

store in Blakely, and after the war, resumed the business, which has been attended with remarkable success. During the war Mr. Wade was a member and sergeant of Company G, Thirteenth Georgia regiment. When his brother died he continued the business and assumed control of the estate, and became guardian of his children. Mr. Wade was tax receiver of the county in 1864. He is a master Mason, and was never married.

REUBEN WILKINSON WADE, brother of John M., was born in Screven county, Ga., Sept. 23, 1828. During the late war he was captain of a cavalry company. After the war his fellow-citizens called him into public service, and he served the county as jury commissioner, as school commissioner, and as county treasurer, faithfully discharging the duties of each and all. He was married Nov. 19, 1869, to Miss Petrona Fidelia Robinson, who was born in Blakely Nov. 9, 1848—by whom he had three children: John William, born in Blakely Jan. 7, 1872. He graduated from Mercer university, Macon, Ga., and is now cashier of the bank at Blakely. Thomas Wilkinson, born in Blakely Aug. 5, 1873, was educated at Mercer university, also, and is studying law at the university of Virginia; Adelaide Pearl was born in Blakely Aug. 7, 1875. Reuben W. Wade died in Blakely May 8, 1887, after an active, enterprising and useful life, leaving a large estate. The firm is still continued as J. M. & R. W. Wade, under the sagacious management of the surviving senior brother. The Wades own large farming interests in Early county. The deceased brother, Reuben, was a royal arch Mason.

ELBERT COUNTY.

GEORGE L. ALMOND. The Almond family were among the early settlers of Elbert county, and have for nearly a century been prominently identified with its history and business interests. John Almond, the head of the Georgia branch of the family by this name, was a native of Virginia, and of English-French descent. He settled in Elbert county when a young man, and taking up farming as a vocation, married Ann Settle, the daughter of another old settler of the county. During the war of 1812 he left the farm in the hands of his wife and served his country throughout the struggle. His son, James Almond, the father of the subject of this sketch, followed the pursuit of his father, on the farm, and was an honest, upright citizen, popular with every one. He was an ardent and strict member of the Baptist church, and lived to the ripe old age of seventy-eight years, dying at his home at the old homestead. He married Amanda M. Fortsom, a daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Gaines) Fortsom. Mr. Fortsom was a wealthy planter of Elbert county, who had come from Virginia in the early part of the century. He too served in the war of 1812, thus giving Mr. George L. Almond, the subject of this sketch, two immediate ancestors, who served in the second war of this country against England. George L. Almond, the ordinary of Elbert county, was born in the county he so efficiently serves, in 1851. He was brought up as a farmer boy usually found it in those days, with plenty of work and meager opportunities for learning. Yet George improved every chance, and by the time he reached manhood possessed a well-stored mind. In 1876 he married Mattie Chandler, daughter of George and Laura H. (Sullivan) Chandler. Mr. Asa Chandler was a native of Franklin county, Ga., and was a very prominent minister

of the Baptist church. He died in Elberton, Ga., in 1874, respected and honored by the entire community. Mrs. Almond was born in 1855. To Mr. Almond and his wife one child, Vaunie, has been born, to whom they are giving the best opportunities for a finished education. The family are members of the Baptist church, of which he is a deacon and Sunday school superintendent. He was made a deacon when only eighteen years of age, and when twenty-five was made superintendent of the Sunday school. He is a master Mason, and takes great interest in the fraternity. That the people of Elbert county regard Mr. Almond most favorably and are well satisfied with his official life, is shown by the continuous election to the office of ordinary since 1881. He is an open-hearted, honest, Christian gentleman, whose career in life, witnessed by hundreds of people who knew him from birth, has been very successful. Mr. Almond has a pleasant home in Elberton, which is always open to his friends.

M'ALPIN ARNOLD. Like many of the early residents of Elbert county, Ga., the Arnold family, from which Mr. McAlpin Arnold, a leading merchant and banker of Elberton descends, came from North Carolina. About 1815, Davis Arnold, a native of North Carolina, with his wife (Elizabeth Wilhite) and family left the "Old North" and located in Elbert county, Ga. He was a farmer and one of the leading early settlers of the county. Joseph, one of his sons, brought up on the farm, and learning the carpenter's trade, early prepared himself for a busy life. He added to the original acreage of the Arnold homestead and became a large slave owner. He served in the late war and died in February, 1895, at the advanced age of seventy-eight years. Joseph Arnold married Sarah K. Thornton, a daughter of Benjamin and Nancy (Payne) Thornton, natives of Virginia. Benjamin Thornton was a preacher who filled pulpits of the Baptist church in Hart, Elbert and Oglethorpe counties, for over forty years, dying in Hart county, in 1876. Mr. McAlpin Arnold, son of Joseph and Sarah K. (Thornton) Arnold, was born on a farm in Elbert county, in 1847. His education was obtained from the country schools, and at the age of seventeen he enlisted in the war, serving in the militia and state troops, and was in the fight at Coosahatchie, S. C. In 1875, he married Annie Carter, daughter of James M. Carter, who was born in Hart county. His father was born in Virginia, and belonged to the family of Carters in that state. Mr. Carter is a well-to-do farmer, now living in Hart county. Was in the general assembly in 1860, and was a brave soldier in the war between the states. Mrs. Arnold's mother, Mary Louise Clark, was a direct descendant of the Alston family, originally from Virginia, but whose descendants are now scattered over most of the southern states. They are a family of revolutionary distinction and many incidents of startling interest are connected with this family, both in the remote as well as in the recent history of our country. By this union were born the following living children: Sarah Louise, Julius Y., Edna, and Carter. Mrs. Arnold was born in 1849. The early part of Mr. Arnold's life was spent on the farm, but in 1874 he engaged in the mercantile business with Thomas M. Swift. In 1876 this partnership was dissolved and he joined H. K. Gairdner in the business which has since been continued. Mr. Arnold is president of the bank of Elberton, and is a representative business man of Elbert county. He is noted for his sound, practical judgment, prudence, sagacity and diligence. Connected with these qualities are traits of justice, integrity and absolute fidelity to every obligation.

