

# Greenfield Professional Men

Past and Present

*No community can exist for any length of time, and certainly cannot grow, unless it attracts and retains strong members of the various professions. Greenfield has been particularly fortunate in the professional men who have made it their home, and who have contributed so much to it in so many ways.*

*This section contains brief biographies of these men, prepared either by themselves, members of their families, or descendants. They are listed chronologically.*

## THE MEDICAL PROFESSION

### **DR. E. J. SHANNON**

Dr. E. J. Shannon, son of James and Mary Shannon, of Wilson County, Tennessee, was born in 1842.

He was principally educated at the White Oaks Academy in Wilson County. Then for a while he studied medicine under Dr. Andrew Eskew of Lebanon, Tennessee. Later he entered and finished his training at the Medical College of Louisville, Kentucky.

He came to Weakley County around 1847 and started practicing medicine in Scatterville (now known as the Shafter neighborhood). He acquired considerable land holdings in that section.

Dr. Shannon was married to Sarah E. Moseley Oct. 15, 1847. There were three children born of this marriage. His first wife died Jan. 28, 1855. In November, 1855, he married Nancy Justice, who died Aug. 24, 1856. He then took a third wife, Mary Justice, Oct. 25, 1857, a sister of Nancy. There were five children born to this third marriage: Nancy, Samuel, William B., Thomas L. and John D.

He was a Democrat, and cast his first vote for General Cass. He was active in the Masonic Lodge for a number of years. He and his three wives are buried in the Old Hall burial ground.

### **DR. D. W. SCATES**

Alexander H. Scates, father of D. Warren Scates, was born in Virginia in 1819. In September, 1842, he married Perneca Payne, who died in 1848, leaving two children. He then married Susan C. Warren ( our subject's mother), by whom he had three children. D. Warren Scates was born in Weakley County July 19, 1856. He was educated in the neighboring schools and at the age of nineteen entered McKenzie College, where he remained for two and one half years. In 1878 he entered the medical department of the University of Tennessee at Nashville, and after remaining one year, entered Jefferson College at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, graduating in 1879. He immediately located in Greenfield to practice.

On December 9, 1884, Dr. Scates married Miss E. Florence Hardy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hardy. Because her parents died when she was quite young, she made her home with an aunt, Emma Green, at Bells Depot, Tennessee. She finished her education in Staunton, Virginia, graduating with high honors in French and music. She owned a fine forty-acre orange grove in Hemando County, Florida, and a residence in Ocala, Florida.

Dr. Scates was a Democrat and he and his family belonged to the Christian church.

To this marriage was born three sons, Darrell, Fagan, and Frank, and one daughter, Florence. Miss Florence, who also excelled in music like her mother, married Harry Walters and now resides in Martin, where she has taught music for many years.

### **DR. HENRY F. HUDSON**

Dr. Henry F. Hudson, son of Daried H. and Martha J. Hudson, was born on the 23rd day of November, 1846, in Wilson County.

He was educated near his home in Wilson County. He then attended Nashville University for one year, 1871. After this, he enrolled at Louisville Medical College, Louisville, Ky., where he was graduated in 1873.

Dr. Hudson practiced medicine the first five years after graduation in Bradford, Tenn. About 1878 he came to Greenfield, opened an office and continued his practice until death in 1924.

In 1869, he was married to Lucy Baird, daughter of Henry and Almeda Baird of Wilson County, Tennessee. They had two daughters, Dovie and Etta.

Dr. Hudson was a good business man, as well as a good doctor. He owned some real estate in Greenfield and a stave mill a few miles from town.

He was Mayor of Greenfield for three terms and was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

### **DR. JOHN R. FOWLKES**

Dr. John R. Fowlkes, son of Richard W. and Caroline Fowlkes, was born Feb. 23, 1865, in Bakerville, Tennessee.

He received his early education in Bakerville and Dickson, Tenn. He entered Vanderbilt University in 1888, and four years later graduated with a degree in medicine.

