

Baptist minister but died early in life. He left a son, Thomas, born January 12, 1760. He was ordained to the Baptist ministry on December 9, 1805, by Reverend John Goldwire and Reverend Henry Holcombe.

This Reverend John Goldwire left his impress upon the Polhill family for in every generation there was one or more with the name of John Goldwire Polhill.

Reverend Thomas Polhill had several sons who were judges, lawyers, and preachers. His third son, Judge John Goldwire Polhill, Judge of Superior Court of the Ocmulgee Circuit, was the grandfather of the late Col. John Goldwire Polhill and sister, Mrs. John Howell Westberry of Sylvester. Judge J. G. Polhill was on the first Board of Trustees of Mercer University. His home was in Milledgeville. His son, Col. Frederick Taylor Polhill, an able lawyer and scholar of Monroe County, Georgia, the father of the Sylvester John Goldwire Polhill. Mary Jane Cochran Polhill was their mother. She was the daughter of Col. Allen Cochran, a wealthy land and slave owner of Monroe County.

Their parents, Col. Frederick T. Polhill and wife, were truly of the polished, cultured, noble people of the "Old South."

The representatives of this noble family in Worth have exemplified from whence they are descended in a great way. They are, and have been, among Worth's most prominent and useful citizens in church and civic affairs.

Reverend Henley Jelks, a Baptist minister of great usefulness in Georgia, lived at one time in Sylvester and married a Sylvester girl, Miss Flint Golden. He is also descended from this Nathaniel Polhill, the first Baptist to settle in Georgia.

#### D. A. McGIRT

D. A. McGirt was born Oct. 17, 1860. He came to Poulan about 1883, where he lived with his sister, Mrs. John G. McPhaul, the first wife of J. G. McPhaul. He, "Cap" McGirt as he was called, married Cornelia Belle Collins July 20, 1892, who was living in Sylvester at the time with her aunt, Mrs. Tom Lippitt. Four children were born to them, all boys. Daniel Lee, dead. Charles Augustus, now a Presbyterian minister in Virginia. Henry H. and Warren D.

"Cap" McGirt was a devout member of the Presbyterian Church of Poulan, and an elder at the time of his death on May 16th, 1927.

Mrs. D. A. McGirt survives him and lives in the home he built for her when they were first married.

#### DANIEL MCGIRT

Daniel McGirt was born on a farm in Richmond County, N. C., March 27th, 1864. He came to Worth County about 1888 and entered the employ of his brother-in-law, John G. McPhaul, of Poulan. He lived at Sylvester one year and engaged in the turpentine business. Returning to Poulan he added a mercantile business to his other interests. This business firm of McGirt and McPhaul was almost entirely under the management of Daniel McGirt.

He married Miss Florrie Ousley on June 11th, 1896. They had one child, Dan McGirt, born in 1897. Dan lived in Worth about eight years and lived only a few years after his marriage. He died when his son was only six months old, on Nov. 25, 1897. His son was reared in Sylvester and graduated from Sylvester High School. He lives at Jackson, Mississippi. His wife later married Thomas Ketchings and lives in Sylvester.

#### JAMES MCGIRT

Mr. James McGirt came to Poulan from Scotland County, North Carolina, in 1893. He operated a cotton gin and variety works for twelve years in Poulan. He moved to Sylvester in 1905 and went into the business of building buggies, wagons, screen doors and windows, building up a large business in variety works. He married Nellie Pollard. They had three children: John Britt McGirt, who married Miss Claire Malcolm—James L. McGirt, a Presbyterian minister at Carrollton who married Miss Louise Maunde of Dublin, and Frances McGirt who married W. K. Gardner. Mr. Gardner belongs to an old distinguished family of Worth County.

John Britt McGirt and wife have two bright little girls, Nell and Bettye. James McGirt died in 1930.

The McGirts belonged to the Presbyterian Church and were Democrats.

#### RANDOLPH COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONTRIBUTES MANY FAMILIES TO THE CITIZENRY OF WORTH

Edwards, Coram, Lee, Farris, Lyle, Kimble, Hasting, Grubbs, Maugham, Sessions, Jenkins, Gilmer, Lumsford, Cole.