

he brought his wife, Barbara (Fudge) Zellars, like himself a native of Virginia, and settled in what is now Lincoln county, Ga., a pioneer in the midst of the dense woods. Though poor in the beginning, he was able, by his own industry and prudent management, to amass a considerable fortune, and became one of the richest men of that section of the state. In 1798 his son Solomon was born and was reared on his father's farm in Lincoln county, but after his marriage he went to Newton county for a few years, removing thence, in 1849, to Campbell county, where he died in 1862. Though starting in life with but very little, he was able to accumulate a considerable property; he was a successful farmer, and at one time owned about 700 acres of good land. He and his wife were members of the Baptist church. Mrs. Zellars was Miss Emily Tatum, whose parents, John and Rebecca (Stovall) Tatum, natives of North Carolina, came at an early day to Georgia, making what is now Lincoln county their permanent home. Thomas E. Zellars, the son of Solomon and Emily Zellars, was born in Newton county in 1834. He passed his early years upon the farm with such advantages as the poorly-equipped schools of that day could give him. To read, to write and to cipher, "the three R's," were the extent of the curriculum of those backwoods schools in general, but these, being at the foundation of all knowledge, were sufficient to enable the studious young man to acquaint himself with all subjects of general interest, so that he is reckoned a man of broad mind and great intelligence. In April, 1862, he enlisted in Company C, Nineteenth Georgia regiment, in command of Thomas C. Johnson, and was with his company in many of its engagements. He was in many battles, among them Ocean Pond (where he was wounded), Round House, Petersburg, Richmond, Fort Fisher and many others. The war left him penniless and he returned to his home to make a new start in life. Having a natural aptitude for business, he entered into partnership with William J. Garrett, on a borrowed capital of \$2,000, and has been greatly prospered. Their business has steadily increased and they are now among the largest merchants in Coweta county, carrying a stock of some \$10,000, doing a business of about \$50,000 per annum, with an estimated working capital of \$10,000, and owning land as a firm valued at \$7,000 or \$8,000. Mr. Zellars' individual property in Grantville is estimated at about \$7,000. In 1869 Mr. Zellars married Miss Ella Moreland, daughter of Thomas C. and Emma (Barnett) Moreland. She was born in Heard county, Ga., in 1851, and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, while Mr. Zellars belongs to the Baptist church, of which he is a very useful and influential member. Mrs. Zellars died in 1891, having been the mother of five children: Jessie A., Thomas M., Ellen G., Emma, and Ella E. Mr. Zellars is one of the wealthiest citizens of the county, where he is universally liked and esteemed. He and his family deservedly hold a position of influence in the community.

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## CRAWFORD COUNTY.

JOHN I. CHAMPION, farmer, Roberta, Crawford Co., Ga., son of Thomas G. and Mary (Sandford) Champion, was born in Crawford county in 1845. His paternal grandfather was Joseph I. Champion, who was born and raised in Augusta, Ga., whence he moved to Alabama. A few years afterward he moved thence to Crawford county and subsequently returned to Alabama. He was a very