Dr. Fowlkes opened an office in Dyer, Tenn., where he practiced for about one year. In June, 1893, he was married to Mary Morrow of Greenfield. Moving to Greenfield soon after, he practiced medicine here for about forty years.

There were four children, three sons, Robert, John, Marshall, and one daughter, Jane.

He served as Captain in the Medical Corps during World War I.

He died in Veterans Hospital at Binningham, Ala., Feb. 16, 1963, at age 97.

### **DR. WILLIAM W. MITCHELL**

Dr. William W. Mitchell, son of Rom and Liza Mitchell, was born Jan. 1, 1866, in Weakley County, Tennessee.

He received his early education here in Weakley County. At age 17 he went to Kansas City, Mo., where he worked for a time to earn money for his college work. He entered Vanderbilt University

and was graduated in the School of Medicine there in 1895.

He first opened an office in Hill Side, Tenn., where he practiced for only a few months. He moved to Greenfield, where he practiced until his death in 1936.

He was married to Eva Edmunson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Edmunson, of Gibson County, May 30, 1900. One son, William Franklin, was born of this marriage, who died at age six months.

Dr. Mitchell was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. He was superintendent of the Sunday School from 1908 until his death.

#### **DR. J. D. SHANNON**

John Dean Shannon, son of Dr. E. J. Shannon and Mary Justice Shannon, was born December 27, 1886. He married Ella C. Tatum, May 5, 1891, and they had two daughters, Goldie and Pauline Shannon. Dr. Shannon practiced medicine in the surrounding county for many years until 1929, when he was killed by a train in downtown Greenfield while en route to see a patient.

#### **DR. BASIL S. MAYO**

Dr. Basil S. Mayo, son of Reverend and Mrs. Mayo, was born near Dresden, Tennessee, in the year 1883.

He got his elementary and high school education in Dresden, entered Vanderbilt School of Medicine in 1906 and was graduated in 1911.

Dr. Mayo first started practicing medicine in Dresden, and continued until 1917, when he entered the Army for the duration of World War I. After his discharge from the U. S. Army, he located in Greenfield, and practiced medicine here until 1946.

He was married to Miss Day Hillis, daughter of S. J. and Ellen Hillis of Greenfield, in 1917. To this marriage was born three children; two daughters, Jane and Ellen, and one son, Thomas.

In 1946 Dr. Mayo's health broke to the point where he was forced to retire. After retirement he moved to Dresden, where he lived until his death in 1957.

### **DR. GEORGE CONNOR THOMAS**

Dr. G. C. Thomas was born October 25, 1877, near Hickman, Kentucky. Having graduated from the University of Tennessee Medical School in 1905, he practiced medicine at Oakton, Kentucky, until January 1, 1908, when he moved to Greenfield.

He married Miss Georgia Jackson Shannon on December 23, 1908. They had two sons, William Shannon Thomas and George Connor Thomas, Jr .

He volunteered for service in World War I, serving the last six months of the war. He then returned to Greenfield to continue his practice until his death on June 23, 1948.

### **DR. J. H. PADFIELD**

Dr. J. H. Padfield was born in the State of Missouri ( date not known) . He received his medical degree from the University of Kentucky Medical School, around 1900, and practiced for a time in Savannah, Tenn. He came to Greenfield in 1903 and practiced medicine here until 1908. He moved to Springfield, Tenn., where he practiced until his death in 1957.

He was married to Bessie Doran. They had one son Harold.

### **DR. ROBERT GARRETT**

Dr. Robert Garrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Garrett, Sr., was born near McKenzie, Tenn. His father taught in the Greenfield High School for a short time.

After graduating from U.T. Doctors, Dr. Garrett opened an office and practiced medicine here in Greenfield, from 1937 until 1941.

He moved from here to Spring Hill, Louisiana, where he operated a 72 bed hospital until his death in 1963.

