

## CHAPTER XVII

### LAWYERS

#### TERRELL RAINEY PERRY, SR.

Terrell Rainey Perry, Sr., is the oldest living lawyer in Worth County, and the first one to reside in Sylvester, Ga. He is a son of Allen and Nancy Perry of Macon County, Ga., and was born November 21, 1860, in Macon County. He first visited Worth County in September, 1880, and was so impressed with the possibilities and the citizens of Worth that he returned the latter part of that year and made it his permanent home. He taught school at Warwick, Ty Ty and in the Warren settlement of Worth County, after which he studied law under John Murrow, who at that time resided at Ty Ty, and was engaged in the general practice of his profession.

T. R. Perry was admitted to the bar in April, 1887, and has resided in Worth County since that time. He has been actively engaged in the practice of law since his admission to the bar and is yet hale and hearty, active in body and mind, and is the senior member of the firm of Perry & Perry, Sylvester, Ga. This firm is composed of T. R. Perry and T. R. Perry, Jr., and is one of the best and most extensively known law firms in the state of Georgia.

He is a Democrat, Baptist and Mason and was one of the committee that erected the courthouse in Sylvester. He was also one of the group that organized the First Baptist Church of Sylvester. He obtained the first charter of Sylvester Banking Company and has represented that institution as its attorney since. He has been attorney for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company for 45 years; attorney for the G. A. S. & C. Railroad Company since its organization; is attorney for Worth County, and has been at various times for 42 years.

Col. Terrell R. Perry, Sr., was married to Amanda Jane Williams on the 10th of July, 1884, at Ty Ty, Georgia. This year, 1934, makes the 50th anniversary of their marriage.

Mrs. Perry is the daughter of William Washington Wil-

liams and wife, Elizabeth (Knight) Williams, of Worth County. She is a D. A. R., a member of Barnard Trail Chapter of Sylvester, through descent from William Cone of North Carolina who died in Bulloch County, Georgia. She is a charter member of the Baptist Church of Sylvester. She is also a member of the Woman's Club and has given active service almost all the years since its organization. She came with her husband to Sylvester in the days of its infancy when there were few families. It was in a time when great dinners were prepared for public occasions. The work that she and other good women of that day did to feed the innumerable hosts that assembled will never be known. For forty-two years, the longest term of service that any living woman has given to Sylvester, she has given of her energies, her means, her hospitality and her Christian influence.

The children of Col. and Mrs. Perry :

Ana Fern, married to Armand Baggs; Nancy Elizabeth, married Reginal M. Porter; William Allen, deceased; Mamie Ethel, Terrell Rainey, Jr., married Edith Nance; Amanda Jane, married Charles Darling.

### **TERRELL RAINEY PERRY, JR.**

Terrell Rainey Perry, Jr., was born September 17, 1901, in Sylvester, Worth County, Georgia. Graduated from McPhaul Institute, Sylvester, Ga., in 1919. Entered University of Georgia, at Athens, Ga., September, 1919, and graduated, obtaining B.A. degree in June, 1922; entered Lumpkin Law School of the University of Georgia, and graduated, obtaining Bachelor of Law Degree in June, 1925. Admitted to practice law in the State of Georgia on the 17th day of June, 1925; admitted to practice law in the Federal Courts of the United States on the 17th day of June, 1925. Practiced law in the offices of Shackelford & Brown, Tampa, Fla., from June, 1925, to September 1st, 1926. Engaged in the practice of law at the present time, and from September 1st, 1926, with Perry & Tipton, Sylvester, Ga., a firm composed of T. R. Perry, Sr., J. H. Tipton, and T. R. Perry, Jr. Democrat, Baptist, member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, Georgia Beta Chapter of the University of Georgia.

FAMILY DETAILS: Is the son of Terrell Rainey Perry,



COL. TERRELL RAINEY PERRY, SR.

who was born November 21st, 1860, in Macon County, Georgia, school teacher and attorney at law, living at Sylvester, Ga., and Mrs. Amanda Jane Williams Perry, who was born May 11th, 1865, in Lowndes County, Ga., living at present in Sylvester, Ga. He is the grandson of Allen Perry of Macon County, Ga., and Nancy Elizabeth Herrington Perry of Twiggs County, Ga., and of William Washington Williams, of Lowndes County, Ga., and Elizabeth Knight Williams, of Clinch County, Ga.

