

of the Episcopal church. Mr. Pace is a man with all the qualifications promising a most successful business career.

R. N. WESTBROOK, chief of the police and planter, Albany, is a son of Richard N. and Josephine Westbrook, natives of Palmetto county, N. C., and was born in Houston county, near Andersonville, June 3, 1846. His boyhood days were spent on the farm, and his education obtained in the common schools. On June 12, 1861, when only fifteen years old, he joined a Confederate company under command of John C. McMillan. It was Company C, Twelfth Georgia, and was made up at Marshallville, Macon Co., and after organization left immediately for Richmond, Va. After two years' fighting he was discharged, and at once organized a company in Dooley county, and was made second lieutenant. In 1870 he was elected mayor of Albany, the latter position he is still holding, being his sixteenth year. This is the longest that any officer has held the office, which is a tribute to Mr. Westbrook's efficient administration and popularity. Mr. Westbrook has two large farms, and a great deal of real estate in Albany, and by long and faithful service has secured a competence of the world's goods. He was married to Miss Lizzie Cruger, a daughter of Col. N. Cruger, of South Carolina, and later of Savannah, April 6, 1873. To this union have been born three children: Allatia C., Cruger and William P. Mrs. Westbrook is a member of the Episcopal church. Mr. Westbrook is a leader in local politics and a faithful adherent to the cause of democracy.

COL. EDWIN LEIGH WIGHT, wholesale grocer, Albany, Dougherty Co., Ga., is a gentleman extensively and favorably known throughout Georgia, especially in military circles, where he has labored faithfully and successfully for a creditable and efficient state militia. Samuel B. Wight, the colonel's father, was a merchant and leading citizen of Atlanta for years prior to and succeeding the late war. He was the first mayor of the west end, then a suburb of Atlanta, and during the war served as quartermaster of Howell Cobb's regiment, with the rank of captain. He died in 1888. Col. Wight was born in Decatur county, Ga., Oct. 4, 1846, and was educated at the state university, and while a student enlisted in the Sixteenth Georgia battalion of cavalry, Col. Samuel J. Winn, now of Lawrenceville, Gwinnett Co., Ga., commanding. After the war he, in company with his father, had "included to try the general merchandise business in Atlanta. After two years' experience at Newton, Baker Co., where he continued successfully until 1873. From 1873 to 1881 he was with the cotton firm of Welch & Bacon, Albany. For the six years following he conducted a cotton warehouse of his own. In 1887 he associated himself with Mr. Morris Wesley under the firm name of Wight & Wesley. This firm is one of the most prominent wholesale grocery houses in Southern Georgia, and does a yearly business of some half a million dollars. Col. Wight is a popular citizen of Albany, in the progress of which thriving city he has always displayed an active interest, having frequently served the city as a councilman. He served a term as mayor in 1881, and is at this time (1895) occupying that honorable position. He was for fifteen years foreman of a volunteer fire company, in which position he did valuable service for the city. Col. Wight is an honored member of a number of the best fraternal organizations—a Knight Templar in Masonry, an Odd Fellow, and a Knight of Pythias, in which latter organization he was for years captain of the uniformed rank. As indicated in the opening sentence of this

sketch, Col. Wight has given much attention to the state militia. His record in this line is as follows: He was elected second lieutenant of the Albany guards Jan. 31, 1876, and captain of the same, March 27, 1877. Feb. 1, 1883, he was appointed aide-de-camp to Gov. Stephens, and became captain of Jackson Feb. 1, 1884. April 12, 1884, and again became captain of the Albany guards Feb. 1, 1885. Two years later, March 19, 1890, he was elected lieutenant-colonel of the Fourth Georgia regiment, which he held until 1893, when he was placed on the retired list at his own request. Col. Wight has held a commission under every governor since the war except Gov. Bulloch. The marriage of Col. Wight and Miss Mary M. Billingsly was solemnized Nov. 24, 1874, at Albany—she being a daughter of Col. Francis A. Billingsly, a leading citizen of the place. His only son, Edwin L., is a student at the Atlanta Technological school, and Ruby, his only daughter, is at the Lacy Cobb institute, Athens, Ga.

DOUGLAS COUNTY.