### **DR. ROBERT W. BRANDON, JR.**

Dr. Robert W. Brandon, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Brandon, Sr., was born Oct. 11, 1912, in Martin, Tenn. He was educated in Elementary and High School in Martin. He graduated from the University of Tennessee Medical School in 1937.

His first practice was with his father in Martin, from 1937 until 1941, except for a short time spent in the service during World War II.

Dr. Brandon moved to Greenfield in 1941 and practiced here until 1948. He moved back to Martin where he is still working with his father.

He was married to Frances Harris, of Martin, in 1937. They have two sons, Robert W., III, and Wayne.

### **DR. GLEN JOHNSON**

After graduation from Medical School, Dr. Glen Johnson came to Greenfield around 1938. He opened offices in the Ray building, where he practiced for about three years.

From here he went to John Gaston Hospital in Memphis, where he took some special work and training in surgery. It is said that he went from John Gaston to some place in Texas to continue his profession.

### **DR. VERNON FAGAN**

Dr. Vernon Fagan graduated from Louisiana Medical School in New Orleans, Louisiana, June 13, 1945, later interning in St. Louis City Hospital. He served his residency at the Charity Hospital of Louisiana in New Orleans, specializing in anesthesiology .

In March, 1943, he was married to Della Stout of Louisiana. He served in the United States Navy until 1947. They now have three children, Vernon Fagan, III, Bess Marie, and Van A.

After practicing medicine in Greenfield from March, 1948, until June, 1955, Dr. Fagan is now residing at Mercy Hospital in New Orleans,

His present status and qualifications are President of Louisiana State Society of Anesthesiology, Chairman of New Orleans Academy of Anesthesiology , Visiting Anesthesiologist of Charity Hospital, a Delegate of Louisiana State Medical Society, a Delegate of the American Society of Anesthesiology, Orleans Parish Medical Society, Instructor of Louisiana State University Medical School, Director of the Department of Anesthesia at Mercy Hospital, a Fellow of the American College of Anesthesiology, and a Diplomat of the American Board of Anesthesiology .

### **DR. I. F. PORTER**

Ira F. Porter, one of the ten children of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Porter of Humboldt, Tennessee, was born February 8, 1917. He graduated from Alamo High School and then the University of Tennessee Medical School in 1941. He interned eighteen months at John Gaston Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. On April 14, 1940, he married Miss Nelwyn Todd of Medina, Tennessee.

Having entered the Army Air Force January, 1943, he remained overseas in the North Pacific for nearly three years until he was separated from the Air Force as a Major, in August, 1946.

Dr. and Mrs. Porter moved to Greenfield in July, 1946. His office was located over the Belew's Drugstore until his brother, Dr. Nathan Porter, joined him in 1950. Together, the doctors built the Porter Clinic in 1951 and at this writing are still co-owners. Dr. Edward T. Frank joined them in their practice in 1962, and left for Vanderbilt Medical School in 1965.

Dr. Porter has been very active while living in Greenfield. He is a member of Weakley County Medical Society, the Tennessee State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. He served four terms as City Alderman, a member of the Board of Stewards of the Methodist Church, a member of the Board of Directors of the Greenfield Industrial Corporation, and an original member of the Board of Directors of the Greenfield Development Company, a Director of the Board of the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Selective Service Draft Board, and a member of the Royal Masonic Order.

Dr. and Mrs. Ira Porter have three children, Todd H., 1946, Nan Jo, 1952, and Janna, 1954. He and his family belong to the Methodist Church.

### **DR. NATHAN F. PORTER**

Nathan F. Porter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Porter, was born December 24, 1924, being seventh in a family of ten children. He is a descendant of a family living in West Tennessee since 1825.

After graduation from Alamo High School in 1942, he attended the Memphis School of Pharmacy, then studied medicine at the University of Tennessee, where he graduated in December, 1948. He then interned at General Hospital in Knoxville for two years.