He was married Apr. 9, 1931 in Sylvester, Ga., to Mary Edythe Nance, daughter of William Orlanda Nance, who was born October 29, 1867, in Roberson County, N. C., and Mrs. Claudia Virginia Jackson Nance, who was born August 5, 1877, in Dooly County, Ga. Mrs. Perry is the granddaughter of William F. Nance, who was born Dec. 29, 1846, in Roberson County, N. C., and of Penny Jane Inman Nance, of Roberson County, N. C., and of William Andrew Jackson Nance, born Nov. 26, 1853, in Dooly County, Ga., and of Molly Ham Jackson, born March 22, 1857.

### COL. JOHN GOLDWIRE POLHILL

Col. John Goldwire Polhill came to Sylvester about 1890 and began the practice of law soon after graduating from the Law School of the University of Georgia in 1890. Sylvester was a little village then and the Court House was at Isabella. He was a popular man in social and professional life. He served the town as Mayor in 1905 and was County School Superintendent for twelve years. He was always deeply interested in educational affairs. He was a man of strong convictions and upright in all his dealings with his fellowman. He was a loyal Democrat, Mason and leading member of the B. P. O. E. He was public spirited and numbered his friends by his acquaintances. He fully illustrated the distinguished forebears from which he was descended. He was the son of Frederick Taylor Polhill and Mary Jane (Cochran) Polhill, and grandson of John Goldwire Polhill and Harriett (Allen) Polhill.

Col. J. G. Polhill was married to Martha Lewis Collins November 5, 1908. Their children are Mrs. Rosa Collins Dupriest (Mrs. Raymond) and Mary Laura Polhill.

Mrs. Martha Lewis (Collins) Polhill is descended from the most prominent families of Georgia and South Carolina. She

is the daughter of Lewis Andrew Marion Collins and wife Laura A. Fitzgerald Collins of Mitchell County, Georgia, grand-daughter of Bryant Collins and wife Martha (Bullard) Collins and of James Fitzgerald and wife, Nancy (Hilliard) Fitzgerald of Stewart County, Georgia. Bryant Collins was the son of Andrew Collins and wife, Pheraba (Ballenger) Collins. Andrew Collins was a Revolutionary soldier of South Carolina.

Mrs. Polhill is a splendid business woman of high Christian character. After her husband's death she took the estate in hand and has managed it very successfully.

### **JAMES HARRISON TIPTON**

James Harrison, eldest son of Charles Greenberry Tipton, was born October 28, 1872, in Worth County near Oakfield, Georgia and not far from the plantation of David Ridley, his grandfather. He is a descendant from distinguished old English families, who were among the first settlers of Virginia.

He obtained his education in the elementary and grammar schools of Worth County, where he taught school for four years. He is a lover of books and has, through his determination, perseverance, and diligence acquired an unlimited knowledge of affairs equaled by few of much greater opportunities.

He studied law in the office of Colonel T. R. Perry, Sylvester, Ga. He was admitted to the Bar in 1896 and has devoted his energies and profound ability to the practice of his profession, in which he attains distinction and which he dignifies by his life and services.

He filled the unexpired term—made vacant on account of the death of Hon. William E. Wooten, as Solicitor General of the Albany Judicial Circuit. Served several terms as Solicitor City Court of Sylvester and was Mayor of Sylvester for two terms.

He was a Lieutenant Colonel on Governor Terrell's Staff. In 1932 he was elected to represent Worth County in the General Assembly of Georgia, for the years 1933-'34.

He is a thirty-second degree Mason, a Shriner, and a member of Alee Shrine Temple.

December 14, 1904 he married Miss Rosalie Mangham, daughter of Willoughby H. and Amanda Roper Mangham, and to them were born five children: William Kay, Samuel

Ridley, Richard died in infancy, James Harrison, Jr. and Wilbur Jackson.

Mrs. Tipton is prominently identified with the intellectual and social life of Sylvester and community; ever thoughtful of those who need help and encouragement; a true wife, devoted mother and faithful friend. She is active in church and civic club work; a member of the Sylvester Woman's Club, D. A. R. and W. M. U. of the Sylvester Baptist Church.

#### **Wm. KAY TIPTON**

Wm. Kay Tipton, eldest son of Col. J. H. Tipton and wife, Rosalie (Mangham) Tipton, graduated at McPhaul Institute in 1922. He spent one year at Norman Park Junior College, and then entered Mercer University from which he received his LL.D. degree in 1927. He married Miss Estelle Reynolds of Chattanooga, Tenn. June 20, 1931. He was Field Representative for The Penn Mutual Life Insurance Co. in 1931-'33 with headquarters at Macon, Ga. He was promoted in 1934 to manager of The Penn Mutual Life Insurance Co. at Springfield, Mo.

