

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.

was Susan Clemons, daughter of J. J. Clemons, of Dooly county. He is the father of four sons and five daughters, one of his sons, John H., being his father's partner in business.

**JAMES H. DOROUGH.** The father of J. H. Dorough was Nathan S. Dorough, a farmer of Lexington, Oglethorpe Co., Ga., who was for twenty years justice of the peace; he was also a member of the militia, and was killed in the fight around Atlanta. In Lexington, Oglethorpe Co., James H. first saw the light on Oct. 5, 1842. He had received a good common school education, and when the war broke out, he hastened to join the First regiment of Georgia Volunteers, serving as second sergeant of Company E. The youthful soldier was noted for his bravery, taking part in every battle of the war in which his company was engaged. In the battle of Ocean Pond he brought the colors of his regiment safely out of a charge, in which the color sergeant had been slain. The war being over, he located in Dooly county, near the site of the present town of Cordele, where he successfully conducts the affairs of a large plantation. Mr. Dorough is a member of the Baptist church, a thorough Democrat, and just now a prominent member of the legislature. His wife, whom he married Oct. 22, 1866, was Miss Sarah E. Powell, the daughter of Isaiah Powell, a well-known planter of Dooly county. They have five children: William D., born November, 1867, married Miss Alice Murray, of Vienna, and carries on a farm near his father; John C., born Nov. 17, 1868, married Anna, a sister of his brother's wife; Nannie, born 1869, married Joseph E. Brown, a farmer of Dooly county; Leanna, born October, 1871; and Mattie, born March, 1873, is married to Hiram Wheeler, of Cordele.

**DAVID T. DOUGHTRY** is the son of Thomas Doughtry, a planter of Screven county, Ga., who, after the war, went into the lumber trade, and who died in 1884. David was born May 4, 1849, and was educated in the common schools, and at the university of Georgia, at Athens. From the time of leaving college, 1871, until 1878, he engaged in the pursuit of agriculture, then for nearly two years in that of lumbering in Burke county, Ga., after which for a short time he worked for R. B. Rippard & Co., of Pierce county. In 1880 he engaged with the Amoskeag Lumber company, of Eastman, Ga., and remained with it six years. He then went into business for himself in the manufacture of naval stores, in which he has become one of the largest operators in the state. Having some years before bought an interest in the turpentine business, in 1889 he established a manufactory at Cordele, which he still operates, being now interested in four stills. He carries on, besides, a good farm in Dooly county. Mr. Doughtry is a member of the masonic fraternity (a chapter mason), also of the A. O. U. W., and of the Woodmen of the World. He has been for two years a member of the board of education, is president board of trustees of Cordele college, and president of Cordele Naval Stores association. He married Laura J., daughter of Thomas S. Barbour, a planter, of Screven county, and has four children: William T., born May 20, 1872, who in early childhood, as a result of a severe fever, lost both speech and hearing. After ten years at a deaf and dumb school, the young man, who is very bright, took a business course at Sullivan & Crichton college, at Atlanta, and is the only deaf mute in the south holding a business diploma. He is now cashier and bookkeeper for the Naval Store and Lumberman's bank at Cordele. August, 1893, he married Miss Nealie Bene, of Atlanta, who is as the result of accident, semi-mute. Mr. Doughtry's second son, Lowell Mason, born July 9, 1873, is a graduate of Alabama and Georgia Business college, at Macon, and is now senior member of the firm of L. M. Doughtry & Co., naval stores and general merchant-

dise. David A., Mr. Doughtry's third son, born Dec. 5, 1875, has just graduated from the Cordele High school. The only daughter, Annie Laurie Etta, born Aug. 21, 1877, is attending the Georgia Female seminary at Gainesville.