June 16, 1948, he married Miss Barbara Fields of Ecu, Mississippi, a graduate nurse from John Gaston school of nursing in Memphis, Tennessee. They now have six children, Natalie, Rosalie, Sharis, Nathan, Rory, and Eric. Dr. Porter has been practicing medicine in Greenfield since 1950. He is co-owner of the Porter Clinic in Greenfield with his brother Dr. Ira Porter.

He is a member of the American Medical Association, the Tennessee State Medical Association, the Weakley County Medical Society since 1950, and the American Academy of General Practice since 1954. He has served on the Weakley County Board of Education since 1958 and is a member of the Tennessee School Board. Other memberships include Alpha Kappa Medical Fraternity, where he was President for two years, the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce and the Greenfield Rotary Club, of which he was Secretary- Treasurer in 1957-59 and Vice-President in 1959-60. Dr. Porter is also a Democrat and a member of the Church of Christ.

### **DR. EDWARD T. FRANK**

Edward Thomas Frank, son of Edward and Violet Ann Frank, was born February 14, 1935. After graduation from Lakeside High School in Lake Village, Arkansas, he attended the University of Arkansas, Hindrix College in Conway, Arkansas, and received a B.S. degree from Arkansas A. and M. in 1957. After receiving his medical degree from the University of Tennessee in 1960, he interned at St. Joseph Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

Dr. Frank married Jeanette Ann Anderson, a laboratory technician, on February 4, 1961. Before moving to Greenfield and joining Drs. Ira and Nathan Porter at the Porter Clinic, he practiced medicine in Guymon, Oklahoma) for about a year. In 1965 he was awarded a Fellowship in Psychiatry at Vanderbilt Medical School at Nashville.



He is now a member of the Tennessee State Medical Association, the American Medical Association, and belongs to the Episcopal Church.

## **DENTISTS**

### **DR. N. M. BARNETT**

Dr. N. M. Barnett was born in 1855. He was graduated from the Vanderbilt School of Dentistry in Nashville in 1891.

He first opened offices in Sharon, Tennessee, where he practiced for a short time. He moved to Greenfield about 1894, opening an office over the Greenfield Drug Go., where he practiced until his death on August 12, 1925.

Dr. Barnett was married to Malinda Mullins, August 2, 1887. They had two children; one daughter, who died at age two, and a son who died at age twenty-one.

He was active in the Masonic Lodge for a number of years; was a member of the Presbyterian Church U. S. A.

### **DR. OSCAR BRASFIELD**

Dr. Oscar Brasfield was born August 25, 1876; attended the local schools and later graduated from the School of Dentistry, Vanderbilt University, at Nashville.

After his graduation in 1904, he opened offices here in Greenfield, over the Brasfield Drug Co. Here he practiced dentistry until his death in November, 1907.

He was a member of the Methodist Church, and a member of the Masonic Lodge.

### **DR. W. T. SMITH**

Dr. W. T. Smith was born in Fayetteville, Tennessee, in the year 1882. He attended elementary and Morgans Preparatory School, graduating from Morgans in 1904. He entered the School of

Dentistry at Vanderbilt university, Nashville, in 1905; was graduated and passed State Board of Examiners in 1908.

Dr. Smith started his practice here in Greenfield on May 27, 1908, in offices over the Brasfield Drugstore. He moved from here to Dickson, Tennessee, in June, 1933, where he opened offices and resumed his practice of dentistry until his death in 1960.

He married Miss Ruby Ward, of this city, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ward. One son, William Ward Smith, was born of this marriage.

He was a member of the City Board of Aldermen and City Treasurer for a number of years; a member of District, State and National Dental Assn. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

#### **DR. R. D. BISHOP**

A son of Dorsey and Lela Bishop, Dr. R. D. Bishop was born August 27, 1909, in Enville, Tennessee.

He attended Elementary and High School in Henderson, Tennessee. He entered the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 1928, transferred, after one year, to U.T. Doctors, School of Dentistry, in Memphis, where he was graduated in June 1933.

He moved to Greenfield in 1933 and opened offices in the Allen and Shannon building ( now Williams Building) , where he continues his practice.

