

Decatur county Aug. 16, 1847. When twenty-one he engaged in the mercantile business at Fowltown, which he continued with marked success there until 1862, when he removed to Woodland. Confiding his mercantile interests largely to the management of his brother, Mr. Thomas gives his attention to his milling business. Prior to the presidential campaign of 1892 Mr. Thomas had been an active and earnest democrat, but at that time with a large number of his fellow citizens he became dissatisfied with the financial policy of the party, and became an equally ardent worker in the people's party ranks. In company with several others he became interested in "The Globe," published at Bainbridge, which places the sentiments of the new party. He still owns a third interest in the enterprise. Jan. 18, 1882, Mr. Thomas married Beulah H., the accomplished daughter of Lucian Folsom, Centerville, Fla. The family of this lady is a branch of the noted New England Folsoms who came to this country from England in the seventeenth century and settled at Hingham, Mass. Mrs. Thomas has in her possession a genealogical tree showing the numerous branches of the family, which she justly prizes very highly. The interesting fact may be stated here, with no breach of propriety, that the popular wife of our president, Mrs. Grover Cleveland, is a member of the same family. Mr. Thomas is a member of the Methodist church and a master Mason.

ANDREW J. TRULOCK, planter, is a member of one of the substantial early families of Decatur county. The family is of English origin, and first settled in Maryland. The grandfather of Mr. Trulock, Sutton Hines Trulock, came from Maryland to Darlington district, S. C., where he afterward married. With small family he moved to Pulaski county, Ga., where he died. Sutton Hines Trulock, son of the above, was born in Darlington district, S. C., Oct. 23, 1800, and, with his brother, J. H., both single, came to Decatur county in 1830, and settled about twelve miles east of Bainbridge. Sept. 22, 1820, he married Jane Howell, born June 7, 1812, who was a member of a pioneer family. The offspring of this union were: Delia (Mrs. Dr. Elbert Peacock, Cairo, Ga.); Miss and Mrs. John T. Harrell, deceased; Gordon B., merchant, Whigham, Ga.; Zim, merchant, Whigham, Ga.; Mary L. (Mrs. J. W. Maxwell, Cairo, Ga.); Sallie Dingle; and Andrew J. With the exception of twelve years' residence in Darlington county, the family have been continuously citizens of Decatur county. Mr. Trulock was a thrifty planter, a strong democratic partisan before and after the war, but never aspired to office. He died Nov. 3, 1878, and his widow died in 1882. Andrew Trulock, son of Sutton Hines and Jane (Howell) Trulock, was born in Darlington county, Ga., Oct. 13, 1846. When during the war a call was made for youths of nineteen and eighteen years of age, he enlisted in Company I, Third Georgia reserves, and saw service at Coosawhatchie, S. C., and Columbus, Ga., and in the trenches of Vicksburg. He was also engaged in guarding Federal prisoners at Andersonville, Ga., for about six months. Since the war Mr. Trulock has given his attention exclusively to planting, and is one of the most advanced and successful planters in the county. Nov. 9, 1882, he was married to Sallie J., a daughter of Dr. Henry Martin, a native of the county, by whom he has had four children: Paul Henry Martin, James Andrew, and Charlie Martin. Mr. Trulock is a democrat and a member of the Presbyterian church.

W. W. WRIGHT is a prominent and prosperous warehouseman, Bainbridge, Ga., a citizen who has ever taken a lively interest and exerted an influence in behalf of every movement promotive of the advancement of the "city of oaks." He is now, and has been since 1870, with a possible interval

a year or so, a member of the board of aldermen, and in 1885-6 was mayor. Mr. Wright is a son of John and Susan (Hoffman) Wright, of Henrico county, Va., for generations past the home of his ancestors. His parents had five children: Gustavus, farmer, Old Church, Va.; John Henry; Charles (deceased); W. W., Bainbridge; and George, Old Church, Va. His father was a merchant in early life and later a planter, and died March 17, 1878. His mother died June 30, 1882. W. W. Wright was born Jan. 29, 1844, in Hanover county, Va., and was reared on a farm. In 1863 he enlisted as a private in Company A, Twenty-fifth Virginia battalion. His service was mainly about the capital. At the battle of Sailor's creek, in April, 1865, he had the misfortune to be captured, and for three months was in the Federal prison at Newport News. Aug. 6, 1873, Mr. Wright was married to Miss Florence M. Maxwell, and to them have been born four children: Stella V., Florence (deceased), an infant (deceased), and William Wallace. Mr. Wright is a democrat, a Methodist, a Knight of Honor and a member of the Legion of Honor.