**PEARSON ELLIS**, attorney at law, was born Nov. 17, 1859, near Old Brown Marsh church, in Bladen county, N. C., but from his early infancy his family lived in Whiteville, Columbus Co., N. C. His father was a lawyer—John W. Ellis, who was captain of Company H, Eighteenth North Carolina regiment, and was in Longstreet's corps during a part of the late war. Capt. Ellis was elected state senator from the fifteenth senatorial district of North Carolina, and served several terms. He died May 17, 1883, leaving five children, of whom Pearson is the eldest. The latter was educated at the university of North Carolina, and read law at the Dick & Dillard law school at Greensborough, N. C. Having been admitted to the bar in October, 1886, he located at Whiteville, where he remained until 1890. He then removed to Georgia, practicing a year and a half in Brunswick, and was afterward bookkeeper for one year for A. Peacock, manufacturer of naval stores, in Wilcox county. He finally located in Dooly county, where he has built up a good practice, and, while in North Carolina, he was deputy sheriff for two years under V. V. Richardson, sheriff of Columbus county, and for three years was superintendent of public instruction for Columbus county. In November, 1888, he married Miss Annie Toon, of Wilmington, N. C., a relative of Mr. J. J. Toon, of Atlanta. They have one child, Sarah Elizabeth, born Aug. 1, 1890.

**PROF. JAMES M. KELLEY** is the son of a farmer of Coweta county, Ga., Andrew W. Kelley, who died in 1880. The son was born Feb. 2, 1855, and well educated in the common schools, after which he taught for some time, then for two years engaged in mercantile business at Corinth, Ga. In 1882 he entered Mercer university, from which he was graduated in 1885, taking the degree of A. B. Mr. Kelley was now called to the presidency of Cochran college (New Ebenezer), which position he held for two years. In 1880, however, he had been ordained to the ministry of the Baptist church at Macon. Here he remained for six months, when he resigned to accept the charge of the Auburn institute at Jeffersonville, Twiggs Co. After two years of successful service here, in 1893 he removed to Cordele to take his present position as president of Frederick Shipp female college. In 1892 his alma mater conferred upon him the degree of A. M. Prof. Kelley in 1890 married Miss L. J. Fagin, daughter of Maj. J. M. Fagin of Midway, Ala. The young lady was educated in Virginia and in addition took a course at the conservatory of music, Cincinnati, O.

**WILLIAM MADSON HASLAM**, M. D., is the son of a farmer, George S. Haslam of Houston county, Ga., who died in 1884. The subject of this sketch was born March 15, 1841, and having received a common school education, at the early age of nineteen began the study of medicine under the tutelage of Dr. N. A. Rice. In 1861 he entered the Charleston Medical college, but remained five months only, leaving the pursuit of knowledge to join the Sixth regiment of Georgia volunteers. Here he first acted as brigade apothecary, then was appointed acting assistant surgeon. For ten years after the war he practiced medicine in Worth county, and then removed to Dooly county. Having built up a large practice, and being desirous of fitting himself more thoroughly for his work, Dr. Haslam took a finishing course at Atlanta Medical college, graduating in March, 1883. His home is in Pinehurst, where he has a very fine practice and is also engaged in the drug business. Dr. Haslam was married in 1866 to

Miss Ellen M., daughter of Stephen Woodward, of Bibb county, Ga., and to them eight children have been born: Carrie, born in 1867, is married to George Lewis, Dooly county; George S., born in 1870, is a farmer, Dooly county; Minnie, born in 1872, is married to Augustus E. Johnson, Vienna, Dooly Co., Leila, born in 1874, is the wife of Walter T. Clements, naval stores manufacturer, near Pinehurst; Eva, Annie, Willie, and Johnnie. Dr. Haslam is a member of the masonic fraternity, and a member of Millwood lodge.