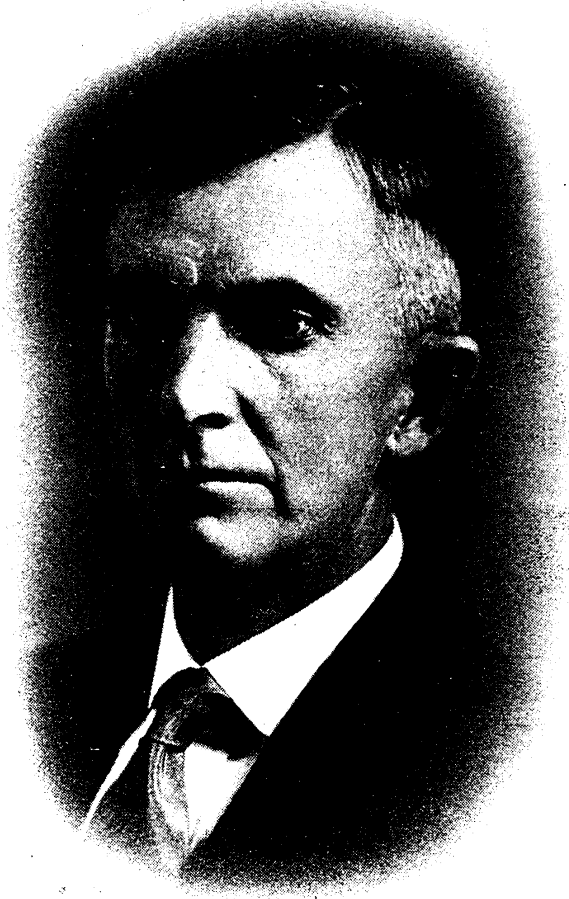
#### **JESSIE J. FOREHAND**

Jessie J. Forehand, lawyer, was born January 8th, 1858, in Macon County, Georgia, and educated in the Dawson High School. He studied law in the office of Jessie W. Walters in Albany, Ga., and began the practice of that profession in 1894 at Isabella, Ga. He afterwards moved to Sylvester and continued to practice until his death on the 25th day of November, 1923. He was a member of the Baptist Church and a Democrat. He was the son of Solomon Forehand and Percy C. Walters Forehand who were married in 1857.

Jessie J. Forehand married Daty S. Tison April 5th, 1878, the latter being born and reared in Worth County, Georgia, and was the granddaughter of Robert G. Ford originally of Dooly, now Worth County. To this union were born nine children, Minnie Lee, William Clyde, Grover C., Eola G., and Eula Lee, L. Edgar, Herschel B., and Elizabeth.

#### **WILLIAM CLYDE FOREHAND**

Colonel William Clyde Forehand, Solicitor General of Tifton Judicial Circuit, composed of Worth, Turner, Tift, and



COL. W. C. FOREHEAD,  
Solicitor General Tifton Circuit

Irwin Counties for the term of 1933 to 1937, inclusive, has had a broad and ample experience as prosecuting attorney. For sixteen years he was Solicitor of the City Court of Sylvester with county wide jurisdiction. He was Attorney for the city of Sylvester for twenty years. He has every natural endowment necessary for his profession, a keen and alert mind, careful of detail, a mind that is broad and comprehensive in its grasp, possessing unusual legal wisdom and discretion. He has a strong personality, is a tireless worker and close student, and when enlisted in a cause, he applies all the vigor and diligence in his power to that end.

He was educated in the schools of the county and the University of Georgia. He graduated with B.L. degree in 1910, and began the practice of law June, 1910, at Sylvester, Worth County. He is a Mason, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Sylvester Consolidated School District, and Past President of the Sylvester Kiwanis Club. He served as Local Council for the Federal Government during the World War period, beginning in April, 1917, and continuing until after the Armistice was signed. He owns considerable farming interests. Although the claims of the bar have always been more or less paramount in the busy life of Col. Forehand, he has always taken a leading part in the public affairs of his county. He is a Democrat and deeply interested in the political welfare of his county, state, and nation.