J. B. BELL, physician, Elberton, was born in Elbert county, Ga., in 1829. His paternal grandfather was James Bell, a North Carolinian, who served in the revolutionary war, married Miss Olivia Moseley, moved to Georgia about 1790, and settled in Elbert county. He was a thrifty and well-to-do farmer, and died in 1809. David, a son, born in Elbert county, married Elizabeth Suelings. He was a successful farmer and slave-holder, and was justice of the peace for many years. His wife was the daughter of John and Nancy (Butler) Suelings. Mr. Suelings was a native of Virginia, moved to Georgia about 1801 and settled in Elbert county, where he lived until his death in 1856. He was of English descent, a prosperous farmer, an honest, upright man, and a brave soldier in the war of 1812, being in the great battle of New Orleans. Dr. J. B. Bell spent his early days on the farm and attended school in the log houses, where he obtained the foundation of his education and learning. In 1849 he began the study of medicine under Dr. David C. Keller. In 1850 he entered the Philadelphia medical college and was graduated in 1851. In 1852 he attended a course at the medical college of Georgia, Augusta. In 1855 he married Mary F.—born in 1840—daughter of William G. and Millie T. (Wyche) Bullaid. Mr. Bullaid was born in Elbert county, was a farmer and served in the war. He was a son of Tapley and Annie (Bell) Bullaid, natives of Elbert county. To Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Bell have been born the following living children: Oscar F., George D., Bessie M., Fannie L., and Sontag. In 1861, Dr. Bell enlisted in the war, joining Company C (Capt. L. H. O. Martin), Fifteenth Georgia regiment. He was assigned to hospital duty and served as a physician through the war. He returned home and resumed the practice of his profession, which is now a very large one. Dr. Bell owns a fine farm near Elberton, is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and an honored citizen.

A. J. CLEVELAND. The Cleveland family has been associated with the history of Elbert county for over a century. John and Martha (Kidd) Cleveland, natives of this state, first settled in Elbert county and were interested in farming. Their son Jacob married Permelia Rucker, a daughter of Willis Rucker, an early settler of Wilkes county, but who had moved to Elbert county, where he died. Jacob Cleveland was a well-to-do farmer and slaveholder. Mr. A. J. Cleveland, his son, and the subject of this sketch, was born on the old homestead in 1834. He received the usual education afforded by the local schools, and in 1863 enlisted in the late war, joining Company C, First Georgia regulars, under Capt. R. H. Atkinson. He served in the battles of Ocean Pond, John's Island, Savannah, Aversboro and Smithfield. In 1860 he married Millie E. Bailey, daughter of Hezekiah and Sarah (Gaines) Bailey. Mr. Bailey was born and lived all his life in Elbert county and was a prosperous mechanic. The mother was born in 1839. Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland have two living children: Paul A. and Julian M. They are both members of the Methodist church, and Mr. Cleveland is a royal arch Mason. Mr. Cleveland, who is now retired from business with a competency, began life after the war without a dollar. He borrowed \$1,600 and went into the mercantile business, which he continued with the best pecuniary results until 1878. He is the owner of 2,400 acres of land and has a pretty home near Elberton. All was made by industry, perseverance and a sterling integrity which always made his word as good as his bond.

DR. M. P. DEADWYLER. One of the oldest practicing physicians in the state of Georgia and Elbert county. Settled in the medical profession in Elbert county, Ga., in 1824. Dr. M. P. Deadwyler, who was born in the county in 1824 and was the son of Martin and Sarah Rebecca (Willhite) Deadwyler. His paternal

grandfather, Martin Deadwyler, was a native of Germany, who emigrated to this country about the middle of the last century and settled in North Carolina. His son Joseph, Dr. Deadwyler's grandfather, migrated to Georgia and settled on a farm which he took up on Dover's Creek, Elbert county. He married Miss Alice Duncan, a native of Georgia, and raised his family on that farm. Dr. Deadwyler's father was born and reared on this homestead. He became a large slave-owner and planter and attained to great prominence financially and politically, and was a leading spirit in public affairs, especially those of the county. He was sheriff of the county many years and a member of the state senate, wielding a wide and sturdy influence. Later in life he moved to Madison county, Ga., where he died. Dr. Deadwyler's mother was a daughter of Philip Willhite, who was of French lineage, and born in North Carolina. He came to Georgia and settled on a farm in Elbert county, on which he died. Dr. Deadwyler received a good education, attending first the near-by country schools, and then the academy at Elberton. He then began the study of medicine under Drs. C. W. and H. R. J. Long, and was graduated from the Medical college, Augusta, Ga., in 1851. He located at Danielsville, Madison Co., where he practiced eight years, and then moved to Elberton, where he has since lived, and successfully followed his profession. He has a large practice and extensive and profitable farming interests, owns much valuable town property in Elberton, and is one of the solidest and most substantial of Elbert county's citizens. Dr. Deadwyler was married in 1852 to Miss A. E.—born in Madison county in 1834—a daughter of Jacob Eberhart. He is a royal arch Mason, and is very prominent in the masonic fraternity, and himself and wife are members of the Baptist church, and he is prominent in the order of Masons and has taken the chapter degrees. He has a large practice, in addition to which he has large farming interests and valuable town property, and is therefore possessed of abundance of means.