**REDDING H. PATE, M. D.**, physician and surgeon at Unadilla, was born on a farm in Washington county, Ga., on June 6, 1834. When but four years old he was deprived by death of his father, Redding Pate, Sr. The young lad acquired his education in the common schools and the high school of Sandersville, later reading medicine under the guidance of Dr. J. M. O'Brien. The year 1856-57 he spent at Jefferson Medical college, Philadelphia, and the following year entered the medical department of the state university at Nashville, from which he graduated in 1859. The young physician located first in Dooly county, but after two years removed to Hawkinsville, where he remained until the war broke out; in 1862 he entered the army of Virginia as assistant surgeon. The war being at an end he practiced medicine, also carrying on a farm in Houston county for six years, then removing to Unadilla, Dooly Co., his present home, where he not only attends to an extensive practice, but successfully carries on a fine farm. Dr. Pate has also been prominent in the political affairs of his section, having been chairman of the democratic executive committee for four years, and at present representing his county in the legislature. Here he has been fitly appointed on the committee of hygiene and sanitation, also on the committees on railroads, libraries, and on lunatic asylums. The doctor is also a Mason, being a member of the Vienna lodge and chapter. In 1862, about the time of his entering the army, Dr. Pate was married to Miss Z. E. Laidler, the daughter of Dr. John Laidler, of Hawkinsville, Ga. He is the father of three sons and three daughters. His oldest daughter, Elizabeth, born in 1868, is the wife of J. H. Wimberly of Henderson, Ga. His oldest son, and namesake, was born in 1872. Besides these there are: Z. Eugenia, born 1876; Anthony C., 1878; Miller F. B., 1880; Laura K., 1883.

**JOSEPH B. SCOTT** is the son of a planter who died in 1868, and is a native of Social Circle, Walton Co., Ga., born March 16, 1838. He had received an excellent academic education, and was prepared to enter college in the junior class when the war broke out, and he instead entered the army, joining the Allen S. Cutts battalion of Georgia artillery, which formed a part of the army in northern Virginia. Though three times slightly wounded the young man persisted to the end of the war, when he returned to Georgia. He married Miss Maggie J. Bagley, the daughter of Dr. David Bagley of Sumter county, where Mr. Scott located, remaining until 1889, when he removed to Cordele, still, however, retaining his farming interest in his former home, while engaged in the same work in his new place of abode. Moreover he erected an ice factory and a guano factory as well as a coix, or Job's-tears plant at Cordele, and thus he aided much in the commercial advancement of the city of his adoption. His integrity and enterprise were duly recognized by his fellow-townsmen, by whom he was elected mayor, which office he has held during almost the whole time of his residence in Cordele, in addition to that of justice of the peace. Mr. Scott was also a member of the constitutional convention of 1877, is a strict democrat, and at present democratic nominee for tax collector. He is a prominent member

of the Knights of Pythias, having held various offices in Cordele lodge, No. 44, in which he is now chancellor commander. Of the thirteen children who have been born to him nine are now living: Zuleika J., aged 26, wife of F. E. Vansadvi, a planter of Vienna; W. D. Scott, aged 24, in Florida; Ivy M., wife of Joel A. Perry, of Cordele, in the warehouse and insurance business; Jennie R., Maggie E., Joseph B., Jr., Thurber T., Cordelia, and Lucile.

**EUGENE F. STROZIER**, a well known lawyer of Cordele, was born June 8, 1866, at Greenville, Meriwether Co., Ga., where his father, J. L. Strozier, is a planter. After receiving a good common school education Mr. Strozier studied law in Greenville under the supervision of Col. Warner Hill. In the year 1887 he was admitted to the bar, and the following spring located at Cordele. Here by his energy and faithfulness he has built up for himself a large practice, and is attorney for several corporations. In 1893 he was one of the rival candidates for mayor, and after a very close and exciting contest was elected, but ousted by contest, unjustly, it is thought by many of his warm adherents. He is now a leading candidate for legislative honors. Mr. Strozier, too, is a Knight of Pythias and a member of Cordele lodge, of which he is past chancellor.