Colonel Wm. Clyde Forehand is descended from the earliest pioneer families of this section. On his maternal side he is descended from W. W. Tison, of Pindartown, the first white settlement in what is now Worth. Dr. Theophilis Tison, one of the most beloved and influential physicians of the County, was his grandfather. He is also through his grandmother, the wife of Dr. Tison, Georgiana Ford and her father Robt. Graham Ford, a descendant of another pioneer of distinction, John Jackson Ford. He is a descendant of John Ford, the Revolutionary Soldier. He is son of Colonel Jesse James Forehand and wife Data Smith (Tison) Forehand.

Colonel W. Clyde Forehand was born in Worth County Jan. 28th, 1883. He married Miss Ethel Morse August 6, 1917. She is the daughter of Dr. L. S. Morse and Mrs. Sallie (Goolsby) Morse of Forsyth, Ga. Their union has been blessed with



five children: William Jesse, Sara Ethel, Oliver Clyde, Mary Nell and Florence Jean.

Mrs. Ethel (Morse) Forehand received her education at Banks Stephen Institute and Bessie Tift College at Forsyth, Ga. She is a member of the Woman's Club and P.-T. A. She takes great interest in, and actively supports, all civic and religious organizations.

Mr. and Mrs. Forehand and family are affiliated with the Missionary Baptist Church. Their home is one of Christian refinement and culture.

#### **History of Forehand Family, Worth County, Ga.**

Amos Forehand came to Georgia (probably) from South Carolina soon after the Revolutionary War and settled at what is now Clinchfield, Georgia, Houston County.

Solomon Forehand, the son of Amos Forehand, was born on Sept. 28, 1793. He married Annie McCreary, of Burke County, Georgia. She was born May 17th, 1805. From this union were born six sons, to-wit: Solomon Forehand (the 2nd), William Forehand, John Alford Forehand, Edwin Forehand, Thomas J. Forehand and Geo. W. Forehand. Solomon Forehand, the father of the above named sons, died February 23rd, 1873, and his wife, Mrs. Annie Forehand, the mother, died February 1st, 1872.

Solomon Forehand (the second) was born May 23, 1829, in what is now Macon County, Georgia, and married Percy Walters. From this union was born Jesse James Forehand, late of Worth County on Jan. 8th, 1858, the father, mother, and son moving to Worth County in 1870.

#### **Walters Family**

Percy Walters, the mother of Jesse James Forehand, was the granddaughter of Jesse Walters and the daughter of Jeremiah Dawson Walters and Rebecca Matilda Dykes who were married October 14, 1847. Jeremiah Dawson Walters was reared near Albany, Georgia, but moved to Macon County about the time he married, and died May 1915. Percy Walters Forehand died March 1st, 1875, and her husband, Solomon Forehand, died February 8th, 1883, both of whom were buried at Mt. Horeb Church, in Worth County.

Jesse James Forehand died November 26th, 1923, in Worth County. His wife, Data S. Tison, to whom he was married December 5th, 1878, was the daughter of Dr. Theopholis W. Tison. To this union were born William Clyde, Grover C., Eola Georgian, Liliou Edgar, Eula Lee, Theopholis R., Benjamin Herschel, and Elizabeth May. Mrs. Data S. Forehand was born January 2nd, 1860, and departed this life on January 13th, 1913.

### ROBERT A. HOLMES AND FAMILY

Robert Andrews Holmes was born near Milner, Ga., July 28th, 1860.

He was the son of Shadrack and Sara Andrews Holmes and the grandson of Josiah and Nancy Hollis Holmes, who came from North Carolina and were among the first settlers of Barnesville, Ga. The family lines included staunch pioneers, famous in Revolutionary and Civil War periods.

Robt. A. Holmes' father fell on the battlefields of Richmond.

Mr. Holmes was educated in the schools of Milner and Griffin.

He chose the legal profession early in life, was admitted to the bar and practiced in Pike County two years. In 1886 he went to Orlando, Fla. and became a member of the firm of Hammond and Holmes. The senior member of the firm was Judge Dennis F. Hammond of Atlanta, father of two well known sons, Judge W. R. Hammond and Dr. John D. Hammond of the Methodist Church.

In 1887, because of serious illness, he left the office and retired to his orange grove at Grand Island, Fla., devoting himself to its cultivation until the big freeze in 1895 swept away every prospect overnight.

Returning to his native heath he began casting about for a new start in life. Southwest Georgia swayed his interest and directed his decision. In Dec., 1897, the family landed at Ty Ty. In Sept., 1898, he decided to cast his lot with the people of Sylvester, as the most desirable location in all this section.

After practicing in the courts for several years, he retired from active practice and gave his time to office work, real estate, insurance, and farming.

