

field, Daniel Webster and Maude. Himself and wife are members of the Methodist church, of which he has been secretary, steward and trustee and a district steward.

STEPHEN A. WILSON, merchant, Oaky, Effingham Co., Ga., son of Elihu and Catharine Wilson, was born in Effingham county, September 3, 1829. His parents were well-to-do people, and his father followed farming all his life. They had seven children, of whom Stephen was the fourth son. Mr. Wilson's education was obtained at the near-by country schools. When eighteen years of age he commenced farming on his own account, and continued it until March 10, 1862, when he formed Company I, Forty-seventh Georgia regiment, and was made captain. He was at Savannah, the battle at Jackson, and siege of Vicksburg, Miss. With his command he participated in the battles of Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Chickamauga, and was in the running fight from Dalton to Atlanta. At Pine Mountain he received a wound in the head, in consequence of which he was in the hospital some considerable time. On his recovery he rejoined his brigade, which was sent to Charleston to drive the Federals from St. John's Island, and was on James' Island which they left when Gen. Sherman reached Savannah. His command participated in the fight at Honeyhill and at Coosawhatchie, where they remained until Charleston was evacuated, when the command went into the interior. Obtaining a furlough he came home to remove his family to a place of safety; and finding himself cut off from his command he joined Gen. Cheatham's corps, with which he remained until the surrender. Returning from the war he farmed one year and then, in addition, engaged in merchandising and saw-milling, which he has since followed and accumulated a fortune. He is a fine business man, always on the alert, is very enterprising and has displayed unusually good management. Mr. Wilson has been married three times. He was first married to Miss Lavinia Dasher, and after her death he married Miss Laura Davis of Barnwell, S. C. He had the misfortune to suffer a second bereavement in her death, and for his third wife married Miss Tabitha A. Edwards of Effingham county, by whom he has had five children: Walter S., teacher, Savannah; Horace Emmet, lawyer, and recorder police court, Savannah; F. Katharine, wife of L. M. Ryals, Savannah; Frank Cheatham, dentist, Savannah; and one single daughter, Mary Murchison. Mr. Wilson is a member of the masonic fraternity.