DE KALB COUNTY.

JOSEPH H. GREEN, physician and surgeon, Decatur, De Kalb Co., Ga., son of Dr. William and Rebecca F. (Sassnett) Green, was born in Sparta, Hancock county, Jan. 9, 1859. Both parents were natives of Hancock county; his mother was a niece of Rev. W. J. Sassnett, D. D., at one time professor at Emory college and later president of Lagrange Female college. Dr. Green received a good common-school education and when eighteen years of age began the study of medicine under his father and later with Dr. R. C. Word. He then attended lectures at the Southern Medical college, Atlanta, from which he graduated in March, 1881. He immediately located in Decatur, and in connection with his practice clerked in a drug store, but the following fall he went to Louisiana and settled in Morehouse parish, where he remained until 1883; his father having died in April, 1882, he returned to Decatur, which has been his home ever since. His recognized ability and skill and consequent success have enabled him to secure a liberal share of the patronage of De Kalb county and vicinity. Few practitioners of his age stand better with the profession or have attained to higher local reputation. Dr. Green married Miss Mollie, daughter of Alexander Little of Richmond, Va., who has borne him three children: Margaret O., Rebecca F. and S. Ulrich. He is a member of the National Union and a Mason, and himself and wife are members of the Presbyterian church. He is a staunch democrat.

WASHINGTON J. HOUSTON, retired railway official and farmer, Decatur, De Kalb Co., Ga., son of Oswald and Anna Louise (Shaw) Houston, was born in Abbeville district, Oct. 10, 1831. His parents were of Scotch-Irish and Welsh descent and both were native South Carolinians. Early in life his father migrated from South Carolina to Tennessee, moved thence in 1845 to Savannah, whence in 1846 he moved to Atlanta and engaged in merchandising on Decatur street, on or near the site of Mr. John Silvey's eight-story building. He built up a large and profitable trade and was prominent in all movements looking to the growth and prosperity of Atlanta, and active in all church and Sunday-school

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work. Soon after Atlanta was chartered as a city he was elected treasurer and was continued in the office a number of years. Mr. Houston began life as drayman and clerk for Mr. Jonathan Norcross soon after coming to Atlanta. His unusual business aptitude—his proficiency and efficiency—were flatteringly evidenced by his having been elected while yet a youth the cashier of the first bank started, and he enjoys the honor of receiving the first deposit ever made in a bank in Atlanta. He left the bank in 1851 and entered the employ of the Georgia railway as assistant agent, since which his active business life has been with railways. He next went to the Western & Atlantic (state) railway under Supt. Wadley and James F. Cooper and remained with it until the second year of Gov. Brown's administration, when he accepted the position of general passenger and freight agent of the Atlanta & West Point railway. In 1876 he resigned and retired to private life on his farm in De Kalb county—finally, as he then thought. But when Supt. G. J. Foreacre assumed the management of the (then) Atlanta & Charlotte Air Line railway he called for Mr. Houston's services as assistant, with the official title of general passenger and ticket agent. While acting in this capacity he was the first to reduce passenger fare from five to three cents per mile, which created no inconsiderable stir in railway circles. When the line became part of the Richmond & Danville system he declined the offer of general passenger agent because it would necessitate his removal to Richmond, but by special request he remained with the system as assistant general passenger agent at this end of the line for a year, and then permanently retired to his farm. Mr. Houston enjoys the distinguished honor of having suggested the organization of the railroad commission of Georgia, the bill for which was drafted at his request and pressed forward to adoption by Representative W. R. Rankin of Gordon county. Though urgently pressed by admiring friends and the press of the state to serve on the commission, he peremptorily declined. His action throughout was cordially endorsed by President Sibley of the Atlanta & Charlotte air line, his sanction being practically demonstrated by a large increase of salary. Appointed one of the commissioners to appraise the property of the Western & Atlantic railway before it was transferred to the present lessees, he rendered invaluable assistance to the state's attorneys in defeat of the betterment claim made by the old lessees, as it was his especial duty to prepare the rebuttal accounts, which were sustained by the commission. In November, 1893, he received, unsolicited, the appointment of chairman of a commission to negotiate a treaty with the Yuma Indians of southern California and Arizona. A treaty was submitted which was pronounced to be the most satisfactory of any made under the present administration, was approved by the senate and became a law without alteration. More than one-half of the money appropriated for that special service was returned to the treasury. In 1894 he was elected by a handsome majority to represent De Kalb county in the general assembly. Here, as in every other position to which he has been called, he proved to be one of the most faithful and hard-working of all members. Thoroughly posted, broad-minded, public-spirited and progressive, fully abreast with the advanced thought and methods of the times and always at the post of assigned duty, it is not possible to exaggerate the value and efficiency of his services to his immediate constituents and the state. He was placed on the most important standing and special committees, where he measured fully up to the highest standard of legislative thought, action and duty. He was a charter member of Atlanta Fire company No. 1, the first volunteer fire company organized in the city, and was secretary of it many years. As might be expected, Mr. Houston entertains the most liberal and advanced views in regard to public schools and advocates the most