He was once Mayor of Sylvester. He helped to organize the Methodist Sunday School in Sylvester and was its first superintendent. He was a devoted member of the M. E. Church.

The staunch, Puritan stock of his ancestors was reflected in his uncompromising and unyielding character in questions of moral, political, and religious interests.

After several months of declining health, he died June 23, 1917, and sleeps in the family lot in Sylvester cemetery.

On July 26, 1888, Robert A. Holmes and Mildred Steed were married in Barnesville, Ga.

In 1898 they came to Sylvester with their two children, Robt. A., Jr., and Mildred, nine and four years respectively. Robert graduated from McPhaul Institute in a class of five in 1905. In 1910 he graduated from Emory College, securing his B.S. degree.

He entered business with his father and threw himself at once into the business, social, and religious life of the community with all the energy and zeal of youth.

Another call came to him very early in young manhood to enter realms of supreme opportunity. He was prepared for this call and passed on May 26, 1912.

Mildred left McPhaul Institute with the class of 1909, and graduated from Agnes Scott College with an A.B. degree in 1914. In 1917 she was married to Dr. Chas. R. Dickert of Tifton. They, with one son, Robert Holmes, are living in Knoxville, Tenn.

Mildred Steed Holmes was born in Woodbury (Sandtown), Meriwether County, Ga., March 6, 1862, the daughter of William Ashmore Steed and Mary E. Bailey Steed.

The family moved to Barnesville when she was a small child and she grew up with Gordon Institute from its beginning. From here she graduated, taking a full classical course. The fall of 1879 she entered Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn., taking the teachers' degree L.I., in 1881.

She has taught at intervals since her graduation until the last eleven consecutive years. Her first work was in Girls' High School, Griffin, Ga.

Mrs. Holmes has rounded out twenty-eight years of school room work and has delivered another valedictory to the Board of Education, Local Board, beloved faculty, and student body.

She has been identified in an active way with every phase

of community upbuilding—the educational, patriotic, social, and religious. To serve her church was the work nearest and dearest to her heart. Of thirty-four years of her work in her Missionary Society she was president nearly twenty years.

Mildred Steed Holmes is descended from Steeds or Steads from England and other families, Seymours, Marburys, and Ashmores. Maj. Benjamin Catchings is her Revolutionary Ancestor through the Ashmores, her paternal grandmother, Mildred Ashmore Steed.

She still lives at her home in Sylvester and though leaving the school room at 70 she is still active in her home, church, and civic duties.

### COLONEL WILLIAM CLARENCE SMITH

Col. Wiliam Clarence Smith is a young lawyer of ability and industry. His accurate knowledge of law and exemplary conduct give promise of great usefulness in the legal profession.

He was born in Irwinton, Wilkinson County, Georgia, May 31, 1894. His parents are William Washington Smith, born in Irwinton, Nov. 23, 1854. Grandparents on paternal side were David F. Smith and Amanda Jackson Smith. Grandparents on maternal side, Thomas J. Hollimon, born in Wilkinson County, Georgia, grandmother, Stephenson Holliman.

He received his A.B. Degree in 1917 at Young Harris College, Young Harris, Georgia. When the shadow of the World War fell across America he joined the 31st Division of U. S. Army, March 2, 1918, and returned from France July, 1919. He attended the National School of Horticulture, at Versailles, France, April to July, 1919, and received a certificate for same.

After returning to America he attended the Georgia-Alabama Business College, Macon, Georgia, in 1920-'21, receiving a diploma for same. He then attended Mercer University Law School 1921-24, receiving his LL. B. Degree 1924, being admitted to the Bar, State and Federal, 1924. He belongs to the Worth County Bar Association of Sylvester, Georgia. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge, Irwinton, Georgia. He is a member of the American Legion, Brownlee Post 113, Sylvester, Georgia.

He was married July 12, 1925, to Anna Louise McKoy, at Newnan, Coweta County, Georgia.

She was educated in Newnan public schools and Bessie

Tift College, Forsyth, Georgia, and Wesleyan College, Macon, Georgia. Her parents are James Courtney McKoy, Coweta County, Georgia, and Anna Elizabeth Camp McKoy.

This young couple are earnest Christian workers of the Baptist church of Sylvester.