ROBERT N. ANDERSON, farmer, Douglasville, Douglas Co., Ga., son of Thomas and Annie (White) Anderson, was born in South Carolina in 1831. His paternal grandfather, David A. Anderson, was a native of Scotland, emigrated to this country before the revolutionary war, and settled in Louisa county, Va. He was a soldier in the patriot army during the war, and was captured by the British. He migrated to South Carolina in 1790, where he died about 1820. Mr. Anderson's father was born in South Carolina in 1790, served in the army during the last war with Great Britain, served many years as sheriff of Marion district, and was a volunteer soldier in the Seminole war. He moved to Georgia and settled in Newton county, in 1836; making the trip in ox-carts and camping by the roadside at night. He lived in tents until he could build a cabin, and then cleared a farm on which he lived until 1849. That year he moved to Cobb county, Ga., and a farm on which he lived until 1849. Mr. Anderson was reared on the farm and educated at the historic dirt floor log schoolhouse with holes sawed through the logs on the sides to let in the light. In June, 1853, he enlisted in Company F—of which he was made orderly sergeant—First Georgia regiment, participated in the battles at Resaca, Calhoun, New Hope, Kennesaw mountain, Peachtree creek, Franklin and Murfreesboro. He was wounded July 26, 1863, and was captured at Salisbury, N. C., but made his escape at Statesville, rejoined his command and remained with it until the surrender. One hundred and forty bullet holes through a blanket he carried through the war evidence the danger to which he was exposed, and his many narrow escapes from death. At the close of the war he returned to his home to find it despoiled and his farm work he continued his family refugee to Newton county. Resuming his farm work he continued in Cobb county until 1890, when he moved to Douglasville so that his children might have the benefit of the college there. He is a good and thrifty farmer, and by good management has placed himself in comfortable circumstances, and has the respect and esteem of his fellow-citizens. Mr. Anderson was married in 1855 to Miss Pelonia, daughter of Thomas and Marina (Chandler) Butler, an old Virginia family of Scotch descent. Seven children have blessed this

union: Charles C., Mrs. Eugenia Morse, Mrs. Susan Dorsett, Eunice W., Marina E., Annie, Addie L., and Frank B.—all living. He is a master Mason, and an influential member of the Primitive Baptist church.

CALEB P. BOWEN, farmer, and postmaster, Douglasville, Douglas Co., Ga., son of Thomas J. and Nancy (Yarbrough) Bowen, was born in Jackson county, Ga., in 1827. His paternal grandfather, of Welsh descent, was born in Pennsylvania in 1762, and migrated to South Carolina, where he died in 1848. Mr. Bowen's father was born in South Carolina in 1788, was raised on the farm and educated at the country schools. His family moved to Georgia and settled in Jackson county when he was a small boy. About the time he grew to manhood he taught school for a number of years. During the war with Great Britain he commanded a battalion of American troops, holding the rank of major. He afterward was drillmaster of the state militia, and twice represented his county in the general assembly. As a farmer he was eminently successful and died about 1860. Mr. Bowen was reared on the farm and attended the common country schools. When nearing manhood he joined a company of volunteers for the Mexican war, but peace was proclaimed before the company was called into service. In 1861 he enlisted in Company C, Thirtieth Georgia regiment, of which he was made first lieutenant, and soon afterward promoted to the captaincy. Among the battles in which with his command he participated, were: Vicksburg, Jackson, Missionary ridge, Chickamauga, Resaca, etc. He was captured Dec. 16, 1864, and sent to Johnson's island, where he was detained as a prisoner until after the surrender. He was twice wounded during the war; and while himself suffering from wounds spent five days on the Chickamauga battlefield burying the dead. Capt. Bowen moved to what is now Douglas county before his organization; and in 1870, when it was organized, he was elected the first treasurer of the county. In 1876 he was elected to represent the county in the general assembly. In 1889, he was appointed postmaster at Douglasville, and is still holding that office. Mr. Bowen has been a successful farmer and general business man, and is very popular and very much respected by his fellow-citizens. Capt. Bowen was married April 8, 1848, to Miss Thirza A., daughter of Hiram and Charity (Blackwell) Boen, by whom he had two children: Helen, Mrs. Magouira (deceased), and Margaret, Mrs. Bomar. His wife died May 9, 1862, and in September, 1867, he contracted a second marriage with Miss Melissa, daughter of James S. and Adaline (Perryman) Morse, and to them have been born three children: Cora, Mrs. Hunter; Annie, Mrs. Wright, now deceased; and Hugh B.

HENRY T. COOPER, farmer, banker and county ordinary, Douglasville, Douglas Co., Ga., son of Benjamin and Katharine (Allison) Cooper, was born in what is now Douglas county, in 1850. His paternal grandfather, Henry Cooper, was an old settler in Georgia and a gallant soldier in the patriot army during the revolutionary war. Mr. Cooper's father was born in what is now Putnam county, Ga., in 1799. He was reared on the farm, and was given a fairly good country school education. When forty years of age he bought a tract of land in then Campbell county, a part of which he cleared and farmed most successfully until his death in 1876. His mother, daughter of Thomas and Margaret Allison, was born in 1820, educated in the country schools, was married when eighteen, was the happy mother of three children and died in 1882. Mr. Cooper was reared on the farm, and received his early schooling at the country schools near his home, and later attended the high school at Palmetto, Ga. Although the family had been what was considered wealthy before the war, the property was

