November 9, 1856.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnes had two children: Mack, who married Miss Elsie Love, of Waycross; and Annie, who married Mr. Jesse M. Fesperman, of Thomasville.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnes' only son, Mack Barnes, died in Waycross January 5, 1918, leaving one son, Mack Barnes, who is a prominent lawyer of Waycross.

Their daughter, Mrs. Fesperman has two children: Kate (Mrs. Arthur Lott), and George Fesperman, who married Miss Marion Cooper.

Mrs. Barnes entered her home eternal February 16, 1931.

Mr. Barnes has retired from active business and spends a great part of his time at St. Simons where he maintains a summer home.

OBEDIAH BARBER

When Governor George Gilmer appointed Mr. Crawford and J. Hamilton Couper as a committee to ascertain the true boundary line between the State of Geor-