Dr. Bishop was married to Clara Pitts, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. T. Pitts, of Henderson, Tennessee. They have three children: two sons, Hal Douglas and Barry, and a daughter Elaine.

He is a member of the Presbyterian Church U. S. A. ; a charter member of the Rotary Club; a member of the District, State, and National Dental Societies.

## **OPTOMETRY**

### **COKE ORELL GALLOWAY**

Coke Orell Galloway, son of Orville and Ida Grooms Galloway, was born in October, 1893. He received his education in the schools of McKenzie and Greenfield. He then attended and graduated from the Northern College of Optometry in Chicago, Ill. After graduation, he opened an office here in Greenfield and practiced for some four or five years. He then moved his office to McKenzie, where he continued the practice of Optometry until his death in October, 1938.

Dr. Galloway was married to Elizabeth Edmonson, of Greenfield, in 1927. There were five children born of this marriage: Elouise, Gloria, Janice, Frank and Ann Galloway.

### **GROVER C. JEWELL**

Born July 15, 1917, in Bradford, Tenn., Grover C. Jewell graduated from the Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tenn., in June, 1948.

He practiced optometry for a short time in offices over the Greenfield Drugstore.

He was married in June) 1946, to June Penticost of Sharon, Tennessee. Dr. Jewell and wife have one daughter, Jackie Sue, born August, 1950.

### **DR. BILLY PITTS, O.D.**

Son of Joseph Franklin and Sarah McClarin Pitts, Dr. Billy Pitts was born May 27, 1925, in Sharon, Tennessee.

He was educated in the Sharon school system, after which he was graduated from the Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tennessee, September, 1949.

He opened offices in Sharon and Greenfield in 1950, and divided his practice between the two towns until November, 1952. Since then he has practiced full time in Greenfield, with offices on Main Street, in the Greenfield Undertaking building.

Dr. Pitts was a pilot in the U. S. Air Force during World War II, with the rank of Flight Officer, from August, 1943, until his discharge in September, 1945.

He married Faye Lackie, of Sharon, Tenn., in March, 1951; two daughters, Keely and Lori Ann, were born of this marriage.

He is a member of the Methodist Church; member and past president of the local Lions Club.

## **LAWYERS**

### **JUDGE ROBERT A. ELKINS**

Robert A. Elkins was born on August 20, 1880, at Dyer, Gibson County, Tennessee. He was the son of Charles E. Elkins and Nancy Storher Elkins.

He attended the Elementary and High School at Dyer, Gibson County, Tennessee, and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Tennessee. Upon graduation from the University, he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in June, 1903, and the degree of Bachelor of Laws in June, 1905, and was licensed to practice law by the Supreme Court of Tennessee in 1905.

During the years 1905 and 1906, he assisted Judge Henry H. Ingersoll, Dean of the College of Law, University of Tennessee, in preparing a treatise on Municipal Corporation Law and Regulations.

He was a teacher in the Public Schools of Montgomery, Alabama) during the school year 1906-1907, and a teacher in Peacock Preparatory School for Boys at San Antonio, Texas, during the school year 1901-1908.

He came to Greenfield, Weakley County, Tennessee, in August, 1908, opened law offices, and commenced the practice of law. He was Attorney for the City of Greenfield during 1909, 1910, and 1911.

He married Miss Jessie Hillis, daughter of S. J. Hillis and Ellen Kemp Hillis of Greenfield, Tennessee, on November 10, 1910. One daughter was born of this marriage, namely, Mildred

Elkins Shannon, wife of Dr. R. C. Shannon, Dresden, Weakley County, Tennessee.

He moved to Dresden, Weakley County, Tennessee, in 1911, and became associated with Hugh H. Bar in the practice of law under the law firm name of Bar & Elkins.

He was Attorney for the N. C. & St. L. Railroad.

He was elected State Senator from the Twenty-Eighth Senatorial District of the State of Tennessee, composed of the Counties of Lake, Obion and Weakley, and served as State Senator in the 1913 and 1915 Sessions of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee.

