

early settler of this section. He was a local preacher in the M. E. Church, being one of the first ministers to preach in Kettle Creek Church, Ware County's oldest place of worship. He and all his immediate connections are buried at Kettle Creek.

Serene MacDonald Inman was Mrs. O'Neal's mother. She was married to James I. Inman (born 1812, died 1897) Mrs. O'Neal was first married to Jesse G. Booth, who died while home on a furlough during the Civil War. He was serving at the time, in Virginia with the 26th Georgia Regiment.

Mrs. O'Neal, who, despite her advanced age still has a good memory, and can be induced at times to tell interesting occurrences of Ware County's past, relates the following:

About the year 1840, her mother, Mrs. James I. Inman, was walking one day, to the plantation home from a vacated tenant house, where she had been weaving cloth, when she saw what she thought was a large yellow dog. She told her husband of the strange dog, and he immediately suspected that it was a tiger. Next day Mr. Inman went to the house in which she had been weaving, and found where the tiger had torn up the ground around the door in an effort to get in. Feeling certain that the tiger would come back a neighboring planter, Mr. James, concealed himself in a Mulberry tree that grew near the door, armed with a gun. Some time later the tiger came back and Mr. James killed him. He was full grown, measuring over ten feet in length.

Mrs. O'Neal tells another interesting tale of a mother who saved her child's life by chopping off a tiger's paw with a hoe. This lady, a neighbor of the Inman's, was living, at the time, in a house with a "stick" chimney. At the foot of this chimney was a small scuttle hole through the wall. On this occasion the child was sleeping on an old-fashioned pallet with its head near this opening. A tiger crept up to this scuttle-hole on the outside, and when the mother's attention was first attracted was in the act of

poking one of his front paws through to the child's head. The woman grabbed a hoe that happened to be inside the house, and chopped the paw off. A hunt was started by neighbors and tiger, minus a paw was found and killed.

The Inmans and Booths came to Georgia from the Carolinas and Virginia. They were among the early settlers of Ware County, along with the Corbitts, Lees, Millers and others. Both the Inmans and MacDonalds were cotton planters and slave-holders.

### ALEXANDER O'QUINN

Alexander O'Quinn was born in North Carolina, Apr. 17th, 1819, and was moved by his father, Silas Peter O'Quinn, to Wayne County about the year 1821. This County included what is now Appling, Wayne and Pierce, and Ware, and was raised to full manhood with seven brothers and one sister, and married Susannah Dent, Feb. 9th, 1848, and there was born to them nine children, eight of which lived to be grown and married, the names of which was T. A. O'Quinn, Rebecca O'Quinn, Susannah T. O'Quinn, S. P. O'Quinn, A. H. O'Quinn, Nancy J. O'Quinn, John H. O'Quinn and William Duncan O'Quinn. His first wife died and he was married to Miss Mary Shaw of Liberty County.

He moved to Waycross in the Fall of 1882, bringing only two boys with him, John H. and William Duncan, having moved to Waycross to get nearer better schools, but not finding much school opportunities in Waycross and Ware County at that time, but barrooms running wide open on every corner.

One of his first acts on reaching Waycross and finding liquor sold everywhere was to help drive it out of Waycross and Ware County. His next act was to build bigger and better schools for Waycross, having served on the first School Board with Dr. Frank Folks, W. J. Carswell and others for several years, and retired as an honorary member of the Board.

He was always a great church worker, having helped to build and organize the first Baptist Church in Waycross, which was then in old Waycross on Albany Avenue. Afterwards this church was moved or rebuilt on the location which is now the First Baptist Church. He never failed to do what he could in the building of good schools and churches wherever he was located.

Mr. O'Quinn's son, William D. O'Quinn, has been eminently successful in his large business enterprises and his financial affairs have been well managed. His tireless energies were always exerted in behalf of any forward movement and he has been a particularly effective force in the development of Waycross. His business, the W. D. O'Quinn Clothing Co., is one of the oldest establishments in Waycross and is rounding out a stretch of thirty-five years of active existence.

## MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM FOSTER PARKER

Mary Ewen Remshart, daughter of Rev. John W. and Jane Bryan Remshart was born in Savannah, Georgia, June 29, 1933.

William Foster Parker, son of Rev. Asa Hattey and Martha Foster Parker, was born in Sparta, Georgia, Sept. 27, 1824. His stepmother was Lucy Foster Breedlove.



MRS. W. F. PARKER

William Foster Parker and Mary Ewen Remshart were married by Rev. W. M. Crumby, December 13, 1853 in Trinity Methodist Church, Savannah, Ga.

In 1868 Mrs. William Foster Parker was confirmed in St. Johns Episcopal Church, Savannah, Georgia, by Rev. John W. Beckwith, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Georgia on Easter Day.

Rev. Samuel Benedict, Rector. William Foster Parker was confirmed in Grace Episcopal Church, Waycross, Ga., Sunday, March 6, 1892, by Bishop Cleland K. Nelson, Bishop of Georgia, Rev. J. Richards Bicknell, Rector.

Mrs. Parker was one of the first members of Grace Episcopal Church and was lovingly called the Mother of the Church. She was Secretary and Treasurer of the Guild until she passed away.

When Mr. and Mrs. Parker and children moved from Savannah to Tebeauville there was no Episcopal Church here so Mrs. Parker, Mrs. U. J. Williams, and Mrs.