

JOHN O. PERRY, judge county court, Newton, Baker Co., son of John and Martha (Partin) Perry, was born in Crawford county, Ga., April 3, 1835. His father was a native of North Carolina, who, on the death of his father when he was a boy, left that state and came to Georgia. He dwelt awhile in Burke county, then went to Twiggs county, where he married his wife (who was a native of South Carolina), and, later moved to Crawford county—among its earlier settlers. He was a farmer, but took an active part in politics, holding the offices of bailiff and tax collector many years. When advanced in years he moved to Jefferson county, where he married a second time, and died in 1863, aged sixty-six years. An older brother, William Perry, died while a soldier in the war of 1812. Judge Perry's mother died in Crawford county, in 1856, aged fifty-seven years. Both parents were members of the Primitive Baptist church. They had eight children, of whom those living are: John O., the subject of this sketch; M. F., treasurer Crawford county; Caroline Becham, wife of Washington Becham, Crawford county; and Martha L. Seely, of Terrell county. The deceased are: William R., died in Florida, in 1881, aged sixty-one years; Columbus B., of the Twelfth Georgia regiment, died October, 1861, on Greenbriar river, aged twenty-four years; America, drowned when two years old; Bettie, died at twenty-three; Jane, wife of Robert Hancock, died in Crawford county, sixty years of age. Mr. Perry remained on the farm, and attended the common schools until he was sixteen years old, when he engaged as a clerk in a neighboring store until he was of age. He then went to Bainbridge as bookkeeper for J. H. Colbert & Co. He was elected marshal and held the office until he left for the Confederate army as a member of the Bainbridge independents, Capt. J. W. Evans, First Georgia regiment, Col. Ramsay. After serving here a year he enlisted in the Abell battery, Florida artillery, with which he remained as first gun sergeant until Gen. Johnston surrendered at Greensboro, N. C., April 26, 1865. He was in the battle at Greenbriar river, Va.; at Olustee and other battles in Florida, and the battles around Savannah, besides many minor engagements. After the war he returned to Bainbridge, finding nothing left but a wife and three children. He soon left for Mitchell county, Ga., where he engaged in farming, with excellent success, for four years. The latter part of 1869 he moved to, and settled in the woods on the land he now owns, and which has since been his home—on the Flint river, between two and three miles below Newton. Besides this 250-acre tract, under improved and profitable cultivation, he has one of 500 acres partially cleared, and several other tracts. He is a progressive and good farmer, full of energy, and very popular. Besides his farming interests he is largely interested in real estate in Baker and adjoining counties. April 1, 1876, he was appointed judge of the county court, and is now serving his tenth term—will have served twenty years on the expiration of his present term, April 1, 1896—and during his nineteen years' service the decisions of but one case have been reversed, and he has never, from any cause whatever, failed to hold his court at the stated time. He is thoroughly alive to the interests and progress of the county and its development. Mr. Perry was married in Abbeville, Ala., Nov. 29, 1859, to Miss Sarah, daughter of Edwin J. Cole, a leading merchant of Clayton, Barbour Co., Ala., a union which has been blessed with four children: Mrs. Lulu A. May, Florida; Walter C., traveling salesman, Bainbridge, Ga.; Edwin J., cashier Bainbridge state bank; Willie Frank, died when two years and six months old. Mr. Perry was president of the county board of education fifteen years, or until the law was passed against holding two offices at the same time. He is a member of the American Legion of Honor, and has been grand commander of Georgia, and was Georgia's representative to the supreme council held at Milwaukee, Wis., August, 1893. He also was

Georgia's representative at Detroit, Mich., in August, 1895. Himself and wife are exemplary and active members of the Presbyterian church, of which he has been a ruling elder twenty-one years. He has been superintendent of the Newton Sunday school twenty years, and president of the Sunday school association of the county fifteen years. Baker county cannot, and it might safely be said that no county can, claim a more useful citizen. Judge Perry is now in his sixty-first year. He is hale and hearty, strong and active, and is a total abstainer from all intoxicants, not having so much as tasted wine or strong drinks for the last twenty-three years of his life.

HENRY T. PULLEN, planter, Millford, Baker Co., Ga., son of Moses and Penelope (Askew) Pullen, natives respectively of Virginia and North Carolina, was born in Laurens county, Ga., in 1825. His grandfather, Rev. Thomas Pullen, was a native of Scotland, and came to the United States late in the last century, married a Miss Bowers in Virginia, then migrated to Georgia and settled in Laurens county at what is now known as Pullen's Hill, where he engaged in planting. He was a zealous Methodist preacher, and supplied several churches. He died in Laurens county at the age of seventy-five years. His wife died several years before he did. They had six children—all deceased—of whom Henry T. Pullen's father was the youngest son. He was born and raised on the home place, and received a common school education in Laurens county. He married a Miss Ard, by whom he had three daughters: Priscilla, born deaf and dumb (deceased); Sarah, widow of Seabon Walters, Americus, Ga.; Martha J., wife of Simeon Walters, Baker county. The mother of these having died, he married Miss Penelope Askew, born in North Carolina. In 1831 he moved from Laurens to Sumter county, Ga., and settled on a tract of land and lived there until he died. He was a lieutenant in the army in the last war against Great Britain—1812-14—was an old-line whig in politics, and a member and class leader in the Methodist church, and was a much-esteemed citizen. His wife died in 1865, and himself in 1866. Of the children born to them five lived to maturity: Henry Thomas, the subject of this sketch; Mary Ann, wife of Isaac C. Harris, Norwood, Warren county, Ga.; Moses M., Alabama; Joshua H. (deceased); and William, died in Virginia during the war, a member of Patterson's company, Cutt's battalion brigade of artillery. Mr. Pullen's father moved while he was a child to Sumter county, where he was raised and educated. He remained at home until he was twenty-five years old, when he went to Stewart county, Ga. After several years' residence there he moved to Calhoun county, Ga., where he lived four years, and then returned with his family to Sumter county. In 1864 he enlisted in the Tenth regiment, Georgia state troops, and remained in the service till the close of the war. In 1866, he removed to Blakeley, Early county, Ga., living there five years; thence to Damascus, same county, where he planted until 1879, when he settled permanently where he now lives. Mr. Pullen has a fine plantation and comfortable home, is a prosperous man, very highly esteemed, and exercises a wide and strong influence for good. Mr. Pullen has been twice married. His first wife was Miss Annie E., born in Columbia county, Ga., daughter of William P. Jones, of Sumter county, by whom he had nine children: William M., Early county; Thomas H., physician, graduate Georgia college eclectic medicine and surgery, Atlanta; George M., at home; Mittie L., deceased wife of W. I. Layton, Seneca, Florida; Sarah W., deceased wife of G. D. Webb, Cuthbert, Ga.; Emma, died at thirteen years of age; Ida Anna, died at four years of age; and two which died when infants. Mrs. Pullen died Sept. 13, 1874, and subsequently Mr. Pullen married Miss Jane E. Hardy, whose parents moved from South Carolina to Miller