**W. M. S. THOMSON**, an attorney-at-law, Cordele, is the son of W. H. Thomson, a prominent farmer of Sampson county, N. C., who is well known and esteemed, and who during the late war was captain of a company of infantry. Mr. Thomson was born Jan. 19, 1866, and when he had completed his education at Wake Forest college began the study of law, graduating from the law department of the state university in 1887. He practiced his profession in Clinton, N. C., until January, 1891, when he removed to Cordele, Ga., where he formed a partnership with Z. A. Littlejohn. The firm has the leading practice of the city, and they are the local attorneys for the S. A. & M. railroad, and for several local corporations. Mr. Thomson is also the solicitor for the Dooly county court. He is a member of several of the fraternal orders—the masonic, the Odd Fellows, and the Knights of Pythias. In September, 1891, Miss Apphia Williams became his wife; she is the daughter of C. J. Williams, a planter of Sampson county, N. C. They have two daughters, Louise, born June 20, 1892, and Elizabeth, born Jan. 8, 1894.

**ALEXANDER F. WARE**, son of Rev. Nicholas C. Ware, a well known Methodist Episcopal minister who died in 1889, was born in Wilkes county, Ga., Aug. 16, 1855. His educational advantages consisted in several years' attendance at the common schools, and a year at Middle Georgia college, under Prof. Geo. C. Looney. Ever since he was eighteen Mr. Ware has devoted himself to the education of youth. During the years 1880-81 he had charge of the Raytown high school, at the same time being county surveyor. For six years, 1882-88, he was principal of Warrenton academy, and for the four succeeding years had charge of the Augusta orphan asylum. In 1892 he removed to Arabi, where he founded the Arabi institute, the best school in the county, and one of the best and most successful in the wire grass country. His wife, Rosa, is the daughter of Judge W. H. Edwards, of Warrenton, to whom he was married in 1877. They have four children: Clive Looney, born Nov. 10, 1878; Eva, Aug. 23, 1882; Mabel, Feb. 16, 1886; Alexander Ford, July 29, 1889. Prof. Ware is a member of Arabi lodge, F. & A. M., and also belongs to the lodge at Warrenton.

so named in honor of one of Mr. Ware's ancestors, United States senator Nicholas Ware. His immediate family are remarkable for their devotedness to work of a religious and educational character. Eight of his uncles as well as his father have been engaged in the ministry of the M. E. church, while three of his brothers, like himself, are faithful teachers. One brother, N. E. Ware, is in charge of the public schools at Hawkinsville. Mr. Ware organized the Cordele high school in 1895 and is its present principal.

**JAHIEL J. WEST**, born April 3, 1856, at Chemung, Chemung Co., N. Y., is one of a family of eleven children, all living and having families of their own. His father, a farmer, Geo. P. West, now lives at Waverly, N. Y. Jahiel received a fair common-school education, and at the age of eighteen took a thorough business course at Wyoming Seminary and Commercial college, graduating under Prof. L. L. Sprague. He then went into the milling business at Chemung, remaining there two years, and next engaged in the cider, vinegar and lumber trade at Waverly, where he also established what was afterward called the Herdic Coach line. In 1886 he accepted a position in Gresson, Ga., with the Gress Lumber company, but after eight months, during which he was promoted to the superintendency, he went to Atlanta and established the Georgia Pine and Lumber company, with which he remained two years. He had formed a partnership with Mr. I. X. Cheeves in lumbering, and they now sold out the (Atlanta) business to A. A. Fletcher and G. V. Gress, while Messrs. Cheeves & West assumed entire control of the Gress Lumber company, the former as secretary and treasurer, the latter as general manager. From its very beginning the enterprise so prospered that at the end of nine months its managers inaugurated a new undertaking, founding the Parrot Lumber company at Richmond, Ga., with G. W. Parrot as president, the other two members of the firm holding the same offices as in the Gress company. The capacity of the mills is 100,000 feet per day, and in connection with it they carry on a general store and operate a railroad. The latter is fourteen miles in length and requires a force of 250 men, ninety mules, fourteen stationary engines and three locomotives. Mr. West has been in charge of the post-office at Richmond ever since it was established. His wife, whom he married in 1884, was Miss Annie Voris of Waverly, N. Y. He is the proud father of three sons: Herbert, aged nine; Stephen, seven, and George, two years of age. In June, 1895, he sold his interest in the Parrot Lumber company, moved to Atlanta, where he can better educate his boys, and established the West Lumber company at 244 West Peters street. At the same time he bought a nice house at 55 East Georgia avenue, which place he expects to make his permanent residence.