nearly all lost during the war, and the subject of this sketch became the main support of the family. In 1879 he was elected tax receiver, and held the office, by re-election, six years continuously. On account of his faithful discharge of the duties of this office his appreciative fellow-citizens elected him ordinary of the county, and, like a true patriot, he accepted the situation, and the people have continued him in it since. When the Douglasville bank was organized in 1892 he was elected, and still holds the position of cashier. He is recognized as a prompt, careful and conscientious business man, and being of the highest integrity, and perfectly reliable in every respect, he has the entire confidence of the community. Mr. Cooper was married in January, 1881, to Miss Emily, daughter of Solomon and Sarah (Glass) Dorsey, by whom he has had five children: Jewel, Saml., Gordon, Lamar, and Mary E. He is a charter member of the I. O. O. F., and an influential member of the Baptist church.

JOHN B. DUNCAN, farmer, Douglasville, Douglas Co., Ga., son of William W. and Mary (Barnwell) Duncan, was born in Henry county, Ga., Nov. 5, 1826. His paternal grandfather was John Duncan, who was born in South Carolina, of Scotch parentage. Mr. Duncan's father was born in Greenville district, South Carolina, in July, 1800. When only ten years of age he was left an orphan, and although a mere boy, the duty and responsibility of caring for the family—the work of matured manhood—devolved upon him; but he met and discharged them with much self-reliance. Under the circumstances his education was necessarily very limited, and natural ability and force of character had to be relied on. In January, 1823, he was married to Miss Mary Barnwell, of Jackson county, Ga., and settled in Henry county, where he lived about eleven years, and then moved to Cobb county, Ga., and settled in the woods filled with wild beasts and named over by Indians. Here he built a mill, and conducted both with profit. He attained log cabin home. Later he built a mill, and conducted both with profit. He attained to considerable prominence and was elected a justice of the inferior court, to which he was re-elected for a number of terms, and died Jan. 23, 1847. His mother was born in Jackson county in 1806, and was the daughter of John and Mary Barnwell. Her father was born in Ireland of Irish parentage, and was a soldier in the revolutionary army of Orange district, North Carolina, and was a soldier in the revolutionary army during the war. She died March 8, 1850. Mr. Duncan was reared on the farm and received his education at the old-time dirt floor log schoolhouse. When his father died in 1847 he assumed control, managed the affairs of the farm, and provided for the family, and the education of his younger brothers and sisters. In 1862 he enlisted in Company D, Seventh Georgia regiment, and gallantly met all the hardships and dangers of soldier life—participating in most of the important battles of the war. In the battle of the Wilderness he was severely wounded in the temple, and was present at the memorable siege of Petersburg. When the war ended he returned to his home in Cobb county to find it almost a desolate waste, but with characteristic pluck and energy he set about the work of restoration, and recuperation. In a few years he not only placed it in good condition but so prospered as to add a valuable mill, increasing his worldly possessions and prosperity. In 1891 he moved to Douglasville where he is living in the enjoyment of the competency which his well-directed energy, enterprise and labor have brought him, and the respect and esteem which his integrity of character and Christian life have won him. Mr. Duncan was married Feb. 15, 1849, to Miss Louisa, daughter of William and Priscilla (Bankston) Matthews, who died six months afterward. Oct. 17, 1850, he contracted a second marriage with Miss Martha E., daughter of Samuel G. and Elizabeth (Bankston) Mosley. Seven

children which blessed this union are still living: William S., Napoleon B., Mrs. Mary E. Burton, John T., Priscilla, Robert Lee, and Frank. He is a master Mason and an exemplary member of the Methodist church.

JOHN T. DUNCAN, farmer, Douglasville, Douglas Co., Ga., son of William and Martha E. (Mosley) Duncan, was born in Cobb (now Douglas) county in 1858. In consequence of the unsettled condition of the country during his boyhood and youth, his education was limited. When twenty years old he engaged as a clerk in his brother's store at Powder Springs, Cobb Co., his wages being \$4 and board per month. Here he learned the lesson of rigid economy, which has contributed so largely to the success he has achieved. During his first year's service his personal expenses amounted to only \$32. In 1883 he came to Douglasville with a few hundred dollars of hard-earned money, and in company with his brother, Napoleon B., embarked in a general merchandising business. He has been eminently successful, established a large, permanent and profitable business, and a reputation for integrity and financial reliability in the commercial world. He ranks among the foremost of the merchants of Douglasville, and numbers his friends by his acquaintances. He is a member of the city council and a trustee of Douglasville college. His interesting family occupy one of the most delightful homes in the city. Mr. Duncan was married in March, 1888, to Miss Lucerio, daughter of John G. and Lucerio (Varner) Clonts, by whom he has had four children: Thomas J., deceased; John H., deceased; Willie C. and Edith. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., a master Mason, and an active, working and influential member of the Methodist church.