S. H. FORTSON. One of the families conspicuous in the history of Elbert county is that of the Fortsons. For three-quarters of a century they have been distinguished figures in business, political and social affairs, not only in Elbert county, but throughout the state. The Georgia branch of the family descend from Thomas Fortson, an Englishman who came to America about 1779 and settled in Virginia. He was a man of education, culture and refinement, and a fortunate farmer. His son John married Miss Easton, a daughter of a Virginia planter, and about 1800 they moved to Georgia and settled in Elbert county. Here was born Easton Fortson, who became one of the foremost men in this section of the state. He was a learned man, took an interest in the advancement of his county and was a moving spirit in all laudable enterprises. He served as sheriff of Elbert county and in other official positions. Brave and fearless, he was of great service to the early residents in the Indian war. Starting in life as a poor boy, he was worth about \$50,000 at the time of his death. He married Susan, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Gaiterd) Ham. Mr. Ham was a Virginian and a settler of Elbert county. Stephen H. Fortson, a prosperous farmer living in the southern part of Elbert county, is a son of Easton Fortson, and was born in Elbert county in 1836. He spent his boyhood days on the farm and obtained his education in the public schools. In 1858 he married Mary, daughter of William B. and Mildred (Rucker) White. Mr. White was an eminent lawyer and farmer of Elbert county, representing that county in the state senate, and was a very wealthy man. Mrs. White was born in 1840 and died in 1882. She was an excellent woman and sincere Christian. By this union were born Buena V., Richard H., May E. and Zollicoffer Fortson. In 1882 Mr. Fortson married

for his second wife Ellen, daughter of Whitman and Ann (Badell) Hill. She was born in 1847 in South Carolina, of which state her parents were natives. Mr. and Mrs. Fortson have one child, Stephen T. In 1862 Mr. Fortson enlisted in the war in the Thirty-eighth Georgia regiment, under Capt. Thornton. He was in the battles of Fredericksburg, Slaughter Mountain and around Richmond. He was there placed in the cavalry and fought at Travilion station, McDowell's farm, Nancy's shop, Stone station, Blackwater swamp and in the Richmond campaign. Mr. and Mrs. Fortson are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Fortson has served his county as a member of the board of commissioners and education. At the close of the war he found himself with about \$1,000. Upon this small capital he has succeeded in building a substantial competence. He owns 1,500 acres of good land about eight miles from Fishdam, Oglethorpe Co. He is a citizen enjoying the confidence of his neighbors and all whom his business and social relations bring him in contact with.

HENRY KOLLOCK GAIRDNER, merchant, cotton buyer and guano manufacturer, Elberton, Elbert Co., was born in Augusta, Ga., in 1842. He was the son of James Penman and Mary (McKinney) Gairdner. He is of English ancestry on his father's side and of Scotch-Irish descent from his mother's ancestors. His father, James Penman Gairdner, was an eminent man and won distinction as a lieutenant in the English army during the peninsula war. His grandfather, James Gairdner, was a native of England, moved to America after the revolutionary war and settled in Charleston, S. C. He was a merchant and was a member of the firm of James & Edwin Gairdner. Later he moved to Columbia county, Ga., where he spent the balance of his life on the farm. He was a man of brilliant mind and captivating disposition, successful in his business career, and accumulated much wealth. His son, James Penman, was born in Charleston, S. C., in 1805. He was sent to England to stay with an aunt when a boy and received his education at Eaton and Harrow, where he attended school with the famous Lord Byron. After he was graduated the spirit of adventure and love of a soldier-life caused him to enter the English army. He served as a lieutenant in the English army through all the war between England and France under Napoleon, and was also under Wellington at Waterloo, and for his gallant services in various engagements, in which he received seven wounds, was given a dozen medals from Queen Victoria. After peace was declared he retired from the English army, returned to his home and father in America. A few years later he married and then located in Jefferson county, Ga., where he lived for twenty years, following farming with much success. He then moved to Augusta, where he lived the balance of his life, dying in 1862, respected and honored by all. The mother of Henry Kollock Gairdner was Mary, daughter of Thomas and Ann (McKinney) Gairdner, and at a ripe old age is living with a part of her children in Augusta. Thomas Gairdner was a native of Savannah, where he was a merchant for a number of years, and retiring from business with much wealth, he moved to Augusta, where he passed his remaining days. Henry Kollock Gairdner was born on the farm and there and in Augusta he spent his boyhood days, and was educated at the Richmond county academy. He came from fighting blood, and so when the war broke out between the states, in May, 1861, he enlisted in Company A, Fifth Georgia regiment volunteers, under Capt. Platt. He was in several important engagements, and being taken very sick at ~~Memphis, Tenn.~~ ^{Elberton, Elbert Co., Ga.}, he returned home, but served in the fighting against Sherman in ~~the war.~~ ^{the war.} On March 6, 1879, he was married to Miss Lavonia Jones, daughter of John H. Jones, Elbert county, Ga., and

they have one child, James Penman. Mrs. Gairdner was born in Elberton in 1855. The family are members of the Methodist church, and Mr. Gairdner belongs to the masonic fraternity. In 1865 he started in business at Elberton and continued in the same until 1876, when a partnership was formed with Mr. McAlpin Arnold. This firm has been remarkably successful and transacts an enormous business, their trade even extending into adjoining towns.

