

Homer Powell, Annie May. Thomas Wall is married and lives in Randolph. Mr. Whaley's second marriage was to Fannie V. T. Stewart, born in Ellersville, near Americus, Ga. She was the daughter of W. D. Stewart, a native of Georgia, now deceased, and her mother was Martha Ann Stovall, born in this state and still living in Randolph county. Mr. Whaley was about twelve years of age when his parents moved to Dawson, where Mrs. Whaley was reared and educated. She is the mother of two living children, Birdie, and Robert Roy. Mr. Whaley belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and is a democrat in politics. He is considered one of the best farmers in the county and owns a magnificent farm, in a high state of cultivation.

RICHMOND COUNTY.

MAJ. JOSEPH V. H. ALLEN, was born in Augusta, Ga., May 22, 1830, and was the youngest child and son of Richard Allen, of that city. Like many citizens of that city, his early and only training was obtained at the Richmond academy. While he did not enjoy the benefits of a college course he was a man of fine ideas and culture. His purpose in life was to become a business man and to that end he faithfully and successfully strove. His first employment was as clerk with Thomas Richards, bookseller, of that city; his next was as bookkeeper for Warren, Lewis & Co., commission merchants and millers. By his industry, integrity, courtesy and ability he soon succeeded that firm by Lewis & Allen, of which he was a member. The commencement of the war found him in possession of a paying and promising business. When Company A, Oglethorpe light infantry volunteered, though exempt from military duty he enlisted therein with a commission as first lieutenant. At the expiration of twelve months' time of enlistment he returned home and organized an artillery company that became a part of the famous Sixty-third Georgia, when he was promoted to the rank of major. Those who knew him bear testimony to his bravery, to his devotion to the cause, and his untiring attention to his command and men. After the war he was elected secretary and treasurer of the National Express and Transportation company, with Gen. Jos. E. Johnston at its head. Later he organized and was made secretary of the Commercial Insurance company, which charter was amended and under it the Commercial bank was established. He was the senior member of the firm of J. V. H. Allen & Co., composed of himself and Mr. G. Henry Allen, which conducts a general insurance business and represents more companies than any other agency here. Indeed, as an insurance man Maj. Allen had wonderful special information. He was a director of the Commercial bank, Augusta & Knoxville Railroad company, Augusta, Chicago & Elberton Railroad company, and a trustee of the Augusta Free school and the Augusta Orphan asylum. Maj. Allen was a man of fine business qualities, of remarkable genial nature, of marked courtesy and manly bearing. His executive talents were observed by the people and by them pressed into their service; many times a member of the council, always giving satisfaction to his constituency. In 1870-71 he was elected mayor of Augusta; his term was distinguished by conservatism, ability and faithfulness. Besides suggesting many reforms in the administration of the city he was conspicuous in forming and maintaining to a high efficiency a police force that has not been excelled since or before his administration. In

his inaugural address in December, 1869, he alluded to the improvement and enlargement of the Augusta canal, the first suggestions put forth on this important subject. April 1, 1870, he sent a message to the council, in which he urged the step to be taken and submitted a contract for enlargement. Said he: "The Augusta canal contains the germ of the future prosperity and growth of our community and that by increasing its capacity to the extent now known to be practicable we have within our reach the only means of adding to our personal wealth and population." When this scheme was finally executed, and he chanced to think of the past, he seemed happy in the recollection that during his official connection he had given this great measure his encouragement. He was a member of the national democratic convention that nominated Mr. Tilden, and a member of the state convention that nominated Gov. Colquitt, and at the time of his death was chairman of the county democratic executive committee.

RICHARD ELLIOTT ALLEN, leading underwriter, Augusta, Ga., was born in that city July 21, 1861. He was reared in the city of his birth, receiving his education at the old Richmond county academy, which seat of learning he left in 1879. For three years thereafter he was engaged as clerk for Garrett & Latimer, cotton factors of Augusta. Upon the death of his father, Joseph V. H. Allen, in 1883, he was taken into partnership in the insurance business of his brother, G. H. Allen, who had assumed charge of the business of his father. G. H. Allen having died in 1885 the business has since been carried on alone by the distinguished gentleman whose name entitles this sketch, though the original firm title of J. V. H. Allen & Co. is still retained. This house represents some of the strongest and stanchest insurance organizations in the world, and it may be said to the credit of the house that every honest claim has been promptly met, since it was founded in 1866. The companies here represented comprise such high-class concerns as the Royal of England, Liverpool and London and Globe of England, Imperial of England, Insurance Company of North America, Philadelphia, Aetna of Hartford, Conn., National of Hartford, Conn., New York Underwriters' agency, and the Georgia Home Insurance company, of Columbus, Ga. The clientage of this house, while largely local, also comes from the territory in South Carolina and eastern Georgia contiguous to the city of Augusta. Mr. Richard E. Allen, the present sole proprietor, is one of the best known residents of the "electric city." He is identified with a number of useful organizations, and is also a large real estate owner. He is president of the Augusta Real Estate and Building association. The agency he controls has long afforded great conveniences and advantages to the residents of Augusta and vicinity. During the years of 1892, 1893, 1894 and 1895 R. E. Allen was on the board of assessors of Augusta. In masonic circles he is especially prominent, being eminent commander of Georgia commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, and grand junior warden of the grand lodge, Knights Templar, of Georgia. Mr. Allen is also a demitted member of the Knights of Pythias.

