

JOSEPH T. DERRY, professor of languages in the Wesleyan Female college, Macon, Ga., was born in Milledgeville, on Dec. 13, 1841. His early boyhood was spent in Milledgeville and Eatonton. When he was nine years of age his parents moved to Charleston, S. C., where they resided for two years. They then moved to Augusta, Ga., which continued to be Mr. Derry's home for twenty-six years. His preparatory instruction for Emory college was obtained in the Augusta schools. In 1859 he entered the junior class at Emory college, Oxford, Ga., from which he was graduated in 1860, with distinction. In the spring of 1861, when the "war between the states" began, Mr. Derry enlisted in the Confederate service, and for four years followed the starry cross of the southern Confederacy. At the close of the war he returned to Augusta and took up the profession of teaching. He was first at the head of a select, classical and English school; next was principal of the Houghton institute, and then for nine years was head of the classical department of the academy of Richmond county. He was holding this last position when he accepted a call to the chair of ancient and modern languages in Wesleyan Female college, Macon, Ga. This position he holds now—1895. Mr. Derry is the author of a school history of the United States, published in 1874; a Guide to Georgia, which appeared in 1878, and a history of the United States for schools, published in 1880, and the Story of the Confederate States, which appeared in May, 1895, and in less than three months reached a second edition. He has also, at different times, contributed valuable articles to Frank Leslie's, The Century and other leading magazines. Prof. Derry was married, Aug. 5, 1862, to Miss Elizabeth D. Osborne, of Augusta. Her great-grandfather, Hon. Henry Osborne, of Camden county, was a delegate to the state convention which ratified the constitution of the United States, Jan. 2, 1788. Prof. and Mrs. Derry have had several children born to them, of whom three are living: Henry P., a leading young physician, Macon; Susie, wife of T. C. Parker, a promising business man, Macon, and George Seney, a bright and promising lad, born in 1881.

WASHINGTON DESSAU, lawyer, Macon, was born in that city, July 24, 1852. His early education was obtained in the public schools, and in 1867 he entered the University of Georgia, at Athens. He was graduated in 1870, and from the law department in 1871. He then returned to Macon, and in October, 1871, entered the law office of Nesbits & Jackson, and was admitted to practice a few months later. He continued to practice in Macon, and in 1885 formed a partnership with C. L. Bartlett, which continued until Mr. Bartlett went on the bench in 1893, when Mr. Dessau formed a partnership with Robert Hodges. In 1884 Mr. Dessau was presidential elector from the sixth congressional district, and in 1888 was a delegate from the state at large to the National democratic convention. In 1892 he was president of the Georgia Bar association, and has been a member of the state democratic executive committee for two terms.

Mr. Dessau was married, in 1880, to Fanny E., daughter of Edward H. Gilmer, of Montgomery, Ala., a nephew of George R. Gilmer, who was governor of Georgia.