devoted, ardent Baptist, and a leading member of the denomination in the state. He lost all his sons in different wars—Henry and James in the Indian war of 1836; Jefferson in the Mexican war, and Thomas G. in the late war. Mr. Champion's father was born in Alabama, whence he came to Georgia with his father when a boy. He, like his father, was a farmer by occupation. He enlisted in Company A, Benaud's battalion, and died near Savannah while in the service. Mr. Champion's mother was a daughter of John S. and Silvia (Spivey) Sandeford. He was born in South Carolina, and coming to Georgia, was one of the early settlers of Jefferson county. He was a farmer and fruit distiller. Mr. Champion was raised on a farm and received a very limited education. In 1863 he enlisted in Company A (Capt. Joseph A. Cotton). His battalion was subsequently consolidated with the First Georgia regulars, in which he saw some pretty hard service. He was in the battles of Olustee, Cusahassee, James Island, Silver Hills and Bentonville. He was severely wounded at Olustee and disabled from service four months. His father died during the war, and the son came out of it poor, and, being the oldest child, had his mother and her family of children to provide for. For a number of years he rented land, but in 1873 he made his first purchase, to which he has added, until now he has a 400-acre farm of good land, well improved, and a nice home. He cultivates well and is quite as prosperous and as much respected as any citizen of the county. Mr. Champion was married in 1866 to Miss Agnes L. Roberts—born in Crawford county in 1844—daughter of James and Margaret (Stiles) Roberts. He was born in Jones county, but early in life moved to Crawford county, which continued to be his home until he died. He was a soldier during the Indian war of 1837. Of the fruits of this marriage five children are now living: Robert E., John H., Mary A., Beulah and Walter E. Mrs. Champion is a member of the Primitive Baptist church. In January, 1895, Mr. Champion was unanimously elected by the citizens of his county tax collector.

**WILLIAM J. DENT**, farmer, Knoxville, Crawford Co., Ga., son of John W. and Elizabeth (Hoy) Dent, was born in Bibb county, Ga., in 1841. His paternal grandfather was William Dent. He was of Scotch-Irish descent, was born in South Carolina, and was a prosperous farmer. Mr. Dent's father was born in South Carolina, migrated thence to Tennessee, whence he came to Georgia in 1838 and settled in Bibb county. Subsequently he removed to Crawford county, where he lived the remainder of his life. His life pursuit was farming, but he served the county as a justice of the inferior court and as a justice of the peace, and was a captain of the militia when it was a coveted local distinction. Mr. Dent's maternal great-grandfather, Quinton Hoy, was born in England, and came thence to Georgia in the first quarter of this century and settled in what is now Bibb county, where he made his permanent home. His maternal grandfather, James Hoy, was a Bibb county pioneer, and owned land where the city of Macon now stands. He was a farmer and large land-owner and was a soldier in the Indian war of 1836. Mr. Dent was raised on the farm and received a country common school education. About the time he reached manhood the civil war was commenced. In 1862 he enlisted in Company K (Capt. Gibson, later Capt. William Rutherford), Forty-fifth Georgia regiment, and went to the front. He participated in many battles, notably the seven days' fight around Richmond and second Manassas. After this last-named battle he was taken sick, and on his recovery was transferred to the cavalry service and fought all through the Atlanta campaign. On the close of the war he returned to his farm. Starting in life with little or nothing he has so judiciously managed and so invested as to acquire quite a large estate and attain to honorable prominence and wide

influence. He was county commissioner eight years, and was on the board of education nine years. Mr. Dent was married in 1866 to Miss Jane Davis—born in Bibb county, was the daughter of G. L. and Mary (Chambliss) Davis. He was born in Bibb county, was a farmer all his life, served in the Indian war of 1836, and lived in the county of his birth until he died. To this marriage eight children were born: Walter B., Ida, John W., Gardner L., Mary P., Saffronia E., Sarah J., and Hoy. Mr. Dent, who was an exemplary member of the Baptist church, died in 1887. Mr. Dent in 1887 contracted a second marriage with Miss Anna Dixon—born in Crawford county in 1855—daughter of Thomas and Mary J. (Hicks) Dixon. Mr. Dixon was born in Bibb county, Ga., and moved to Crawford county, where he married and raised his family. He was a mill-wright by trade, and after he enlisted during the war he was detailed to service in the machine shops. Mr. Dent is a member of the Methodist church and he is a member of the masonic fraternity.