## DOUGHERTY COUNTY.

**S. B. BROWN**, banker and merchant, Albany, Dougherty Co., Ga., is the son of B. Brown, native of Prussia, and was born in Atlanta in 1855. His father was a leading clothing dealer of Atlanta for many years. The subject of this memoir attended school in Atlanta, but struck out for himself at an early age. In 1866 he located in Albany, and three years later began work as a clerk for thirty dollars a month. In 1871 he was a clerk in the post-office for a year.

He then worked for D. Greenfield, general merchandise, and from 1877 to 1887 was his partner. He then bought out the business and increased the stock and otherwise developed the trade until it is not excelled for the line in Albany. Mr. Brown was married in 1877 to Miss Ernestina Plonsky, and they have had born to them five children: Paul J., Ed. D., Lee Roy, Marie E. and Etta R. Mr. Brown is a Mason and a member of the A. O. U. W., Knights of Pythias, Knights of Honor, Legion of Honor and I. O. B. B. His sons Paul and Edward are students at Yale college. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are members of the Hebrew church. In politics he is a democrat, though liberal in his views. Mr. Brown is an excellent example of what push and grit can do in this country. He commenced life as a mere clerk, but by perseverance he finds himself now at the head of one of the best general merchandise business establishments in his section of the state. He is president of the Exchange bank and of the Albany Savings and Trust bank, and owns a large tract of farm land, much of which he is cultivating. He is one of the best business men in the state, and his keen mind is ever looking for opportunities for investment and improvement as will promote the prosperity of Albany. The Exchange bank commenced business about April 17, 1895, has a cash paid-up capital of \$50,000, and is doing a large deposit business. Mr. Brown has frequently been solicited to accept office, but has always declined, finding his business affairs too pressing.

**N. J. CRUGER**, manufacturer, Albany, is the son of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Robert) Cruger, and was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., Aug. 18, 1855. He attended Swanece university of the south, and in his younger days followed clerking. In 1886 he engaged in the brick business. Not having any ready cash, he borrowed \$1,000 from a bank and gave his paper. In two years' time he had made \$5,000, and demonstrated the possibilities of the business. In 1889 he formed a partnership with W. W. Pace, and the firm manufacture five million bricks annually, and together with their lumber business, their annual sales amount to \$75,000. Mr. Cruger was united in matrimony to Anna Bell Alexandra, daughter of Dr. P. W. Alexandra of Albany. To this union has been born one child, Nicholas Wight, named after Col. Wight of Albany.

**F. G. EDWARDS**, sheriff, Albany, Dougherty Co., Ga., is a son of F. G. and Eliza A. (Cade) Edwards, natives of Georgia, and was born March 17, 1849. His father died in 1856 and his mother survived until 1876. He was sent to the university of Tennessee for his education, and at twenty years of age opened a store in Albany and commenced business for himself. In 1875 he was made deputy sheriff, a position which he filled until 1878, when he was elected sheriff, and he has since been continued in the office. He is a straightforward, honest official, accommodating and painstaking, and his administration of the office is eminently satisfactory. Mr. Edwards is a stockholder and manager in the Albany Brick Manufacturing company, with a capacity of ten million bricks per annum, and a cash business of \$45,000 yearly. They employ 125 men and have a large plant. Mr. Edwards, besides other interests, owns a fine farm of 1,250 acres, situated about a mile from Albany. As a public official and citizen Mr. Edwards has no peer.

**WILLIAM M. GODWIN**, deputy sheriff, Albany, is a son of F. G. and Melvina M. (Hill) Godwin, both natives of Georgia. The father died in 1857, when the lad was only fourteen years old. He went to school until the war broke out, when he enlisted with the Georgia state militia. In a short time