In 1917, he was elected Circuit Court Judge, Fourteenth Judicial circuit of the State of Tennessee, composed of the Counties of Obion, Benton, Dyer, Lake and Weakley, and was re-elected in 1925 and 1933. After 24 years as Circuit Court Judge, he retired, but continued to serve, upon call, as Special Judge of Circuit Courts in other Judicial Circuits of Tennessee until his death on April 4, 1949. He assumed the responsibilities and discharged the duties of this important judicial office with pride, dignity, honor and distinction.

He was a member of the Methodist Church, Dresden, Tennessee, and taught the Men's Bible Class of the Church more than 30 years. He was a delegate from the Memphis Conference of Methodist Churches to the General Conference of the Methodist Churches of the United States, held at Kansas City, Missouri, and also a delegate to the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of Methodist Churches held at Asheville, North Carolina.

He was a Mason, a member of the Weakley County Bar Association, and a member of the Tennessee Bar Association.

### **SELDEN LONGLEY MAIDEN**

Selden Longley Maiden was born on August 8, 1883, at McEwen, Humphreys County, Tennessee, the son of Geo. Allen and Rosamond Hawley Maiden. He moved to Weakley County in 1895 and located near Martin, Tennessee.

He attended Elementary and High Schools at McEwen, and Ralston, Tennessee; McFerrin School at Martin, and Brother Jewell's School at Dresden. He then attended Dickson Normal College at Dickson, Tennessee. He prepared himself for the legal profession by reading law in the offices of Jones & Jones, Attorneys at Law, in Dresden, during the years 1907 and 1908, after which he was licensed, by the Supreme Court, to practice law in the State.

He moved to Memphis, Tenn., in 1909 and became associated with his brother, Judge R. E. Maiden, in the practice of law.

He moved to Greenfield in May, 1912, and opened law offices here. He was married to Miss Mamie Brasfield, daughter of L. C. and Nannie Ward Brasfield, of this city, on Nov. 15, 1916.

A member of the Methodist Church, he taught the Men's Bible Class for several years. He was a Mason and active in the local lodge for a number of years.

Elected to the House of Representatives, from Weakley County, he served in the 1915 and 1917 Sessions of the General Assembly for the State of Tennessee. He was elected State Senator from the Twenty-Eighth Senatorial District, which was then composed of Lake, Obion and Weakley Counties, and served with distinction during the 1923 and 1925 sessions. He was again elected to the House of Representatives from Weakley County in 1927; was made Speaker of the House for this session. This most responsible position was filled by him capably and with distinctive pride and honor.

In August, 1935, he was the primary force in organizing the Greenfield Banking Company; was made president and continued as such until his death on May 24, 1949.

### **PHILIP DAIR HARRIS**

Philip Dair Harris was born on February 3, 1886, at McKenzie, Carroll County, Tennessee. He was the son of Charles Byron Harris and Mary Ida (Swaim) Harris. His parents moved to Como, Henry County, Tennessee, in 1895, where his father owned and operated a farm and general merchandising business until his death in January, 1901.

He attended the Elementary and High Schools at McKenzie, Tennessee, and Como, Tennessee; the Southwestern Baptist University at Jackson; the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Tennessee, and graduated from the College of Law, University of Tennessee, in June, 1910. He was Historian of his Law Class, and a member of Lambda Chapter of Kappa Sigma social fraternity.

He became associated with the law firm of Lewis & Garrett, Dresden, Weakley County, Tennessee ( composed of Ralph T. Lewis and Congressman Finis J. Garrett and commenced the general practice of law in Greenfield, Tennessee, on or about the first of September, 1910, under the law firm name of Lewis, Garrett & Harris. In connection with his law practice, he was appointed, and served as Postmaster at Greenfield under the Administration of President Woodrow Wilson.