JOHN M. EDGE, lawyer, Douglasville, Douglas Co., Ga., son of John and Sarah (Miller) Edge, was born in Baldwin Co., Ga., in August, 1819. His paternal grandfather, Nehemiah Edge, of English lineage, was a native of Maryland and a soldier in the patriot army during the revolutionary war. Subsequently he migrated to Georgia and settled in Wilkes county. Mr. Edge's father was born in Wilkes county in 1784, was raised on the farm, and received such education as was common to the period and locality. He served in the Creek Indian war during and immediately following the last war with Great Britain. About 1820 he moved to what is now Newton county, where he served as a justice of the peace for a number of years. In 1836 he moved to Benton county, Ala., but in a short time moved back to Georgia and settled at Cave Spring, Floyd Co. He was killed one Sunday morning in 1844 while on his way to church by the sudden falling upon him of the limb of a tree. His mother was born in what is now Baldwin county, Ga., in 1780, and was the daughter of a North Carolina revolutionary soldier. She was married in 1810 and died in 1840. Mr. Edge was reared on the farm, attended the common near-by schools when growing up, and finished his education at Cave Spring, then a branch of Mercer university. He then studied law under the preceptorship of Judge A. R. Wright, Rome, Ga., where he was admitted to the bar in April, 1845. The ensuing August he located in Marietta, Cobb Co., Ga., where he established a good professional reputation and secured a good and influential clientele. In 1855 he moved to Campbell county, where he engaged in farming. He had prospered at his profession and was prospering as a farmer when the desolating "war between the states" was inaugurated, and at its close he found his life-time accumulations swept away. His age and ill health prevented him from taking an active part in the field, but he did efficient provost duty. In 1865 he was elected to represent Campbell county in the general assembly. In 1870 he moved to the then new county of Douglas and re-entered upon

the practice of his profession. Notwithstanding his advanced age he retains his old-time fire, vigor and energy; has re-established a remunerative law practice and has the patronage and support of a large and influential clientele. In antebellum times he was an ardent "old-line whig" and an active stump speaker. So vigorous and well-equipped was he that Hon. L. J. Gartrell, who long represented the district in congress, was reported to have remarked that "Edge was one of the toughest customers he ever encountered on the stump." He is one of the oldest and best-known citizens of Douglas county and one of the oldest lawyers in that part of the state, and no person commands greater respect. Mr. Edge was married Nov. 19, 1846, to Clara, daughter of Martin and (Butt) Kolb, of Campbell county, a union blessed with six children: Mrs. Mary Adderhold, John V., J. K., J. B., Mrs. Octavia Bennett and Mrs. L. M. Dixon. Mrs. Edge died in 1886. He is a long-time master Mason and a prominent and useful member of the Baptist church.

W. A. JAMES, lawyer, Douglasville, Douglas Co., Ga., son of Stephen and Martha (Shipleigh) James, was born in Campbell (now Douglas) county, May 7, 1847. His paternal grandparents, Stephen and Mary (Mills) James, were natives of North Carolina, whence they moved in 1825 to Walton county, Ga. They made the journey in ox-carts, in which they lived until cabins could be built. Clearing a piece of land, he engaged in farming. A few years later he moved to Cobb, and subsequently to Campbell county. Mr. James' father was born in Newbern, N. C., in 1821, and when a child came to Georgia with his parents. He became a large farmer and also a very prominent citizen of Campbell county. He was a justice of the peace for thirty years consecutively, and is credited with having married not less than 200 couples. He died in 1871. His mother was born about 1820 and was married in 1840. She is still living. Mr. James received his primary education in the common schools of his native county and finished it in the city schools of St. Louis. In 1864, at the age of seventeen, he enlisted in the Confederate service and served as aide de camp and courier to Gen. Wheeler. He was afterward transferred to the Third Alabama cavalry, in which he served until the surrender near Salem, N. C., by Gen. J. E. Johnston, which he made his escape, however, and made his way home. Mr. James enjoys the distinction of having been one of the youngest soldiers in the regular Confederate service. He began life for himself as a clerk in a drug store in St. Louis, Mo. Afterward he studied law under the late Judge Dennis P. Hammond, of Atlanta, and was admitted to the bar in 1871. In 1873 he settled where Douglasville now stands, and the following year, in company with his brother James and others began the erection of the first house built in the town. In 1876 he moved to his mother's plantation near Lithia Springs, where he remained until 1881, when he returned to Douglasville and resumed the practice of law, in which he has been very successful, representing a large and valuable clientele. In 1885-86 he was mayor of the city, and again during the years 1892-93-94, and is chairman of the board of trustees of Douglasville college, which demonstrates his efficiency and public spirit, and the estimation in which he is held by his fellow citizens. Mr. James was married Jan. 15, 1879, to Miss Mary M., daughter of William P. and Mary (McLarty) Strickland. To them five children have been born: Clifford M., Ruby L., Nettie P., William P. and James. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and an active, influential member of the Methodist church.