REV. J. H. GROGAN. The Grogan family, conspicuous in the history of Elbert county, descend from Henry Grogan, a native of Ireland, who settled in Virginia, migrated thence to South Carolina, and then to Georgia. He had a son, Henry, who married Elsie, daughter of a North Carolina planter. Their son William (father of J. H. Grogan) was born in South Carolina, and when young moved to Georgia, settling in Forsyth county, but later moved to Pickens county, where he died. He was a large farmer, a strict member of the Baptist church and a leading politician of his day. He was justice of the peace for years and a man who was a valuable citizen to his community. He was married to Hettie Rydings, a daughter of John and Sarah (Blackwell) Rydings. Mr. Rydings was a native of North Carolina, where he lived and died. He was a farmer and served with distinction in the revolutionary war. Rev. J. H. Grogan, son of William M. and Hettie Grogan, was born in Spartanburg district, South Carolina, in 1828. His early life was spent on the farm and his education picked up from the old log cabin schoolhouse, and by free use of the pine knot and tallow candle. When eighteen years old he left his state, and traveling on foot to Lumpkin county, Ga., accepted a position in a store where he remained for several years. In 1856 he was wedded to Fannie E. McLaughlin, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Hall) McLaughlin. Mr. McLaughlin was a native of Oglethorpe county, Ga., and was an extensive planter, dying at the old age of eighty-seven years on the same place on which he was born. Mr. Grogan and wife have eight living children: George C., Sarah P., William M., Lela J., Bessie H., J. O. A., John H., and Emma B. The mother was born in Oglethorpe county in 1835. The family are honored members of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Grogan is a faithful member of the Masonic order. Rev. Grogan was ordained as a minister of the Gospel in 1851, and traveled for over twenty-two years, preaching from the pulpit of nearly every church of his denomination in the state. In 1873, after nearly a third of a century of itineracy, he settled down in Elbert county and began farming and milling. He has been remarkably successful, and owns about 1,500 acres of choice lands, besides valuable milling property. He is a fine gentleman, respected and loved by all who have the favor of his acquaintance. He is president of the Elberton academy, and takes much interest in the work of this educational institution. Mr. Grogan resides near Middleton, Elbert Co.

J. B. JONES, SR., farmer, Flatwoods, Elbert Co., was born in 1836, and is the son of James and Sarah (Dye) Jones. James Jones was a successful farmer and served in the state troops in the late war when he was quite aged. He was married to Sarah, daughter of Brow and Jane (Wyley) Dye, an early settler of Elbert county, and an extensive planter and large slave holder. Mrs. James Jones' grandfather was a soldier in the revolutionary army, and attained the rank of colonel. The grandfather of the subject of this memoir was Solomon Jones, a native of North Carolina who moved to Georgia in 1805 and settled in Elbert county. He was a farmer, and a brave soldier in the second war with Great Britain, and died in Elbert county. J. B. Jones, Sr., was raised on the farm and educated in the public schools. In 1862 he enlisted in the late war and served

in various companies, going into the regular service in 1863 in Company H, Capt. Clark Mattox commanding. He was at the battle of Macon and was discharged from the service at Graniteville, S. C. He was married in 1859 to Elizabeth T., daughter of Nicholas and Eliza (Munelee) Burton. Mr. Burton was an old resident of Elbert county and died in 1851. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have been blessed by the birth of the following children: James N., Thompson S., Jephtha B., Elizabeth, Annie, Sarah, Tallulah, A. B., and W. H. Mrs. Jones was born in Elbert county in 1843, and she and her husband are devout members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a Mason in high standing, and in politics is an unflinching democrat. He was sheriff of Elbert county for two years, and in 1882 was elected to the general assembly, where he served with distinction on the committees on manufacture, agriculture, and deaf and dumb asylums. Soon after the war Mr. Jones started in business with J. H. Grogan, on a joint capital of \$1,500. In about five years' time he bought Grogan out and conducted the business alone till 1883. He is now engaged in farming, being the owner of 1,500 acres of good land near Flatwoods.

MAJ. J. H. JONES. The latter part of the eighteenth century saw many old Virginian families migrate to the lands beyond the Blue Ridge and Georgia was largely benefited, not only by the number, but the character of the new settlers. Among these families was that of John Jones, a robust Virginian, who had served in the ranks of the patriot army with distinction during the revolutionary war. He was of Welsh descent and a native of Virginia. The original family settled where the city of Baltimore now stands and the creek running through the city called Jorus Falls was named for this family. He had married Ann Shackleford, the daughter of an old Virginia family, and in 1791 brought his wife and family to Elbert county, Ga., where he began the life of a farmer. There were but few inhabitants of the county at that time, but nothing daunted the pioneer, who cleared away the forests and tilled the soil with the energy characteristic of his people. He was one of the founders of Elberton and helped lay the place off. Thomas Jones was a son of this man and was born before the family left Virginia, in Albemarle county. He helped his father in the first years of their life in Georgia and worked as a clerk in the firm of Weston & Chipman of Edinburg. In 1810 he entered business as a merchant on his own account, and continued the same until he died in 1840. At one time he was sheriff of Elbert county. He married Eliza M. Darracotte, a daughter of John and Rebecca (Wingfield) Darracotte. Mr. Darracotte was a native of Virginia and an early settler of Wilkes county, Ga. He was a merchant and died in Abbeville county, S. C. Maj. John H. Jones is a son of this union of old Virginia stock, and is a leading citizen and merchant of Elbert county. He was born in Elberton in 1816, on the lot where he now lives, and is now in his eightieth year. His education was better than that which fell to the lot of the average young man of that period and young Jones was graduated from the university of Georgia at Athens in 1838. He returned to his home and entered into a mercantile business which he has since continued. He served in the late war as a member of the state militia. In 1843 he married Lavonia Hammond, daughter of Alfred and Louisa (Hudson) Hammond. Mr. Hammond was born in South Carolina and first settled in Franklin county, Ga., afterward moving to Elbert county, where he died. He was a merchant and a very successful business man. Mrs. Jones was born in 1824. They have a large family of seven children. Their children are now living: Robert H. Jones, who married Robert Heard; Ida, married to Capt. J. J. Burch; Lavonia, married to H. K. Gairdner; Mary C., wife of T. J.

