

friend, not their flatterer, and uniformly enjoyed the unlimited confidence and respect of his fellow citizens.

WM. LEE DAVIDSON.

Wm. Lee Davidson, Esq., was a son of Gen. Davidson, who was killed in the battle of Cowan's Ford, and lived near Davidson College; in fact, the college was called for his father, and he did much to help get it in working order. He was a man of fine intellect, and did much for the county, but being a Whig in politics, was in a hopeless minority. In 1850 he moved to Alabama, and engaged in planting cotton. He was a large and successful farmer. He was married twice, but raised no children. He died about the close of the war, in 1865. He was an enthusiast in silk culture in 1845. He planted an orchard of (multicaulus) mulberry trees to feed the silk worms. He was very successful in raising the worms and also in having the cocoons spun, but could not find a market for the product, and of course, the industry was abandoned. This was a great "fad" over the country that yielded but little fruit, but left an experience that has served to warn against indulging in an industry that failed to "pay."

PATRICK JOHNSTON.

Patrick Johnston, a native of Ireland, came to this country in 1787; was an expert weaver by trade. He married Miss Annie Wall. They worked hard and were saving, and soon accumulated a handsome estate. He had three sons and two daughters. James Johnston and Houston Johnston lived near the home place, between Beattie's Ford and Davidson College. They were good citizens, accumulated property, were large tax-payers, but were a short-lived family.

Mary married Samuel Lowrie, a son of Judge Samuel Lowrie, and lived on the Beattie's Ford road, seventeen miles

northwest of Charlotte. Mr. Lowrie died in Missouri in 1846, of yellow fever, and Mrs. Mary Lowrie died in 1849, leaving four sons and one daughter. The sons all volunteered in the army. Houston, a captain in the Sixth Regiment, N. C. T., was killed at Sharpsburg, Md., September 17, 1862. Lieut. Jas. B. Lowrie was killed at Gettysburg July 3, 1863. Capt. Patrick J. Lowrie died at Wilmington, N. C., 1862, of yellow fever. Samuel Lowrie, the only one of the four who lived through the war, resided in Florida and died in 1892. Miss Annie Wall Lowrie married Dr. J. B. Alexander and lived near the old homestead for more than thirty years. She was very popular with her neighbors, and was much missed by her friends when she and her husband moved to Charlotte in 1890, to be with their daughter, Annie L. Alexander, who was a graduate in medicine, and located here to practice her profession. And I would mention the fact that she was the first Southern woman to take a degree, or practice medicine in the Southern States. She graduated at the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, in 1884. Since the ice has been broken, and women have been admitted to practice medicine on an equality with men, they have now first-class colleges in a great many Northern cities and admit them to all medical colleges in the South on an equality with men.

His two daughters—Rachel married Sidney Houston, who lived in Iredell county, and had two sons, James and George Houston, who were first-class men, and raised families who were useful citizens. Mr. James Houston married a daughter of Wm. Patterson, a prominent citizen, south of Beattie's Ford. Mr. Patterson was an active Justice of the Peace, a man of influence, and was held in repute in this end of the county. His daughter Margaret was well known and appreciated by a large circle of friends. She has spent a long life in doing good to others.

One daughter of Mr. Patterson, Lenora, married Joseph M. Wilson, Esq., who is also a prominent Justice of the Peace and farmer, and has taken an active part in schools

and church; and has raised a worthy family of children. His wife is still living, in feeble health, but can look back on a well-spent life.

LOUIS JETTON.

Mr. Louis Jetton, a descendant of the French Huguenots, came into this county in the latter part of the Eighteenth century. His son, Alexander Brevard Jetton, lived to be an old man, who exemplified in his life the religion he professed, was held in much esteem by all who knew him. His name is transmitted by one son, J. L. Jetton, an educated gentleman, and has educated his six children that they may prove to be worthy of such ancestors. Mr. Jetton and his wife are still living, and enjoy the fruits of a well-spent life. He was twice a member of the Legislature, when the honor was forced upon him. He now resides near Davidson.

HUGH TORRANCE.

Hugh Torrance came to Mecklenburg in the latter part of the Eighteenth century, and settled in the Hopewell neighborhood. He was an extensive farmer, and married the widow of Col. Falls, who was killed in the battle of Ramsour's Mill, in Lincoln county, in 1781. He built a very elegant brick mansion that will compare favorably with the most aristocratic residences in the city or county. Mr. Torrance was a native of Ireland, and had the "push" that was characteristic of the early emigrants of the Scotch-Irish people. They were a money-making and church-loving people; consequently they were not willing to stop short of independence, and Mecklenburg will ever be proud of the fact that her early settlers were of the stamp that loved liberty and freedom. One son, James Torrance, was the only fruit of this marriage. Both Mr. and Mrs. Torrance died in February, 1816. Their elegant home was left to Mr.