JOSEPH S. JAMES, United States district attorney of the northern district of Georgia, was born in Campbell (now Douglas) county, Ga., March 20, 1849. He received a common school education, attending the log-cabin school located

near his home. At an early age his mind possessed of much firmness, breadth and power for solving difficult problems, he decided to become a lawyer, and studied with this end in view. In 1869 he married Margaret Elizabeth E., daughter of the late Dr. E. W. Maxwell, a native of Douglas county. At this time, being very poor and without a thorough education, he was disqualified for the battle of life, but gathering all his strength and ability, he applied himself to the study of law, reading and being admitted to the bar without instructions from a lawyer or attending any law school, at times poring over his books the entire night. When admitted to the bar he stood a most creditable examination and immediately forged his way to the front of the profession in his section and has maintained that position ever since. He was admitted in Douglasville in 1875, and to the supreme court two years later. When twenty-one years of age he was elected justice of the peace in Douglas county, but resigned after two years' service. He was chosen the first mayor of Douglasville in 1876, holding the office for one term, and by his executive ability obtained the regard and congratulations of the community. In 1880 he was elected to represent Douglas county in Georgia's general assembly and re-elected after the expiration of the first term. In 1886 he was elected to the state senate from the thirty-sixth senatorial district, and served two years. In 1892 he was chosen a presidential elector-at-large from the state of Georgia, and in ninety days made 102 speeches in the state, covering almost every nook and corner, his consecutive appointments sometimes being from 100 to 300 miles apart, and frequently meeting in joint debate the opponents of his party. He was appointed United States district attorney by President Cleveland on April 3, 1893. As the legal representative of the government, the sole responsibility devolved upon him of grappling with and suppressing the gigantic organization in North Georgia known as "White Caps." In his herculean task he was ably assisted by Messrs. Rucker, Bell and Camp of his office and by the internal revenue collector and marshals. Lawyers who rank among the best in the state were employed for the defendants and the nature of the cases being wholly new to the practice, it required the greatest skill and ingenuity to draft bills of indictment that would stand the test of the law's technicalities. To this effort Mr. James devoted himself, spending one whole night in his office to perfect the bill upon which the worst of the organization were put on trial. They were convicted and his bill was sustained by the supreme court of the United States, to which the case was carried. Col. James has three daughters: Margaret Odessa, Eunice Letitia and Lois Cleveland. He is a member of the Odd Fellows and affiliates with the Methodist church south. Mr. James is the son of Stephen James, who, with his three sons, fought valiantly in the late civil war. Those in the ranks were: George W., who gave up his life at Front Royal, Va.; John M., a member of the Twenty-first Georgia regiment, first lieutenant of Company A, who lost his right leg at Chancellorsville, and William A. James. Their bravery is denied by none.

W. H. POOLE, physician and surgeon, Douglasville, Douglas Co., Ga., son of T. J. and Sarah (Brown) Poole, was born in South Carolina in 1833. His grandfather, Benjamin Poole, of English lineage, was born in South Carolina in 1780, served as a soldier in the last war with Great Britain in 1812, in the Seminole war of 1836, and died in 1850. Dr. Poole's father was born in South Carolina in 1810, was raised a farmer in that state, whence he migrated to Georgia, making the trip in ox-carts, and settled in Carroll county. He farmed in that county until 1850, when he moved to Cass (now Bartow) county, where he engaged in mining. From there he went to Iron Mountain, Ala., and thence

to the famous Shelby mines, in the same state. He pursued his mining operations there until about 1870, when he returned to his old home in Georgia. There he conducted a farm until 1874, when he was killed by his horse running away. Dr. Poole's mother, daughter of William Brown, who distinguished himself in the war of 1812, and in the Indian war of 1836, was born in South Carolina in 1812. She was married in 1832 and is still living. Dr. Poole was raised on the farm and received his primary education at the near-by country schools, and when eighteen years old was sent to Hiwassee college. After being there three and a half years he had to leave on account of failing health, and did not graduate. A short time after that he began the study of medicine in the office of Dr. M. F. La Dell, an eminent physician of Cedartown, Ga., under whose instruction he remained two years. He then entered the Savannah Medical college—well known at the time as the "Old Arnold School"—where he remained two years, serving one year as interne in the Marine hospital. He graduated in 1860 with the first honors of his class. His graduating thesis—subject, "Modus Operandi of Medicines"—was published in the medical journals of the day and attracted the attention of the profession. During the war he was an examining surgeon for the Confederate army. Soon after the surrender he located near the present site of Douglasville. His natural ability and acquired attainments, his large experience, though yet young in the profession, and an already recognized superior physician, secured for him an extensive and profitable practice. He has been exceptionally successful in his practice, and has a well-earned, wide reputation, few, if any, physicians outranking him. He is an extensive planter and owns and operates several of the best farms in the county and two grist mills. Dr. Poole was married Oct. 3, 1861, to Miss Annie Marcella, daughter of Reuben and Flora (Price) Vansant, of an old South Carolina family. Eight children have blessed this union: Italia D., Mrs. Baxley, Carrie A., William T., Reuben H., Thomas J., Sallie, May and De Witt. Dr. Poole is a prominent member of the masonic fraternity and of the Lutheran church.