Blackwell; Willie O., married Mollie Gairdner, Columbus, Ga., and Norah. The families all belong to the Methodist church. Maj. Jones is an honored officer in the masonic fraternity and was made a member in 1841. He has served his county as judge of the inferior court, but never sought political honors, preferring to devote himself to his business. Notwithstanding he lost 114 slaves by the war, he has managed his large plantation as his business interests dictated, with gratifying success. Maj. Jones is beloved and honored by all who know him, especially so with the women and children. A long business career has shown him to be a man of probity, a sincere friend and a practical citizen with broad views. Far-sighted, quick in discernment and sound in business judgment, Maj. Jones has for years been often consulted on every conceivable enterprise by friends and acquaintances.

DR. N. G. LONG, state senator and prominent physician of Elberton, Elbert Co., was born in Madison county, Ga., in 1854. The Georgia branch of the family of this name descend from Samuel Long, who was a native of Pennsylvania and of Scotch-Irish parentage. He left Pennsylvania when young and settled in Virginia, where he married and reared a family. One of his sons, Thomas, married Sarah McCurdy, a daughter of an old Georgia planter. In 1830 the father and son, with their families, moved to Georgia and settled in Elbert county, but soon afterward moved to Madison county, where the aged father died in the fall of that year. Thomas Long, who had served his country in the war of 1812, was a man of much force of character, and being well-educated for the times, he exerted much influence in the county within a few years after locating there. James, his son, and father of Dr. N. G. Long, was born on the old estate in Madison county in 1826, and there lived all his life, dying in 1889. He served in the late war with credit to himself and country. He married Frances, a daughter of Nathaniel and Lucinda (Jerrell) Gholston. Mr. Gholston was a native of Madison county, a leading farmer and was of English descent. He served in the war of 1812 and died in Madison county. Dr. N. G. Long was raised on the farm, receiving his schooling in the local institutions, and in 1875 began to read medicine under Dr. J. D. Long. He then attended the Augusta Medical college and completed his course at the Louisville, Ky., Medical college. He commenced the practice of medicine in Elbert county in 1876 and has been eminently successful from the start. In 1880 he married Emma Heard, the beautiful daughter of George E. and Mattie (Harper) Heard. His wife was born in 1863, and her father, a native of Elbert county, and a farmer by vocation, served with distinction in the late war between the states. He is now dead. Dr. Long and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he belongs to the masonic fraternity, having taken both chapter and blue lodge degrees. In 1891 Dr. Long was chosen mayor of Elberton, serving one term. He has been a member of the town council for years. In 1894 he was elected to the state senate. Through his first experience as a legislator he made a state reputation, serving on the most important committees: Banks, finance, railroad, corporations, lunatic asylum, deaf and dumb and others. Dr. Long enjoys a fine practice in Elberton, and so high is his reputation in his profession that his services are in demand from surrounding towns. He has ever enjoyed the full confidence of his patients, while his standing as an exemplary citizen has always been of the highest. His practice has been general in character and attended with a high degree of pecuniary success.

JOHN W. M'CALLA, farmer, Heardmont, Elbert Co., Ga., descends from revolutionary stock, his great-grandfather, a native of Ireland, having been a brave soldier in the ranks of the patriots. His grandfather was John McCalla, born in South Carolina, and a farmer and slave-holder of that state. He was married to Susan Tenant and to them was born one child, George R. McCalla, the father of Mr. J. W. McCalla. George R. McCalla was born and lived all his life in South Carolina, and, like his father, was a large planter and slave holder. He was a man of great intellectual accomplishments, a thorough student and a classical scholar. He enjoyed the advantage of instruction under the direction of eminent private tutors, and was graduated from the university of Georgia, Athens, taking the second honor. He was a classmate of Hon. T. R. Cobb. He was married to Mary Allen, the beautiful daughter of a neighbor planter, Singleton W. Allen. The latter descended from the old Virginia family of that name, and was born in Elbert county, Ga. He was an active politician and one of Elbert county's foremost citizens. He represented the county in the legislature in both the house and the state senate, and refused further honors in order to give attention to his farm. He died in 1852. Mr. George R. McCalla died in 1885, at an advanced age. He was opposed to the late war, and did all in his power to prevent it, but when the die was cast, and nothing but the clash of arms could follow, he accepted the inevitable and supported the south. Mr. J. W. McCalla was born in the Abbeville district, S. C., in 1850, and was graduated from the university of Georgia. In 1870 he married Francesca Du Pree, daughter of Lewis and Mary (Adams) Du Pree. The latter was a leading business man of Athens, and was a man prominently identified with the political and commercial affairs of the state. Mrs. McCalla was born in Oglethorpe county, Ga., in 1850. She died about a year after her marriage, and in 1873 Mr. McCalla was wedded to Mary Allen, daughter of Banaster and Anna (Averby) Allen. Mr. Allen was a native of Virginia and afterward moved to Georgia, thence to South Carolina, where he died. Mr. and Mrs. McCalla have had born to them three children who are now living: Earl, Annie, and Olivia. The mother was born in South Carolina in 1850. The family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. McCalla is a member of the masonic fraternity. He has always been a farmer, and now owns a magnificent estate of about 6,000 acres. Upon this are extensive improvements and much live stock, all constituting one of the finest farms in Georgia. Mr. McCalla is one of the wealthiest planters in southwest Georgia, and his entire possessions are the result of his own individual efforts.