He married Miss Bennie Louise Barton, daughter of John Robert Barton and Mary Etta (Womble) Barton of Greenfield, on April 21, 1911. Two children ( sons) were born of this marriage, namely, Robert Dair Harris, born February 12, 1912, passed away February 21, 1912, and Phil Barton Harris, born July 24, 1918.

He was elected Mayor of the City of Greenfield in 1923, and was re-elected six consecutive terms of two years each. Under his administration, and largely through his planning and influence, a dilapidated, antiquated municipal electric and water system was replaced by a modern 24 hour water and electric service that reduced materially insurance rates on every building in Greenfield; a system of paved streets and a sewerage system unexcelled in any town of West Tennessee were constructed, and with labor and building material furnished largely by the Public Works Administration, the Elementary and High School buildings were enlarged and remodeled and a new gymnasium and modern athletic field constructed without cost to the taxpayers of Greenfield.

He was President of the Board of Trustees of the Greenfield Training School in 1923, 1924 and 1925, at which time this private school was changed to, and became a part of, the Public School System of Greenfield.

He was attorney for the Greenfield Bank from 1911 to 1935. He was elected State Senator from

the Twenty-Eighth Senatorial District of Tennessee, composed of the Counties of Lake, Obion and Weakley, and served as State Senator in the 1933 and 1935 Sessions of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee.

He represented the Ninth Congressional District, now the Eighth Congressional District, of Tennessee as Presidential Elector of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Vice-President John N. Gamer in the 1936 Presidential Election.

In 1937, he was appointed by direction of the Secretary of the United States Treasury Department an Attorney in the Office of the Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service, United States Treasury Department, Washington, D. C. He became an Attorney Advisor in the Chief Counsel's Office. On September 30, 1963, he received the "Albert Gallatin Award" presented by the Secretary of the United States Treasury Department for meritorious service rendered in the interest of the Government, and retired from Federal Government Service the latter part of 1963.

He returned to Greenfield, and on January 1, 1964, became associated with his son, Phil Barton Harris, in the practice of law under the law firm name of Harris & Harris.

He is a member and Elder of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., Greenfield, and was Sunday School Superintendent and Sunday School Teacher several years. He is a member of the Weakley County Bar Association; the Tennessee Bar Association; and during his years in Washington was a member of the Federal Bar Association.

### **ROBERT EDWARD LEE GALLIMORE**

Robert Edward Lee Gallimore was born on February 28, 1902, in the 16th Civil District of Weakley County, Tennessee, near Greenfield, Tennessee. He was the son of William Gallimore and Annie Gallimore.

He attended Laneview High School in Gibson County, Tennessee; the University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, and Cumberland University Law School, Lebanon, Tennessee, and received a law degree from Cumberland University Law School in June, 1923. He commenced the practice of law in association with Judge R. E. Maiden, Dresden, Weakley County, Tennessee, in 1923.



He was a capable lawyer and a forceful speaker.

He married Miss Ione Swearingen, daughter of Nathan Ernest Swearingen and Byrd (Ray) Swearingen of Greenfield, Tennessee, in 1920. Two daughters were born of this marriage, namely, Mrs. Joy Jean Wilson of Memphis, Tennessee, and Mrs. Peggy Ann Williams of Memphis, Tennessee.

He was elected Floterial Representative from the Twenty-Second Floterial District of Tennessee, composed of Weakley, Carroll and Henry Counties, and served as such Floterial Representative in the 1925 and 1927 Sessions of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee.

He became associated with Philip D. Harris in the practice of law at Greenfield, Weakley County, Tennessee, in 1927.

His wife, Mrs. Ione (Swearingen) Gallimore, passed away in 1928, and he married Mrs. Codie Mae Freeman Oliver of Martin, Tennessee, in 1932. He opened law offices in Martin in 1932 and practiced law there until his death on December 31, 1962.

He was a Delegate from Weakley County, Tennessee, to the Tennessee Constitutional Convention held in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1953.

