

HENRY L. ATWATER, formerly president of the Southern Mutual Building and Loan association, and an energetic, reliable and respected citizen, was born in New Haven, Conn., in the year 1833, and lived there until twenty-five years of age. In this city he received his education, passed the days when manhood is molding into symmetry, and undertook the fundamental labors of his self-delegated vocation. At the age of seventeen he commenced to learn the craft of carriage-making in the factory of his father, John S. Atwater, and three years later was placed in entire charge of an important and responsible department. In 1859 the family migrated from their home on the eastern coast of America to Columbus, Miss., and there established a carriage factory and repository under the firm name of John S. Atwater & Sons, which they continued in active operation until 1876. During the war Henry managed the business exclusively, manufacturing ambulances, equipments and vehicles of every description for the Confederate army. His brother enlisted in Gen. Joe Wheeler's cavalry, a company of which was organized in that locality. In 1876 Henry left the factory in Columbus and went to Memphis, Tenn., to accept the agency of the Milburn Wagon company. He remained for two years, and in 1878 came to Atlanta to establish a branch house for the same wagon company, and acted as their agent in this city until 1886. He then transferred his connection to the Standard Wagon company, and served their interests for three years. About

1889 he and a number of influential gentlemen formulated and organized the Southern Mutual Building and Loan association. In 1890 Mr. Atwater was elected president, occupied this office until July, 1894, and since then has held the vice-presidency, having the co-operation and good-will of all associated with him. He was also one of the directors of the State Savings bank. Mr. Atwater was united in marriage on Oct. 5, 1857, to Delia V., daughter of Julius Tyler, of New Haven, Conn. He takes a laudable and unswerving interest in aiding religious endeavor. He is a member of the Methodist church and treasurer of the St. John's Methodist church of Atlanta. He united with the Masons, the Odd Fellows and the Red Men. Mr. Atwater is indefatigable and earnest in all he undertakes. He is possessed of a genial disposition and singularly pleasing manners. He heartily endorses public spirit, thrift and industry and has been a cogent factor in Atlanta's rapid development.

**JAMES BOZEMAN BAIRD**, a prominent medical practitioner of Atlanta, Ga., was born Jan. 5, 1849, in Columbus, Ga. He was reared and received his early education in that city on the banks of the Chattahoochee river. He exhibited remarkable precocity in his primary studies and advanced from grade to grade in the common schools with wonderful rapidity. At the age of fifteen years, though hardly able to carry a musket, he enlisted in the Confederate army in 1864, and served irregularly [www.georgiapioneers.com](http://www.georgiapioneers.com) During the first four years of reconstruction he was engaged in various mercantile employments, devoting his leisure hours at night to the study of medicine. In 1869 he was enrolled in the Bellevue Hospital Medical college of New York city, and was graduated after a two years' course of diligent application. Having moved to Atlanta in 1868 he returned after obtaining his diploma, in the spring of 1871, to pursue the active practice of his profession. In acquiring the knowledge of his chosen science Dr. Baird's advancement has been phenomenal, covering a wide scope and embracing many branches. He is a member of the State Medical association, the Atlanta Society of Medicine, the American Medical association, the Atlanta Obstetrical society, member of the regular medical examining board of the state of Georgia and other medical organizations, has served as secretary and orator of the State Medical association and secretary of the health board of Atlanta. The last position he occupied for seventeen years—a splendid testimonial of the confidence reposed in his superior ability. Dr. Baird for several years was lecturer on physiology and nervous diseases and performed many operations in surgery in the Atlanta Medical college. Subsequently he filled the chair of principles and practice of medicine in the Southern Medical college of Atlanta. His talents have not been confined to practice alone, but he has written numerous articles that commanded widespread interest in different medical journals of the country. Dr. Baird was married in 1879 to Elizabeth, daughter of Gen. L. J. Gartrell, who was a member of both the Confederate and national congress, as representative from Georgia. Dr. Baird's father was Dr. John B. Baird, a native of Charleston, S. C., born in 1806. He graduated when twenty-four years old at the Charleston Medical college, moved to Columbus, Ga., a few years later, practiced there for fully forty years and came to Atlanta in 1868, where he continued practice a year or two, and died in 1871. His wife was Mary L. Bozeman, a native of Scottsboro, Ga. Dr. Baird's grandfather was Capt. James R. Baird, who fought in the war of 1812, and is buried in Charleston, S. C. Dr. Baird is highly esteemed for his long experience and extensive learning, and has frequently been requested by the state to pass judgment on the sanity of criminals.