**WILLIAM G. HARTLEY**, farmer, Crawford county, Ga., (P. O., Fort Valley, Ga.), son of James D. and Fannelia (Jackson) Hartley, was born in Houston county in 1833. His great-grandfather, Daniel Hartley, was a native of South Carolina, was a soldier in the patriot army during the revolutionary war, and accompanied his son to Georgia in 1827. Mr. Hartley's grandparents, Michael and Polly (Harris) Hartley, were born in South Carolina, came to Georgia and settled in Crawford county in 1827. He was a farmer, raised his family in the county, in which he spent his days. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. Mr. Hartley's father was born in South Carolina in 1810, and came to Georgia with his father when seventeen years old, and settled with the family in Crawford county. He was married in Crawford county, and farmed until he died. He was a justice of the peace for many years. Mr. Hartley's mother was a daughter of Nimrod and Elizabeth (Busby) Jackson, who was born in South Carolina, and migrated thence to Georgia. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. Mr. Hartley was reared as a farmer's boy, and received only the meager education which fell to the lot of such at the time. He was a soldier in the Confederate army, and returned from the war very poor, but by hard work he has placed himself in comfortable circumstances. He was a justice of the peace many years. Mr. Hartley was married in 1852 to Miss Sarah Avery, born in Crawford county in 1831, daughter of David and Elizabeth (Hood) Avery. He was born in Washington county, Ga., moved thence to Crawford, and a few years afterward moved to and permanently settled in Houston county. He followed farming all his life. Of the children born to this union seven are living: Roxie, James C., Randolph, Trefinia, George D., Warren O., and Willie. Having no aspirations beyond being a good farmer and neighbor, and securing their good will, Mr. Hartley has been content with the success he has achieved. He is a member of the Primitive Baptist church and a master Mason.

**W. W. JOHNSON**, farmer, Culloden P. O., Monroe Co., Ga., son of Ephraim and Rebecca (Jackson) Johnson, was born in Crawford county in 1830. His paternal grandparents were Simon and Allie (Cotton) Johnson. He was born in North Carolina, was a farmer, migrated to Georgia and settled in Crawford county, where he spent his life. Mr. Johnson's father was a native North Carolinian, was reared a farmer and removed to Georgia in 1822, and settled in Crawford county, where he reared his family. He lived in the county until he died. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist church. His maternal grandfather was a native of Virginia, and related to Gen. Andrew Jackson. He was a farmer, and moved from Virginia to Georgia in this century, and permanently settled in Wilkes county. Mr. Johnson was raised on a farm and received a good common-school education.



He began life for himself as an overseer, which calling he followed and was doing well until the war between the states was precipitated. In 1861 he enlisted in Company C, Capt. Charles Dennis, Twenty-seventh Georgia regiment. In all he contested and sanguinary of any during the conflict, among them Williamsburg, Petersburg, Ocean Pond, Fort Sumter, the Wilderness, Fort Fisher, Sharpsburg, where he remained thirty days and then returned to his command. He continued in the service until the surrender, was in the last battle at Bentonville, entered the service as a lieutenant and came out as a captain, having been promoted at Petersburg, 1874, and entered upon a term of gratifying prosperity. His success has satisfied his most ambitious desires. In 1876 he was elected sheriff of the county, and held the office one term. In 1888 he was elected to represent the county in the general assembly, and was placed on the following committees: Agriculture, asylum for the blind, asylum for the insane, emigration and coal mines. Mr. Johnson was married in 1851 to Miss Frances Stripland, born in Crawford county in 1835, daughter of Abner and Nancy (Nichols) Stripland. He was born in Mississippi and was a millwright by trade. Of the children which have blessed this union five are living: Roxie, Lizzie, A. J., Robert L., and Ula. Mr. Johnson is a recognized democratic leader and an influential partisan. He is also a master Mason.