He represented the Ninth Congressional District of Tennessee as Presidential Elector of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Vice-President John. Garner in the 1932 Presidential Election.

He was a member of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., Greenfield, and later became a member of the Church of Christ, Martin, Tennessee.

He was an active member of the "Sons of the Confederacy" ; active member of the Weakley County Bar Association; a member of Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity; a member of Lambda Chi Alpha social fraternity and a Mason.

## **RUSSELL OVERTON HASKINS**

Russell Overton Haskins was born on August 23, 1910. He was the son of Edward W. Haskins and Brooksie ( Overton) Haskins of Greenfield Weakley County, Tennessee.

He attended the Elementary and High School, Greenfield, Tennessee and after reading and studying law in the law offices of Selden L. Maiden in Greenfield, he passed the examination given by the Tennessee Board of Law Examiners and was licensed by the Supreme Court of Tennessee to practice law. He became associated with Selden L. Maiden in the practice of law at Greenfield in 1932.

He married Miss Fleeta Hudson of Watertown, Tennessee, on October 23, 1932, and they moved to Miami, Florida, where he became a member of the law firm of Bowler, Goldberg & Haskins in 1937.

He enlisted in the Army in April, 1942, received officer's training at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, and was commissioned a Captain in October, 1942. He was stationed at Camp Gordon, where he became Assistant provost Marshall, and was later sent overseas from Fort McClellan, Georgia, to England, where he became Executive Officer to the Provost Marshall and Law member on the general court martial for the United Kingdom Base.

He died of pneumonia aboard ship while returning to the United States and home after 27 months military service in England. His body was brought to Greenfield for funeral service and burial in Meridian Cemetery near Greenfield. Military Funeral Rites were conducted Monday, January 7, 1944, at the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. by the Rev. S. O. Payne and Chaplain Captain J. F. Rogers, who accompanied the body from port of debarkation.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Miami, Florida, and teacher of the Men's Bible Class.

## **PHIL B. HARRIS**

Phil B. Harris, son of Philip D. and Bennie Barton Harris, was born July 24, 1918, in Greenfield, Weakley Co., Tennessee.

He was educated in the Greenfield school system, graduating from High School in 1936. He attended the University of Tennessee Junior College, Martin, Tennessee, 1936-37; was graduated from University of Tennessee, Knoxville, with A.B. degree in 1940; attended University of Virginia Law School, 1940-42 and 1946-47, graduating with L.I.B. degree. He was a member of the Delta Tau Delta social fraternity and Delta Theta Phi legal fraternity.

He entered military service in March, 1943, as Private in the 106th Infantry Division; was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in Quartermaster Corps, 1944; discharged from active service, a 1st Lieutenant, June 4, 1946.

He was married to Marilyn Alexander, daughter of J. O. and Mary Mitchell Alexander of Dresden, Tennessee, Jan. 23, 1943. Three children were born of this marriage-Suzanne, Patrice, and Bart Alexander Harris.

He passed the State of Virginia Bar examination in 1942 and was admitted to practice law in the State of Tennessee the same year.

He was County Attorney for Weakley County, 1957-58 and 59. City Attorney for the City of Greenfield since 1948. Member of Greenfield Rotary Club since 1947, and past president of the club, Member and past president of American Legion Post 133. State Senator from the 28th Senatorial District, in the 1953 and 1955 terms of the General Assembly of the State.

He is a member and past president of the Weakley County Bar Association, and also a member of the State and American Bar Association.

He became associated with his father, Philip D. Harris, on Jan. 1, 1964, forming the law firm of Harris & Harris, Attorneys, here in Greenfield.

He is a member of the Presbyterian Church U.S. A. and is serving on the Board of Elders. He has taught a Sunday School class for the past twelve years.

He has taken an active and prominent part in the religious, civic, social and political life of the city of Greenfield. In April, 1965, Phil B. Harris won the Democratic Primary election for Circuit

Judge of the 14th Tennessee Judicial Circuit, a victory considered tantamount to election to this high office in the general election in 1966.