generous legislation and expenditure for their betterment and extension. He is also an ardent and unflinching active worker in the Sunday-school cause. It was he, in connection with Hon. Milton A. Candler and William G. Whidby, who issued the call for a state Sunday-school association, the present grandly beneficent and useful organization being the outcome of that call. He has devoted a quarter of a century of service to the County Sunday-school association as chairman of its executive committee, and has been mainly instrumental in gaining for it the honor of being the banner association in the state. So long-continued and unaffectedly self-sacrificing has been his devotion to this work that he is known to every man, woman and child who annually attend these great gatherings. "I would not exchange the smiles and greetings of these good people," he exclaims, "for all the honors the political field can bestow." In 1868 he bought the old homestead of Dr. Chapman Powell (his wife's father), where, since his retirement from railway business, he has devoted himself to farming and stock-raising. While his neighbors with more experience have criticised his methods, they have been compelled to give him credit for having very greatly improved the live stock in his locality. He prides himself on having a herd of the finest Ayrshire cattle in the United States. Mr. Houston was happily married in 1854 to the second daughter of Dr. Chapman Powell, an old settler and widely-known physician of De Kalb county, who half a century ago represented the county in the general assembly and was a pioneer settler of Atlanta, then Marthasville. He is a member of the Scotch-Irish society of the United States, a member of the Pioneer Citizens society of Atlanta, a member of Atlanta lodge No. 59, F. & A. M., and was the first person exalted to the royal arch degree in Atlanta after the chapter was removed from Decatur to Atlanta, and is a prominent and influential member of the Presbyterian church, of which he was recently elected an elder, after having served forty years as a deacon.

ASBURY SMITH MAYSON, physician and surgeon, Decatur, De Kalb Co., Ga., son of James L. and Lucinda (Douglas) Mayson, was born in De Kalb (now Fulton) county, May 21, 1836. His parents were natives of South Carolina and his father was a farmer and railway contractor. He died in 1881. Dr. Mayson received his primary education in the common schools of the county and was graduated from Emory college, Oxford, Ga. He began the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. James F. Alexander, one of the most eminent physicians of Atlanta, then entered the Atlanta Medical college, from which he was graduated in 1857. Subsequently he took a course at Bellevue hospital at New York. He located at Powder Springs, Cobb Co., Ga.; afterward moved to Acworth, same county, whence, a year later, he moved to Decatur, where he located permanently, establishing an excellent reputation as a practitioner and a large and remunerative practice. He entered the Confederate service in May, 1861; was at the burning of Harper's Ferry, participated in the first battle of Manassas and was afterward made hospital steward. He was soon promoted and made assistant surgeon, and in May, 1862, was commissioned as hospital surgeon. He was present at the battle of Chickamauga, and those between there and Kennesaw Mountain. He was afterward at Andersonville, and was at Atlanta at the time of the surrender. He is a member of the Georgia Medical association, of which he was one of the organizers. Dr. Mayson was married March 9, 1858, to Miss Rebecca, daughter of Dr. L. K. Catlen of Powder Springs, who has borne him four children, one of whom only is now living: Lena R., wife of Dr. W. P. Smith, druggist, Atlanta, Ga. Dr. Mayson and his wife are exemplary members of the Methodist church of long standing.