**JAMES H. JOYNER**, farmer and merchant, Pine Level, Crawford Co., Ga., son of James and Jane (Renfro) Joyner, was born in Crawford county in 1839. His paternal grandparents were Ebenezer and Rachel Joyner. He was born in South Carolina and settled in Crawford county in 1818. He was a shoemaker, and worked at his trade many years after he came to Crawford, where he ended his days. Mrs. Joyner was the daughter of Enoch and Mary Renfro. He was born in South Carolina, came to Georgia and settled in Washington county, whence he afterward moved to Crawford county and reared his family. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. Mr. Joyner was reared on the farm, and the meager schooling he received was obtained at the old-time log school house. In 1861 he enlisted in Company F, Capt. Fowler, Fifty-seventh Georgia regiment. He participated in the battle of Baker's creek, and was captured at Vicksburg and paroled. He afterward returned to the army and remained in the service until the surrender—was in the last battle at Bentonville, N. C. Coming home from the war he started anew in life without a dollar in his pocket. In 1866 he bought 100 acres of land, to which he has added as he made money, until now he has a large farm and a comfortable home in which to spend the decline of life. He has been a justice of the peace ten years—a tribute to his impartiality and local popularity. Mr. Joyner's prosperity has been such that he has supplemented his farming interests with a general merchandise store. In 1860 Mr. Joyner was married to Miss Elizabeth Aultman, born in Bibb county, Ga., in 1839, daughter of William and Mary (Rowland) Aultman. He was born in South Carolina, moved to Georgia early in life, and settled in Bibb county, where he reared his family. Of the children which blessed this union seven are living: Randolph, Anna, William, Charles, Oscar, Lulu, and John. Himself and wife are members of the Congregational church.

**JOHN LINDSEY**, farmer, Crawford Co. (P.O., Culloden, Monroe Co.), Ga., son of William and Sallie (Brown) Lindsey, was born in Hancock county, Ga., in 1824. His paternal grandparents were natives of Virginia, where they spent their lives. Mr. Lindsey's father was born in Virginia, came to Georgia in 1814, and settled in Hancock county, afterward removing to Monroe county, where he reared his family.

His principal occupation was that of a mechanic, and he served as a soldier in the war of 1812. Mr. Lindsey's maternal grandparents, Lewis and Sallie Brown, were natives of Virginia, and migrated to Georgia and settled in Baldwin county early in this century. He was a farmer, and was a soldier in the patriot army during the revolutionary war. Mr. Lindsey was reared on the farm and received a very limited education. In early life he worked considerably as a mechanic, but afterward followed farming as a life pursuit. He made his first land purchase in 1840, to which he has gradually added by purchase, until now he owns about 600 acres, mostly cleared and under good cultivation. Being exempt by age from regular service during the war, he was detailed as one of the home guard, and although he did faithful service, he made no exciting record. Mr. Lindsey was married in 1851 to Miss Mary J. Harbuck, born in Warren county, daughter of James and Sarah (Thurman) Harbuck. He was a farmer, and moved early in life to Sand County, and lived there all his life. Of the children which blessed this union these five are living: Robert L., Ella, wife of Louis Lindsey; Mack; Mattie; and Mamie. Mr. Lindsey is a member of the Methodist church, and himself and family enjoy the respect of all who know them.

**J. W. MARSHALL**, farmer, Burketts, Crawford Co., Ga., son of Joe and Nancy (Layfield) Marshall, was born in Bibb county in 1837. His paternal grandfather was John Marshall. He was a native of Virginia, moved from there to Georgia early in this century, and settled in Hancock county, where he died. He was a Primitive Baptist preacher, and was a soldier in the war of 1812. Mr. Marshall's father was born in Hancock county; when a young man moved to Bibb county, where he reared his family, and then moved to Crawford, where he died. His occupation was that of a farmer, but the latter part of his life he became a great fox-hunter and hunted the county over. Mr. Marshall's mother was the daughter of Jack Layfield, who was born in Hancock county and was a farmer all his life, which was spent entirely in Hancock county. Mr. Marshall began life as a farmer's boy, and poor, received very little schooling, and has followed farming all his life. Although not rich, he has prospered, and now has a large farm of good land. In 1862 he enlisted in Company E, Capt. Cleveland, Sixth Georgia regiment, and was engaged in many hard-fought, bloody battles, among them: Seven Pines, Cold Harbor, Chancellorsville, James island, Ocean Pond, Weldon, Kurston, and Bentonville. He was severely wounded in the battle of Cold Harbor, was in the hospital two months, and then came home, where he remained three months. When he recovered he returned to the army, and was again wounded at Bentonville. When the war ended he resumed farming, and bought his first land, a small farm, in 1867, to which he has since added. In 1860 Mr. Marshall was married to Miss Sarah Walker, born in Crawford county, daughter of Joe and Sarah (Woods) Walker. He was an old settler in the county. To this union were born three children: Addie, Octavia, and Sallie. His wife died in 1873. Later in the same year he was married to Miss Mattie Thorp, born in Crawford county, daughter of Robert and Louisa (Colbert) Thorp. He was born in Bibb county and was a farmer all his life. Of the children born to this union six are living: Lila, Thomas, Bettie, Charlie, Lizzie, and William L. Respected by his neighbors, Mr. Marshall is quietly enjoying the fruits of his labor.