CLARK MATTOX, farmer, Elberton, was born in Oglethorpe county, Ga., in 1838. He is the grandson of David and Sarah (Hale) Mattox, natives of Virginia, who moved to Georgia about 1800, and settled in Elbert county, where he lived and died. David Mattox was one of the hardy pioneers whose industry and bravery broke down all barriers and rescued Elbert county from the wilderness and peopled her confines with the blood of old Virginia. He was a poor man when he began life in Georgia, and for years his life was a struggle. His indomitable will, however, overcame all hardships and won success, and he died a well-to-do man. He was a brave soldier in the war of 1812. A son, Henry P., was born in Elbert county. He married Sophia Munnelee of Elbert county, and moved to Oglethorpe county, where he lived for several years, returning to Elbert county, where he died. He was a farmer and served in the war between the states. He was a member of the state legislature in 1874-5, and was a successful business man. His wife was a daughter of James F. and Jane (Nash) Munnelee, and was born in Elbert county in 1840. Mr. Munnelee

was a native of Virginia, and moved to Georgia at an early day, where he died. Mr. Clark Mattox, son of David, was reared on a farm, and was given the best education afforded by the local educational institutions. In 1861 he enlisted in the war, Company I, Fifteenth Georgia regiment, under Capt. McIntosh. His company was afterward reorganized and he served under Capt. Joseph Smith. He was an active participant in many important battles. He was at Malvern hill, Garnet farm, Manassas, Atlanta, and then with the army to Savannah, as captain of Company C, state troops. He was slightly wounded in the first battle of Garnet farm. In 1858 Mr. Mattox married Frances J. Brawner, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Upshaw) Brawner. Mr. Brawner was born in Elbert county and was a leading farmer and large slave owner. To this union were born children, five of whom are living: Joseph H., William C., Mrs. Lizzie Hullguis, Annie, and Clark. Mr. and Mrs. Mattox are members of the Baptist church and he is a Mason. He was justice of the peace for twenty-five years and is now a member of the county school board. After the war Mr. Mattox returned to his farm, which he has since managed prosperously. He owns about 1,600 acres of land and a mill and gin, and is regarded as one of the leading farmers of Elbert county.

D. P. OGLESBY, farmer, Elberton, was born in Elbert county in 1838, and is the son of William and Pelina (Wiley) Oglesby. His grandfather, Thomas Oglesby, was born in Virginia and came to Elbert county, where he located on a farm and passed his life. His son William was born in Virginia and preceded his father to Elbert county one year, he having attained his majority and set out for himself. He married first Mary (Christian) Oglesby, and after her death married Pelina, daughter of George and Mildred (David) Wiley. Mr. George Wiley was a native of Georgia, a successful farmer, and died in Gwinnett county. Mr. D. P. Oglesby has spent a large part of his life on the farm. He received a good education for his day, and in 1862 enlisted in the late war, joining Company G, Ninth Georgia battalion, as a private under Capt. Eberhart. This battalion was subsequently consolidated with the Third Georgia battalion, and made the Thirty-seventh Georgia regiment. He served gallantly and was in several important battles. At Murfreesboro he received a severe wound in the shoulder and was sent home. In three months he was back on duty. By this time his comrades had elevated him to the rank of first lieutenant of his company. After this he was engaged in the battles of Chickamauga, Decatur and Franklin, Tenn. At the latter place he received a severe wound in the leg, and at Chickamauga was injured in the face. His Franklin wound disabled him for months after the surrender. Mr. Oglesby was married in 1860 to Margaret Deadwyler, daughter of Asa and Margaret (Eberhart) Deadwyler. Mr. Deadwyler was a native of Elbert county and afterward moved to Madison county, where he died. Mr. Oglesby and wife have had born to them seven children, six of whom are living, viz: Mary T., who married Dr. B. A. Henry; Cornelia A., married to H. J. Brewer; Gussie F., married to Col. W. F. Jones; Addie, Lena, and John J. Mrs. Oglesby was born in Madison county in 1840. They are both members of the Baptist church, and Mr. Oglesby is a Mason. Like so many others in Elbert county, Mr. Oglesby had little left after the war and had to start anew. The trials of the farmers for the first few years after the conflict were many, but he overcame all and again accumulated a good competency. He owns a fine farm of 1,200 acres and considerable property in Elberton, and beside, he owns a store in Oglesby, a town on the G. C. & N. R. R. named after his family. He is a citizen honored and respected by all.

S. C. STARKE, farmer, Flatwoods, Elbert Co., Ga., was born in Fairfield county, S. C., in 1818, and is the son of S. C. and Anne Mickle Starke. His grandfather, William Starke, was a native of and lived all his life in South Carolina. He and five brothers served in the army of the patriots in the revolutionary war. He was of Welsh descent and a public-spirited and high-minded gentleman. His son, S. C. Starke, was born in South Carolina and moved with his family to Elbert county, Ga., in 1827. He was a big farmer and a respected citizen. He died in Alabama, where he had moved a few years previous. He was married to a daughter of John and Jane Mickle. The latter was of Irish ancestry, and was a native and life-long resident of South Carolina. He was learned and deeply religious, and was one of the best-informed men on the scriptures and scriptural writings in the state. Mr. S. C. Starke was brought up on the farm and received the benefit of an academic education. He taught school for a short time and in 1843 was married to Mary A. Brewer, daughter of Edmund H. and Lucy (Carter) Brewer. Mr. Brewer was born and reared in Elbert county. By this union the following children were born: Mary, the wife of Thomas W. Hill; Sarah, wife of Ex-Gov. B. R. Tillman of South Carolina; E. B., who married a daughter of Dr. Baker; Addie, wife of George C. Grogan. The mother was born in 1824. They are both members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In 1863 Mr. Starke was elected to the state legislature and served four years. He was a very able member of the committee on agriculture, and to his earnest efforts are due many laws which were enacted of interest and benefit to the farmer. He is a self-made man, starting in life as a poor boy; he had accumulated a splendid competence at the breaking out of the war. There was little left of it when the strife ended, but he went to work again and now owns about 1,100 acres of choice land.

