

COL. REUBEN ARNOLD, one of the most talented lawyers of Atlanta, is a native of Greeneville, Tenn. Born on Aug. 7, 1833, he was reared in this town until fifteen years old. In the fall of 1848 he entered the university of Tennessee, where **Memoirs of Georgia, Fulton County Sketches (1895)** in the study of law with his father, Gen. Thomas D. Arnold, a member of congress from the first district. His father fought throughout the war of 1812 and was appointed brigadier-general of the East Tennessee militia. Mr. Reuben Arnold was admitted to the bar in 1854, and located at Greeneville, Tenn., where he prosecuted his profession until the opening of the war. In 1861 he organized the Twenty-ninth Tennessee infantry, and was elected lieutenant-colonel, and acted in this capacity while doing active service, except during the interval between the battle of Fishing Creek in January, 1862, and the battle of Shiloh in April, 1862. For these four months he commanded the regiment. [www.georgiapioneers.com](http://www.georgiapioneers.com), 1862, to May, 1863, he was unable to accompany his command on account of illness and was compelled to leave it. When health and vigor were fully regained he took his seat in the Tennessee legislature, to which he had been overwhelmingly elected, and consequently never rejoined his regiment. In May of 1863 he enlisted in the partisan rangers, an independent company commanded by his brother, John Q. Arnold. He entered and continued a private until the close of the conflict. Col. Arnold participated in the following battles: Rock Castle, Ky., Eastport, Tenn., Shiloh, Farmington, Tenn., Fishing Creek, and innumerable skirmishes and minor engagements. After leaving his comrades he tramped to North Carolina and made a crop on a farm in Rutherford county, remaining there until November, 1865, and then removed to Atlanta, Ga. Having received a full pardon from President Johnson, who was an intimate friend of his father, he began the practice of law. He formed a co-partnership with Col. E. N. Broyles, and later was associated with his brother, Frank. At present the firm consists of himself and his two sons. During the year 1867 he held the office of city attorney of Atlanta. He is a Knight Templar, Mason, Red Man, and affiliates with the Episcopal church. Col. Arnold was married in 1863, while the war was in progress, to Virginia, a daughter of the late Col. Wm. M. Lowry. She died in 1879, leaving

six children, as follows: Vernon, Reuben, K. Lowry P., Virginia, Thomas B., and Daisy. Col. Arnold is a practitioner of the old, fast-fading type. He possesses a just conception of the lofty principles and aims of his high calling and never stoops to a low or contemptible action. He believes in construing the law in its true, common-sense light, and raising it to the loftiest plane, above reproach and ignoble slander. He is minutely acquainted with all departments of the law—a well-developed, symmetrical disciple of Blackstone and Chitty. His success in managing difficult and sometimes desperate murder cases has been phenomenal. At cross-questioning he is adroit and cunning, and before the jury almost irresistible. Humor and pathos are alike at his command. As a popular man, an eloquent speaker, and a logical, convincing lawyer Col. Arnold is without a superior.