WILLIAM T. ROBERTS, lawyer, Douglasville, Douglas Co., Ga., son of Melville C. and Susan E. (Skeen) Roberts, was born in Campbell county, Ga., Dec. 26, 1858. His paternal great-grandfather, Josephus Roberts, was North Carolina born, of English parentage. His grandparents were Grant and Frances (Pass) Roberts—the grandfather born in Buncombe county, N. C., Nov. 14, 1804. He was a large farmer, a prominent and influential citizen, and accumulated a very large fortune. In 1815 he migrated to Georgia and settled in Clarke county, subsequently moving to Campbell county, where he died March 16, 1888. Mr. Roberts' father was born in Campbell county, Sept. 28, 1834, was reared a farmer, and received such education as the best county schools could give. Soon after the war between the states began he enlisted in Company C, Thirty-sixth Georgia regiment, and served in all Gen. Lee's campaigns in defense of Richmond until July 3, 1863, when he was killed at Gettysburg. His mother, daughter of Purnell H. and Adaline (Steed) Skeen, an old North Carolina family, was born in Coweta county, Ga., Feb. 12, 1836, and was educated at the La Grange Female college, at La Grange, Ga., from which she was graduated in 1854. She was married Feb. 25, 1858, and became the mother of three children: William T., the subject of this sketch; Mrs. Sarah E. Terrell, deceased, and John M. Mr. Roberts was raised on the farm and received his education at the near-by country schools. He began life for himself as a clerk in the store of his uncle in Whitesburg, Ga. After clerking a few years he studied law and in 1881 was admitted to the bar in Carrollton, at the October term of Carroll county

superior court, and in April, 1882, he located in Douglasville. He at once secured a good practice, which has increased in volume and value as the years rolled by. In 1884 he was elected mayor of Douglasville, and the following year was elected solicitor of the county court. In 1890 he was elected to represent Douglas county in the general assembly. In October, 1894, he was elected solicitor-general of the Tallapoosa circuit. Possessing fine talents and great energy, and being a close student, he has bright prospects before him.

J. L. SELMAN, physician and surgeon, Douglasville, Douglas Co., Ga., son of James K. and Elizabeth (Hert) Selman, was born in Campbell (now Douglas) county in 1855. His paternal grandfather was a South Carolinian, a soldier in the patriot army during the revolutionary war, and was scalped by the Indians—living many years afterward. Dr. Selman's father was born in South Carolina in 1812. He was raised on the farm and received a common school education; was raised a farmer, and continued to be one all his life. In 1848 he migrated to Georgia—coming in wagons—purchased land, continued farming and accumulated property. He died in 1866 from the effects of exposure and harassing reverses occasioned by the war. His mother, daughter of Wiley Hert, was born in South Carolina in 1812, and died in 1880. Dr. Selman was raised on the farm and educated at the country schools—his vacations being spent at the plow handles. In 1875 he began the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. W. H. Poole, two years later entering Atlanta medical college, from which he was graduated in 1879 with marked distinction. He located in Douglasville, and soon established a good reputation and built up a large practice. He then established a drug store, the business of which has grown to large proportions. Dr. Selman was married in 1879 to Miss Nannie, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Selman) Abercrombie, and to them five children have been born: Bessie, Paul, Dewitt G., James and Joe M. He is an ardent member of the I. O. O. F., a master Mason, and an earnest working member of the Baptist church.

ALEXANDER G. WEDDINGTON, farmer and county treasurer, Douglasville, Douglas Co., Ga., son of Alexander Green and Hannah (Polk) Weddington, was born in Campbell (now Douglas) county, in 1839. His paternal grandparents, William and Polly (Gilliam) Weddington, of Scotch-Irish parentage, were natives of North Carolina. He was a soldier in the patriot army during the revolutionary war, serving with distinction, and died in 1836. Mr. Weddington's father was born in the "Old North state" in 1806, where he was raised on the farm and given a good country school education. In 1825, after having married, he migrated to Georgia and settled in the woods in what is now Campbell county. He made the trip in the old-time wooden-wheel ox-cart, held together by wooden pins, and hickory withes. The greater part of the journey a roadway had to be cut through the forests; at night they kept a fire burning to frighten off wild animals, and slept in tents, and under and in the carts. When they reached their new home in the woods filled with Indians and wild beasts, the family slept as they had on the road, and lived in tents until log cabins could be built, after which a farm was cleared in the virgin forest. He engaged in farming and gold-mining, amassed quite a fortune, and died Oct. 7, 1890. His mother was a daughter of Charles and Nellie Polk—her father being a cousin of President James K. Polk—was born Sept. 1, 1812, and died Aug. 27, 1874. She was well educated for the times, and shared with her husband all the privations and hardships incident to frontier life. Of the children born to them these survive: Mrs. Pollie A. Hawkins, Mrs. Jane E. White, Mrs. Hannah A. Stewart, Mrs. Campie V. McBrayer, Mrs. Catharine L.