A. C. STOVALL, farmer, Oglesby, Elbert Co., was born in Franklin county, Ga., in 1819, and is the son of George H. and Nancy (Christian) Stovall. He descends from old revolutionary stock, his grandfather having served in the war for independence, while his father battled against the English in the war of 1812. James S. Stovall, a revolutionary soldier, of French descent, married a Miss Bradley, daughter of an old Virginia patriot. With his wife and family he left his native state in 1787, and coming to Georgia, settled in what is now Elbert county, where he died from the effects of a wound received in the revolutionary conflict. A son, George, born in Virginia in 1781, married Nancy Christian of Elbert county, a daughter of John Christian, a well-to-do farmer, who had come to Georgia with Mr. Stovall's father in 1787. Mr. Christian was a prosperous farmer and a fine gentleman. Soon after his marriage George Stovall moved to Franklin county, where he bought a farm and passed his life. He served his country in the second war with Great Britain and attained the rank of captain, and was a brave and honest man. His son, A. C. Stovall, was raised on the farm and received his education at the "old field" school. In 1838 he married Mary L. Christian, daughter of Dr. Edward L. Christian, a physician of prominence in Madison county, Ga. By this marriage the following children, now living, were born: Cornelia, wife of John L. Mize; Mary, who married C. A. Brock; Sarah R., who married Ira T. Harbor. Mrs. Stovall was born in Madison county, Ga., in 1822, and died in 1848. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and a most estimable woman. In 1859 Mr. Stovall married Sarah F. Almond, daughter of James and Amanda M. (Fortson) Almond. She was born in Madison county, Ga., in 1833. They have four living children: James T. Almond, Jr., William L. and Benjamin. Mrs. Stovall is a member of the Baptist church and a woman much loved by her friends.

Mr. Stovall began life as a poor boy, and after acquiring considerable property by his industry and energy, he suffered a big loss by the war, but he again set to work and now is again "on top." He owns a nice farm of 560 acres near Oglesby on Dove creek post office.

JUDGE EDMUND BREWER TATE, Elberton, Elbert Co., Ga., was born in the same county April 2, 1841, on his father's farm, four miles south of the city of Elberton, and was the sixth son of Edmund B. and Mahala (Fortson) Tate. His father, Edmund B. Tate, was born in Madison county, Ga., and was a farmer and slave-owner. He died in Elbert county (where he had lived the most of his life) at the age of seventy-seven. Judge Tate's paternal grandfather was Robert L. Tate, who came to Georgia from North Carolina about 1800. Judge Tate was reared on the farm and received the schooling furnished by the public and private schools of his section. Just entering manhood when the war broke out, he hastened to join the army, enlisting in Company C, Fifteenth Georgia volunteers, under Capt. L. H. O. Martin, leaving home for the front July 15, 1861. His record during the great conflict was one of active campaigning and fighting, embracing various bloody engagements and battles; was in the seven days' battle around Richmond, second battle of Manassas, Sharpsburg, Gettysburg, Chickamauga, besides other minor engagements. He was severely wounded in the battle of Chickamauga, on Sept. 19, 1863, by a minie ball, which entered his left nipple, went through his left lung and came out on left side of spinal column, and near the same; the ball not only pierced his body through, but made sixteen holes through an army blanket, which at the time was rolled up and carried over his shoulders. While the wound was severe and thought at the time to be fatal, yet, by the good nursing of his father, who hastened to his bedside, which was in a large barn on the field of battle which had been converted into a hospital, he so far recovered that his father in the short space of one month carried him home. Judge Tate, not having recovered sufficiently to return to the army, and seeing he would not again be able for active service, in January, 1865, opened what was known in those days as an "old field" school at Asbury Chapel, in Elbert county, which was a success. This, his first venture to set up for himself, gave him two hundred dollars in gold, which was the foundation for his present fortune, which is not very large, but comfortable. Judge Tate has been a lifelong democrat and has been active in the political affairs in Elbert county, having held some office in the gift of his people nearly continuously since 1866. In January, 1866, he was elected clerk of Elbert superior court, which office he held for one term. In 1868 he was elected ordinary of Elbert county, holding that office one term of nearly five years. In 1878 Judge Tate was elected county commissioner of roads and revenue of Elbert county, holding four terms (sixteen years); the last twelve years was honored with the chairmanship of that body, which expired in January, 1895. He was one of the three commissioners who recognized the crying need and necessity of Elbert county for better public buildings to take the place of the old dilapidated ones which she had. They accomplished their object, though not without great opposition by a large percentage of the people. Through these efforts Elbert county now has a splendid \$8,000 modern jail and a magnificent \$40,000 court house, all of this work being accomplished during the last two years in office—1893 and 1894. In November, 1866, Judge Tate was married to Miss Ella G. Mathews, second daughter of Dr. Albert C. Mathews, one of Elbert's most prominent physicians. Four sons and one daughter blessed this marriage; two sons, Robert Enos and Eddie B., died in their second year. The living sons are Ora

Eugene and Albert Mathews. His daughter, Mrs. Sophia Tate Bigham, wife of E. W. Bigham, died in 1894, leaving one child, a boy, E. B. Bigham. The mother, a most exemplary Christian and loving and dutiful wife, was born in 1849 and died Jan. 10, 1881. Judge Tate was wedded a second time, the latter part of 1881, to Miss Mattie A. (daughter of James C. Wright of Wilkes county, Ga., who was a prominent farmer), born in Wilkes county in 1850. The fruits of this union are two children, a son and daughter: James Wright Tate and Em-Mai Tate. The family are members of the Methodist church, and Judge Tate is also a member of the masonic fraternity. Judge Tate, in the fall of 1870, engaged in the mercantile business and continued therein for twenty years in the city of Elberton. Having, by strict economy and perseverance, accumulated a nice little property, he is now (1895) building one of the nicest and finest residences in the city of Elberton. Judge Tate possesses a remarkably clear and well-poised judgment and is seldom in error upon any business project he has carefully investigated; as a business man there are few men better posted and equipped than he is. He was one of eight brothers who entered the Confederate army, three of whom were killed in the service.