### JOE L. SUMNER HOUSTON

Joe L. Sumner Houston, Sylvester, Ga., was born January 8, 1908, in Worth County, Ga. He graduated from Sylvester High School, May 24, 1924, and entered Mercer University Summer School, June 15, of the same year. He continued his studies through the following year term, 1924-'25, and entered the University of Georgia, September 19, 1925. During the next two years he attended the University Literary School, entering the University of Georgia Law School September 15, 1927. He graduated June 18, 1930, with the Bachelor of Law degree and was admitted to practice law in the State and Federal Courts the same day. Since that time he has practiced his profession continuously in Sylvester. Since January 1, 1931, he has been secretary and treasurer of the Worth County National Farm Loan Association, and has recently been elected as Solicitor of the City Court for the term beginning in 1933.

He is a Baptist and Democrat.

J. L. Sumner Houston was married to Miss Evelyn Strangward on April 26th, 1934. Mrs. Houston is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas H. Strangward of Sylvester.

Family details: Son of Norman George Houston and Emma Sumner Houston; grandson, on his maternal side, of the late Joe L. Sumner and Josephine Thornhill Sumner, grandson, on his paternal side, of the late Henry Houston and Nancy Gillis Houston.

### COLONEL L. D. PASSMORE

Of the men who attained eminence in the legal profession in Worth County through the medium of their own talents and industry, one of the best known was L. D. Passmore, who was engaged in practice at Sylvester for about twenty years.

Mr. Passmore was widely known as a friend of education, and indeed, it was in an educational capacity that he first came to Sylvester.

L. D. Passmore was born in Taylor County, Georgia, Aug. 23rd, 1868, and was a son of G. A. and Rebecca (Moore) Passmore. The eldest of his parents' children, he spent his boyhood days on his father's plantation, where he worked during vacation periods.

His early education was secured in the country schools of Taylor County, following which he attended Hearn Institute and later entered Mercer University.

He graduated with the Degree of Bachelor of Laws from that institution in 1900, and immediately came to Sylvester, where he had secured the position of superintendent of schools.

After one year in that capacity, he began to give all his time to his growing law practice. During the time that he was struggling to establish himself in his profession, he devoted himself entirely thereto, but when he had gained a foothold, he again found time to aid in educational work, and for eight years was County Superintendent of schools. He served in many public offices for town and county. One term he was Mayor of Sylvester. He served on the Board of Education of Sylvester, and for a number of years was Sunday School Superintendent of the Methodist Church. He not only proved his ability as a skillful and resourceful lawyer, but was accorded significant testimonial of popular confidence and esteem by his election to the State Senate in 1923-'24, from the 10th District. It being Worth's time to have a representative in the Senate for only one term, he was then elected to represent Worth in the lower house of Georgia's Legislature for the term of 1925-'26. He did not offer for re-election because of failing health.

Col. Passmore began the practice of law with Col. W. C. Forehand early in 1914, and this partnership continued until 1922, altho owing to his failing health, he did little practice. The firm name was for two or three years Passmore, Forehand & Ford, Colonel P. B. Ford having come into the firm.

Mr. Passmore was married Oct. 9th, 1895, in Macon County, Ga., to Miss Hattie Walters. They have two children, Lytton, born Dec. 24th, 1898 at Ashburn, Ga., and Lois, born in August, 1901, at Sylvester.

After several years of ill health, Col. Passmore died on Feb. 9th, 1932.

**ROBERT BERNER WILLIAMSON, LAWYER,  
SYLVESTER**

Robert B. Williamson was born April 7, 1893, at Forsyth, Monroe County, Ga. He attended Banks Stephens Institute, Forsyth, and McPhaul Institute, Sylvester; entered Georgia Military College, Milledgeville, Ga., as a Junior in 1909, graduated 1911. Studied law in office of Robert Leigh Berner, his great-uncle, and was admitted to the Georgia Bar at Wrightsville, Johnson County, Georgia, in November, 1915. Graduated at Georgia-Alabama Business College in 1913. Began practice of law at Macon with Robert L. Berner in December, 1915. Moved to Sylvester, Ga., July 1st, 1916, from Macon, entering the firm of Perry & Williamson. Withdrew from this firm Jan. 1, 1922, and has practiced alone since. Presbyterian; Democrat; Mason.

Family details: Married June 10, 1928, in Moultrie, Ga., to Fleta Lee Strother, daughter of William Verner Strother and Nettie Strother. Has one child, Fleta Lou, born August 17, 1931. R. B. Williamson is a son of Julian Bloom Williamson, born 18—; moved to Worth County in 1904; lawyer, being now an active member of Sylvester Bar, and Lizzie Lou (Smith) Williamson, born in Culloden, Ga. in 18—; died June 13, 1917, and the grandson of Charles Jenkins Williamson of Bibb County and Thomas Daniel Smith of Monroe County, Ga.

