

married Mrs. Rebecca (nee Duffie) Matthews, who has borne him six children, four sons and two daughters: Edwin J., Irwin county; Norman, farmer, Irwin county; John D., merchant; Minnie, Irwin county; Jackson J.; Mary E., Mrs. John T. Van, North Carolina, and Nellie, student, South Georgia college.

MANASSEH HENDERSON, planter and popular county official, Ocilla, Irwin Co., Ga., was born in Irwin county Jan. 1, 1843. His father, Daniel Henderson, was a farmer, and when Worth county was formed, including a part of Irwin, he was cut off into Worth county. Manasseh Henderson received a good common school education, but about the time he was ready to enter upon the active business of life the war between the states began in the spring of 1861, and he enlisted as a private in Company G, Fourteenth Georgia regiment. The following fall he was discharged from that command on account of sickness. Having regained his health, in the early part of 1862, he again enlisted—this time as a private in Company B, Tenth Georgia battalion, of which company he was afterward made first lieutenant, and was promoted to the captaincy before the close of the war. He passed through the entire war—was never wounded nor captured till the surrender at Appomattox court house. Returning to Worth county after the surrender, he was the following fall married to Miss Mary V., daughter of Rev. Jacob Young, of Irwin county, to which county he soon removed and engaged in farming, which he still follows with interest and profit. Since then Mr. Henderson has been elected clerk of the superior court, in which capacity he served the county four years. He was also elected county treasurer, but resigned the office before the expiration of the term. In 1888 he was elected to represent the Fifteenth senatorial district in the general assembly, in which body he was chairman of the committee on enrollment, a member of the special judiciary and other important committees of that body. He is now serving as county commissioner, a position he has filled for two terms. He is a member of the Primitive Baptist church, and is a member of the Masonic fraternity, having been made a Mason in Military lodge, No. 7, during the war, and has presided in the east. He was exalted to the royal arch degree at Petersburg, Va., during the war.