**JOHN S. SANDEFORD**, farmer, Roberta, Crawford Co., Ga., son of William R. and Sarah J. (Rowe) Sandeford, was born in Crawford county in 1851. His paternal grandparents were John S. and Silvia (Spivey) Sandeford. He was a native of South Carolina, came to Georgia when a young man and settled in Jefferson county, where he married. In 1819 he removed to Crawford county,

where he raised his family. He was a farmer and was a soldier in the Indian war of 1836. Mr. Sandeford's father was born in Jefferson county in 1813. He followed farming all his life and did some service in the late war. Mr. Sandeford's mother was a daughter of William and Polly Rowe. He was born in South Carolina, migrated to Georgia, and going to Crawford, was one of the first settlers in the county. He was a Missionary Baptist preacher and was a soldier in the Indian war of 1836. Mr. Sandeford was reared on the farm, and as his school and boyhood days were passed during the war period, he received but a limited education. He began life with nothing, and besides being the eldest child, had to work hard and oversee the farm. But he has prospered and he now owns a good 750-acre farm, which he has under improved and productive cultivation. Mr. Sandeford was married in 1876 to Miss Willie E. Stripland—born in Crawford county in 1858—daughter of William R. and Amanda (Sandeford) Stripland. Mr. Stripland was born in Crawford county and was a prosperous farmer. Mr. Sandeford ranks with the richest and most substantial of the citizens of the county and commands universal respect.

R. B. SCHOFIELD, farmer, Taylor, Crawford Co., Ga., son of Philip and Charity (Busby) Schofield, was born in Crawford county in 1833. His paternal grandfather was William Schofield, who was a native of South Carolina, a farmer, and lived all his life in that state. Mr. Schofield's father was born in South Carolina, migrated to Georgia when a young man, and settled in Crawford county, where he married, reared a family, and died. He was a farmer all his life, and in religious faith a Primitive Baptist. Mr. Schofield's mother was a daughter of Reese and Mary (Winn) Busby. He was a native of South Carolina and a farmer, came to Georgia soon after reaching manhood and settled in Crawford county. Mr. Schofield's boyhood was spent on the farm, and the little schooling he had was obtained at the old-time log school house. He farmed until 1861, when he enlisted in Company F (Capt. Fowler), Fifty-seventh Georgia regiment. Among the battles in which he was engaged were Baker's Creek, Missionary Ridge, Atlanta and Bentonville. He was engaged as a prisoner at Vicksburg, and when exchanged rejoined the army; was wounded at Atlanta, and sent to the hospital, where he remained three weeks. After the surrender he came home on foot, and on reaching home he had \$1. Starting with this capital, and supplementing it with hard work, he has gotten himself comfortably fixed for the balance of his life. Mr. Schofield was married in 1853 to Miss Jane, daughter of Solomon and Lethia (Barnes) Davis, early settlers of Crawford county, by whom he had four children: Wm. F., John S., Lethia E. and Reese A. In 1868 he was married to Ellen Bryant—born in Houston county in 1836—daughter of Robert and Temperance (Rowell) Bryant. He was a native of Georgia and came to Crawford county early in life. Of the children born to this marriage there are living, Ella, James and Anna. Mrs. Schofield is a member of the Primitive Baptist church.