**COL. WILLIAM JEWEL CROWE**

William Jewel Crowe is one of Worth's most prominent young attorneys and business men. In the handling of difficult and controversial matters he has shown marvelous tact and foresight. His unquestioned ability, indomitable courage, both physical and moral, is a guarantee of success in anything he undertakes. His generosity and genial disposition make friends for him wherever he is known.

He was born in Jefferson, Jackson County, Ga., July 8, 1897, and is the son of Dr. Wm. Henry Crowe and Fannie Elizabeth (Potter) Crowe. Dr. Crowe was born in Banks County, Ga., December 25, 1870, but lived in Coolidge, Thomas County, Ga., where he died February 2, 1923.

Col. Crowe's mother was born in Cobb County, Ga., Feb-

ruary 29, 1872. He is the grandson of Asa and Roxie Ann Crowe and John Henry and Martha Elizabeth (Black) Potter.

Col. Crowe graduated at Mercer University, LL.B. Degree, in 1919. He began the practice of law November 1, 1919, in Sylvester, Georgia. He was in central officers training school, Camp Gordon, Georgia October 15, 1918, to November 20, 1918. From June 1, 1923, to November 1, 1928, he represented the National Farm Association, and was Judge of Police Court in Sylvester from January 1, 1922, to January 1, 1925. He was Justice of the Peace, Sylvester District, January 1, 1925, to January 1, 1927, and was elected and served Worth County as Representative from 1927 to 1931. He was Secretary of the Legislative Committee on re-organization in 1931; is a Baptist, Democrat, Mason and earnest student.

Col. Wm. Jewel Crowe and Leila Houston were married June 3, 1920, in Sylvester. They have two interesting children, Garland Monna and Norman Jewel.

Mrs. Crowe is the daughter of John E. Houston, born August 9, 1862, died April 10, 1922, and Rausic (Moree) Houston, born July 15, 1855, died September 12, 1902. They were both descendants of earliest settlers of this county.

Mrs. Crowe is a graduate of Norman Park College, and she is a member of the Woman's Club, P.-T. A. and Baptist Missionary Society. She is a splendid worker in all, and is always interested in things that are worth while.

### PRESTON BROOKS FORD

Preston Brooks Ford, son of William Jackson Ford and wife Rowena (Hanes) Ford, is a native of Worth County. He received his education at McPhaul Institute of Sylvester and the University of Georgia, graduating June 15, 1921, with the Degree of LL. B.

P. B. Ford served as clerk in the Sylvester postoffice and then was given the appointment as postmaster which office he held for several years until the United States entered the World War. Being exempt as an executive officer of the United States did not prevent his enlistment in the army as soon as

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Top row, left to right: Prof. Geo. I. Martin, and Prof. Eugene Attaway.

Center row: Hon W. Jewel Crowe.

Second row: Dr. F. M. Butler and Col. Joe L. S. Houston.

Bottom row: T. R. Perry, Jr., and Dr. W. W. Sessions.





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he could be relieved as postmaster. His service begun on April 2, 1918, in 21 Co. 157 D. B. Camp Gordon, Georgia. He was discharged March 19, 1919, Cp. Hq. Det. Camp Gordon, as Reg. Sgt. Mjr.; 2nd Lieut., Inf O. R. C. His service was confined to that camp during the entire period of his enlistment. After his honorable discharge from military duty he began the diligent study of law at the University of Georgia. Possessed of strong mental powers, he made rapid and substantial progress in acquiring a broad and fundamental knowledge of law. He began the practice of his profession in Sylvester.

His fine characteristics of unqualified loyalty, candid and fearless manner, a close student, looking into details, and a forceful speaker, has gained for him the prestige as one of the most resourceful advocates and well fortified counselors of the Sylvester Bar.

Numerous honors of a public nature have been bestowed on him. He was Mayor of Sylvester from 1924 to 1929. He was president of Worth County Red Cross for the year of 1932, and has rendered many other services in Red Cross. He was State Senator from the 10th District for Worth's term in the years 1929-1931. During this term he served in the regular session of 1929 and in the extraordinary session of 1931, and was present every day and answered every roll call during those sessions. He was one of the leaders in defeating a proposed Constitutional amendment to bond the State for a large sum for use in building paved roads, and was also active in the causes of education and the Confederate veterans. He was Chairman of Committee on Commerce and Labor, Vice-Chairman of Special Judiciary, and also served on the committees on General Judiciary, Highways, Banking, Agriculture, University of Georgia and it's Branches, Appropriations, Insurance, Engrossing and Corporations.