Roach, Charles W., Atlanta, and Alexander G., the subject of this sketch. Mr. Weddington was raised on the farm, received as good an education as could be obtained at the time and locality, and on reaching maturity engaged in farming. In 1861, he enlisted in Company C—of which he was commissioned third lieutenant—Thirtieth Georgia regiment. In a very short time he was promoted to first lieutenant. The first service of his command was on the river and harbor defenses near Savannah; he was then sent to Vicksburg and participated in the battle of Jackson, after which his command was with the army defending Atlanta. He was in nearly every battle of importance between Nashville and Jonesboro. Just before the battle of Chickamauga he was stricken with fever which necessitated a furlough. At the end of three months he returned to the army and continued in the field until the surrender. He returned to his home to find it a scene of desolation—slaves freed and gone, stock killed or stolen, fences gone and houses rifled and almost ruined. Finding an old blind horse roaming at large near his home he "conscripted" it, and with it worked his first crop. Later he moved to Paulding county, where he successfully farmed six years and then came back and purchased the old homestead from his father. Adopting the progressive methods of farming, and using improved implements he thoroughly cultivated his land with the best of results, added to his possessions and improved and enlarged his buildings. In addition to his farming he established a ginmill and engaged in milling. In 1884, in order to give his children better educational advantages, he moved to Douglasville. For three years after this he was associated with A. W. McClarty in a general merchandise business, in which he cleared money. In 1892 he was elected county treasurer, and now holds the office by re-election. Among his old comrades he is known by the familiar name of "Sandy," and those who once stood side by side with him on the battlefield stand firmly by him now, as they all love him like a brother—and stand ready to bestow upon him any office he may ask for. Of untiring energy and excellent business judgment, he has made a success of everything he has undertaken, and is well fixed for life, happy in his domestic relations, and has a warm place in the affections of his fellow-citizens. Devotion to duty has been his motto, and his devotion has been rewarded. Obtaining ten day leave of absence after the battle of Jackson, he hastened home, and Aug. 11, 1861, was married to Miss Lavinia, daughter of Thomas J. and Mary A. (Taylor) Blanchard—formerly of Columbia county, Ga.—a union blessed with the following children: Mrs. Rhoda E. Tanner; Mrs. Ella V. Burson, Mrs. Frances Griffith, and James L. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and a master Mason and a life-long exemplary member of the Methodist church.

T. R. WHITLEY, physician and surgeon, Douglasville, Douglas Co., Ga., son of E. R. and M. M. (Rice) Whitley, was born in what is now Douglas county in 1855. His father, son of Jackson Whitley, was born in North Carolina in 1820. In 1840 he visited Greene county, Ga., as a traveling clock trader, a being favorably impressed with the country, established himself as a slave dealer in which business he made much money. When the war between the states began he made up the second company which went from Campbell (now Douglas) county, of which he was elected captain. In 1863 he was discharged on account of bad health, but immediately re-enlisted in the state service. He was captured at Campbellton, Ga., and was sent to Johnson's Island, where he was detained eighteen months, during which time he employed his time and amuse himself by making gutta percha rings for sale. After the surrender he returned to his home and engaged in farming and trading in land. He was soon afterward elected sheriff of the county, and held the office almost continuously until

death in 1878. His wife, daughter of Thomas and Leah (Bromer) Rice, was born in South Carolina in 1832, and when a mere child came to Georgia with her parents. She was married in 1847 and is still living. Dr. Whitley was raised on the farm and educated mostly at Chapel Hill. After leaving school he read medicine and when nineteen years of age he entered the medical college at Louisville, Ky., and attended lectures one term, and subsequently attended the Atlanta Medical college three terms, from which he graduated in 1876. He immediately located at Douglasville, and while he has engaged in the general practice of his profession, he has paid particular attention to surgery. He has been very successful, established an excellent reputation, and a richly paying medical patronage. He has always interested himself in educational matters and was the moving spirit in the establishment of the Douglasville college, an institution second to none in the smaller cities of the state, and has been a member of the board of trustees since its inception. Dr. Whitley has been since his majority one of the leaders of political thought and action of his section and has been honored many times by the community in which he lives with positions of honor and trust, and is at present state senator from the thirty-sixth senatorial district, which is composed of the counties of Coweta, Meriwether, Campbell and Douglas. He is a member of some of the most important committees of the senate and recognized as a strong and influential factor in that body. Dr. Whitley was married in 1876 to Miss Mary F., daughter of Henry C. and Raymouth (Rice) Holcombe, who has borne him the following children: Helen Edna, Hattie R., Mary F., Grady and Raymouth. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and himself and wife are prominent members of the Baptist church.