CHARLES H. WALKER, farmer, Roberta, Crawford Co., Ga., son of William and Elizabeth (Bostic) Walker, was born in Jefferson county, Ga., in 1812. Mr. Walker's grandparents, Joel and Judith Walker, were born in Buckingham county, Va., and migrated to Georgia and settled in Jefferson county about the beginning of the present century. Mr. Walker's father was born in Virginia in 1763 and came to Georgia in early life and settled in Jefferson county. He was a soldier in the patriot army and served through the revolutionary war. He was under the command of Gen. John Twiggs, and letters written to him by that officer, now in possession of the subject of this sketch, testify to his courage, faith-

fulness and fidelity. He was a farmer and lived in Jefferson county until he died in 1818. Mr. Walker's mother was a daughter of Nathan and Martha Bostic. He was a native of what is now Jefferson county and was a farmer. His mother was born in 1770 and died in 1835. Mr. Walker was reared on the farm and received a common school education, and when grown to manhood he taught school one term. Although a plain farmer, Mr. Walker was popular and influential, and that he was and is held in high esteem is evidenced by his election terms, and was elected again in 1880 when sixty-eight years of age. In 1864 he was a member of the Georgia militia, and served in defense of Atlanta. Mr. Walker was married in 1834 to Miss Caroline E. Jones—born in Putnam county in 1815—daughter of William and Retensia Jones. He was born in Putnam county and lived in the county all his life. To Mr. and Mrs. Walker ten children have been born, of whom five are living: T. H. was killed at the battle of Sharpsburg; Caroline E., wife of W. H. Picklin; George E.; Joel A., William J., and Robert W. Mrs. Walker, who was an exemplary member of the Methodist church, died in 1880. Mr. Walker is an honored member of the Methodist church, and no better or stronger proof of the confidence of the people in his integrity and of the estimation in which they hold him could be given than the fact that when last elected to the general assembly—1880—he received every vote cast. Was enlisted in the Georgia militia in 1864 and served around Atlanta with that command.

## DADE COUNTY.

BENJAMIN T. BROCK is a prominent member of the Dade county bar, and editor and proprietor of the "State of Dade News," and belongs to one of the pioneer families of North Georgia. He was born in Dade county, March 21, 1866, and is the son of Dr. William Brock, an old and respected citizen of that county, and a well-known person in northwest Georgia. Dr. Brock is born in what is now Whitfield county in 1832, and was the son of Benjamin Brock, a native of Virginia, who settled in North Carolina early in this century, and migrated to North Georgia when that territory was yet in possession of the Cherokees. The family settled in Dade county early in the fifties, and there Benjamin Brock survived to a great age, dying in 1886. Dr. Brock studied medicine, and for several years previous to the war engaged in the practice of that profession in Dade county. At the commencement of hostilities between the states he was a man of note and influence in North Georgia, and took an active part in the support of the Confederate movement. On the first call to arms he raised a company for the Confederate service. He was commissioned captain, but later was made surgeon of the Thirty-fourth Georgia, and in that capacity he served through the war. He accompanied his regiment in the Tennessee and Kentucky campaign in 1862, and was present at the siege of Vicksburg. On the capture of that city, in July, 1863, he was made prisoner of war, but was paroled and returned to his home. Having been exchanged after the battle of Chickamauga, he rejoined his regiment and was present at the battle of Missionary Ridge, in November, 1864. In May, 1864, Johnston withdrew from Dalton, to commence the celebrated Atlanta campaign. Dr. Brock accompanied his regiment and was present on the fields of Resaca, New Hope Church, Kennesaw Mountain, Peachtree