DR. JOSEPH EVE ALLEN, professor of obstetrics and pediatrics of the medical department of the university of Georgia, was born in Augusta in 1857. He was brought up and educated in Augusta and was graduated from the medical department of the state university in 1877, and at once commenced practice. In 1880 Dr. Allen was appointed lecturer on clinical midwifery, and in 1884-5 he was adjunct to the chair of obstetrics, and in 1894 he was appointed to the chair he now holds. He is president of the Augusta Academy of Medicine, and has served some time on the Augusta board of health. He is consulting obstetrician to the city hospital and to the Freedman's hospital of Augusta. Dr.

Allen is past master of Social lodge No. 1, F. and A. M., and is a Knight Templar, being prelate of Georgia commandery, of Augusta. He also belongs to the I. O. O. F. and I. O. R. M. Joseph Eve Allen's maternal grandfather, Dr. Joseph Eve, was a native of South Carolina. He was one of the founders of the Augusta Medical society, and president of the State Medical association. He was, also, for more than fifty years professor of obstetrics in the Augusta Medical college, and honorary fellow of the American Gynecological society, and of the Boston Gynecological society, and of the American Medical association.

HON. GEORGE F. BARNES, president of the Augusta Gas-light company, of Augusta, Ga., was born in that city Aug. 14, 1833. He was reared in Augusta, receiving his education at the old Richmond academy, and in 1850, entered the university of Georgia, at Athens, from which institution he was graduated, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, three years later. Returning to Augusta, he was for a time acting correspondent at Milledgeville, the then capital of Georgia for the "Augusta Press." In 1854 he began the study of law under Judge William T. Gould, of Augusta, mastered it, and engaged in the practice in that city. In 1859-60, Mr. Barnes was elected a member of the general assembly of Georgia from Richmond county, and was re-elected for three successive terms thereafter. In April, 1861, he entered the Confederate service as first lieutenant of the Washington artillery, an old volunteer company, and served in that capacity one year, taking part in the engagements at Pensacola, Fla., and at Corinth and Shiloh, Miss. During the latter part of the war, Mr. Barnes was captain of artillery, subsequently being promoted to the rank of major, and served on the coasts of Georgia and South Carolina, participating in the bombardment of Fort Pickens and in the engagement at Savannah. After the close of hostilities, Maj. Barnes returned to Augusta and formed a partnership in the practice of law with Maj. Joseph B. Cumming, which partnership was continued for more than eighteen years. Maj. Barnes was a member of the national democratic executive committee in 1876 to 1884, a delegate-at-large to the national democratic conventions of 1868, 1876 and 1880, and was elected a national representative in the forty-ninth, fiftieth and fifty-first congresses (1885-91), and gained much prominence in the latter congress by his able service as a member of the committee on territories. From his entrance into political life, he has demonstrated that he is a successful, common-sense statesman, a remarkably practical man, with ardent convictions and an iron will, and he has exerted a strong and healthful force on legislation. Since 1884 he has not devoted his time and talents to the general practice of law, but has appeared occasionally in cases of special moment. In private life, Maj. Barnes is a model of rectitude.

WILLIAM H. BARRETT, city recorder of Augusta, Ga., was born in that city Sept. 10, 1866. He was raised in Augusta and educated at the old Richmond academy. In 1881 he went to Bellevue academy, Bedford county, Va., where he took first honors. Then he went to the university of Georgia, and graduated, in 1885, with first honors and the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. Then returning to Augusta, he was made principal of the Central Grammar school, of that city, studying law part of the time. On Nov. 10, 1887, he was admitted to the bar, and for one year was in the office with Maj. J. C. C. Black, present congressman. Since that time he has been alone. In December, 1893, Mr. Barrett was appointed city recorder by the mayor, to fill a vacancy occurring in that office, and in January, 1894, he was elected to fill the unexpired term by the city council. Mr. Barrett takes an active part in politics. He belongs to no secret order, and is a member of the Episcopal church.