ECHOLS COUNTY.

J. FRANK HALL, physician and surgeon, Statenville, Echols Co., Ga., was born in Montgomery county, Ga., May 4, 1838. He was educated at Randolph high school, and then studied medicine under Dr. Paul F. Eve, Nashville, Tenn., and graduated from the college there in 1860. Soon afterward he entered the Confederate service and was appointed assistant surgeon of Bartow hospital, Savannah, Ga. After a year's service there he enlisted in the Fourth Georgia cavalry and was elected a first lieutenant. He saw much active service and was wounded in an engagement in Burke county, Ga., while with his command he was operating on the flank of the Union forces when marching through Georgia. At the close of the war he located in Tattall county and engaged in the practice of his profession, did a very large practice, and was remarkably successful. In 1872 he removed to Statenville, Echols Co., Ga., where his acknowledged skill, sympathetic attention, and conscientious discharge of his professional duties have secured for him an extensive and lucrative practice. No medical practitioner in what is known as the wire grass country of Georgia stands higher with the people and the profession than Dr. Hall, and no one is more justly entitled to the confidence and good will accorded him. He has acquired a comfortable fortune, and his land holdings in Echols county amount to 8,000 acres. In 1876-77 he was president of the board of county commissioners, and in 1880 he was elected to represent the county in the general assembly. In that body he was

placed on the committees on penitentiary, sanitary and hygiene, and the state of the republic, on all of which he rendered effective and valuable service. Dr. Hall was married in 1860 to Miss Lurana, daughter of Solomon Mobley of Appling county, who died in 1886, leaving ten children, of whom seven are living, and five of whom are located as follows: John F., born in November, 1863, educated at Bradwell institute, Liberty county, Ga., read medicine under his father, graduated at the Atlanta Medical college, and is located at Lake Park, Ga., where he enjoys a good practice; Mary R., married D. S. Parton, mill-man, farmer and merchant, Seward, Montgomery Co., Ga.; Flora C., married H. J. Gibbs, sawmill man and farmer, Montgomery county; Eliza B., married Robert J. Parton, planter, Tattall county; Georgia, married Dr. George T. Gray, Tattall county. Dr. Hall married for his second wife Miss Mary C., daughter of W. W. Connor, by whom he has had one child. He is a member of the masonic fraternity.

EARLY COUNTY.

BRINKLEY CHANCEY, retired merchant, Blakely, Early Co., Ga., son of Solomon Chancey, was born in Jones county, Ga., May 29, 1820. His father was a farmer and died in 1861. Mr. Chancey was educated in the common schools of the county and was reared on the farm, but later in life engaged in merchandising. During the war he was a member and sergeant of Company C, Twenty-ninth battalion, Georgia artillery. He moved to Blakely in 1861, where he conducted a general merchandise store until 1886, when he retired. He was tax collector of Early county in 1862-63-64, and assessor two years. He was elected to represent the county in the general assembly in 1872 and has served in this capacity four terms, the last ending in 1886. He was also a member of the constitutional convention in 1877. Being honored by election to such responsible positions shows an appreciation of his capacity and integrity. Mr. Chancey was married Jan. 12, 1851, to Miss Narcissus, daughter of R. W. Sheffield, who once represented Early county in the general assembly. They have had five children: B. E., born in 1853; Quitman, born in 1855; James B., born in 1857, county ordinary; John C., born in 1859, marshal of Blakely, and Hattie D., widow of John W. Deal. Mr. Chancey is an uncompromising democrat and a master Mason.

JAMES BUCHANAN CHANCEY, ordinary of Early county, Blakely, Ga., son of Brinkley and Narcissus (Sheffield) Chancey, was born in Early county, July 24, 1857. Mr. Chancey's father was not only a successful merchant in Blakely, but filled many important offices in the county, and represented it a number of years in the general assembly. Mr. Chancey received a fair common-school education, and when he reached manhood engaged in farming, which he still continues. He has held the office of justice of the peace six years. In 1893 he was elected ordinary of the county, an office which he still holds. Mr. Chancey was married in 1877 to Miss Elizabeth Minter, of Early county, by whom he has had three children: Alpheus Baker, born in February, 1878; Lawton Eugene, born in 1886, and Hattie May.