J. N. WALL, farmer, Elberton, was born in Elbert county in 1850. His grandfather was Willis Wall, born in Virginia, and a settler in Elbert county before it was carved out of Wilkes county. He married Martha Page, and was a soldier in the patriot ranks in the war for independence. He was a farmer and a slaveholder. His son, B. C. Wall, married Mattie W. Nunelee, and was a merchant for many years at Longstreet, then a prosperous town in Elbert county. He was a large slave-holder and owned a large plantation, upon which he died in 1878 at an advanced age. His son, Mr. J. N. Wall, the subject of this memoir, was given a good education and attended the Elberton high school, then a leading institution of the state. In 1868 he married Ella Fortson, daughter of Haley and Jennie (Hanson) Fortson. Mr. Fortson was born in Elbert county, but now lives in Florida, where he is a large fruit-grower. To Mr. and Mrs. Wall have been born thirteen children: Elizabeth, Willie, Walter, George, Cassie, James, Sarah, Clarence, Talullah, Janie, Longstreet, Henry and Lee. The mother was born in Elbert county in 1849. The family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church, south. Mr. Wall was a member of the county board of roads and revenue for four years and has been county school commissioner since 1890. His early life was spent on the farm, but in 1876 he was ordained a minister of the Gospel, since which time he has preached regularly. He is a bright and clever gentleman, and one beloved by his flock and respected by the community at large.

GEORGE WOOSTER is of English nativity, and was born in Buckinghamshire in 1853, his parents being James and Sarah (Eggleton) Wooster, the former born in Buckinghamshire in 1802 and died in 1863. When but a youth, not out of his teens, young Wooster, who had been reared on a farm, left his English home to seek his fortune in the western world. He sailed from England for the United States Oct. 17, 1871, came first to Pike county, Ga., and a few weeks afterward finding his way to Meriwether county, where he arrived with but five cents in his pocket. But with true English courage and persevering energy he sought work, willing to do anything honorable for a living rather than be an idler. He worked a year for Daniel Keith, and then rented land from him for five years. After this he rented Mrs. J. P. Atkinson's farm in Oakland for a year, and then the place belonging to J. H. Atkinson. He made his first investment in land in the county in 1881, and five years later bought a stock of goods, and set up in the

mercantile business. He is a man of marked ability and versatile talent, as is evident from the fact that he has been very successful in several distinct lines of work. His fine farm of 350 acres is well cultivated and well stocked. He also did a thriving business in general merchandise, of which he had an extensive and well selected stock. Moreover, he ran a public gin, a planing mill and sawmill. In spite of the adverse circumstances of his earlier years and the fact that his education was somewhat limited, Mr. Wooster has made a success of his life work and is honored among his fellow-men. He is a notable instance of what pluck and perseverance will accomplish. In 1874 Mr. Wooster married Miss Cynthia Williams, a daughter of Stephen and Nancy A. (Simpson) Williams, who died in 1880. His present wife, who was Miss Pennie Esters, the daughter of David and Elizabeth (Caldwell) Esters, was born in 1859, and reared in Meriwether county. They were married in 1881, and have had three children, none of whom is living. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wooster are members of the Primitive Baptist church. Mr. Wooster has recently removed to Flatwoods, Elbert Co., which is now his home.

EMANUEL COUNTY.

JAMES AMASCUS COLEMAN, merchant and manufacturer, Rountree, Emanuel Co., Ga., son of Elisha and Winnie Coleman, was born in Emanuel county in March, 1848. His father was born in Burke county, came to Emanuel county when a young man, married, settled down to farming and made agriculture the pursuit of his life. They are both living, and are respectively eighty-two and eighty-one years of age, and revered members of the Methodist church. Four children were born to them—three living to perpetuate their name and virtues: Matthew, killed at Sharpsburg while serving in the Confederate army; John C., an ex-Confederate soldier, who has been clerk of the superior court of Emanuel county, elected ordinary for several terms, now retired and accounted the wealthiest citizen of the county; Elisha J., Emanuel county, ex-lieutenant Georgia militia during the war, now a successful farmer, and James A., the subject of this sketch. Mr. Coleman was educated at the common schools of the county, and when only sixteen years of age enlisted in the Confederate service and was a participant in battle at Honey Hill, S. C. On his return from the army he engaged for several years in farming, and later engaged in rafting timber. He next engaged with his brother, John C., in a general merchandise business in Swainsborough, which continued four years. In 1888 he formed a partnership with James H. Ellison, and with him embarked in the saw-mill business, and in connection with it carried on a farm, running ten plows and a store, which last commanded a good trade. In 1894 the firm added to their enterprise the manufacture of naval stores. The firm owns the Coleman & Ellison railway, which connects with the Midville & Ellison railway at Midville. The sawmill cuts from 20,000 to 30,000 feet of lumber per day, and their turpentine farm produces 600 barrels of spirits and 2,500 barrels of resin annually, and their pay-roll amounts to more than \$30,000 per annum. Confining himself to his business interests he neither desired nor sought office, but in 1894 he was nominated as the only citizen likely to defeat the populists. After one of the hottest campaigns ever conducted in the county he was elected over the strongest man his opponents