He is a Democrat, Sigma Nu, a Mason, member of American Legion, Knights Templar, Shriner, Elk, W. O. W., and S. A. R. on both paternal and maternal lines. He is a descendant of soldiers who gave gallant service in the Revolutionary War. He is also descended from gallant sons of the Confederacy. His mother's family were sufferers in Sherman's "March to the Sea," living in the trail he cut with torch and sword through Georgia. He is a Missionary Baptist.

Whether as an employee of the Government in civil or military service, or as attorney for his clientele, or law maker in the Senate of his state, he discharges the full measure of his duty.



COL. AND MRS. WARREN L. STORY

### WARREN L STORY

Warren L. Story, the son of Samuel Story, enlisted in the Southern Confederacy, Dooly County, but left for the war from Isabella in Capt. J. M. Rouse's company. He is registered as one of those soldiers that was wounded and recovered. He surrendered at Farmville, Va., April 9, 1865.

When he returned to his wife and little children in Worth County he girded himself for the new ordeal, that of reviving the prostrate industries of his native county and state and to meet the needs of his family. The greater part of his energies

were devoted to agriculture and naval store operation, but he was closely identified with the civic and industrial development and progress of this section. He became a man of wealth and great influence.

For some years he was a student of law for his own benefit and his advice was sought in many legal matters. At last, he decided to take the examination and turn this knowledge into a source of remuneration, and at the age of 60 years he was admitted to the Bar.

He was held in great esteem by his fellow citizens. He was a man that valued an education ahead of his times. He would pay half of the tuition of the school and board the teacher that his children might have the opportunity of a school. He was a strong and reliable man. Congressman Griggs of the Second Congressional District said of him, "If I can get Colonel Warren L. Story's vote I can carry all the northern portion of Worth County, such is the esteem in which he is held by his people."

Warren L. Story was honored by the people of Worth with the office of State Senator in 1894-'95.

He lived the last years of his life at his farm near Acorn Pond church a few miles below Warwick.

His children that live in this county are Mrs. Sarah Emma Simpson, Mrs. F. M. Hall, Mrs. Lula B. Cameron and Judge Sam S. Story.

We give below records from his Bible.

### WARREN LUMPKIN STORY

These records are from the Bible of Warren Lumpkin Story, son of Samuel Story and his wife, Annie Brown Story. Samuel Story is given in White's Statistics of Georgia.

This Bible is now in the possession of his daughter, Mrs. A. McD. Cameron, Sylvester, Ga.

#### Births

Warren L. Story was born March 15, 1834.

Henrietta Jerkins, wife of Warren L. Story was born February 22, 1840.

#### Children

Samuel St. George Story was born Jan. 23, 1856.

Annie Henrietta Story was born Dec. 22, 1857.

Sarah Emma Story was born Mar. 25, 1860.

Susan Camilla Story was born Mar. 21, 1862.  
 Lula Beauregard Story was born June 18, 1864.  
 John Llewellyn Story was born Sept. 22, 1866.  
 Ida Lee Story was born Sept. 4, 1869.  
 James Richard Story was born June 23, 1872.  
 Alice Eva Story was born July 24, 1874.  
 Warren L. Story, Jr., was born Oct. 16, 1878.

#### Marriages

Warren Lumpkin Story and Henrietta Jerkins were married Mar. 22, 1855.

Note:—The following marriages are not in this Bible, but Mrs. Cameron gives them:

Samuel S. Story married Jane Bass.  
 Annie H. Story married Thomas Varnadoe.  
 Sarah Emma Story married Daniel M. Simpson.  
 Susan Camilla Story married Thomas D. Rycroft.  
 Lula B. Story married Archie McDermid Cameron Jan. 23, 1884.  
 John L. Story married Zermie Louis Bridges.  
 Ida Lee Story married William Touchton in Nov., 1884.  
 Alice Eva Story married Francis Marion Hall.  
 Warren L. Story married Sophia Redditt, July, 1925.

#### Deaths

Warren L. Story died May 17, 1911.  
 James Richard Story died Mar. 22, 1875.  
 Henrietta Jerkins Story died Mar. 30, 1922.  
 Annie H. Story Varnadoe died Apr. 9, 1908.  
 Note:—Warren L. Story entered the Confederate service May 13, 1862. Surrendered Apr. 9, 1865, near Farmville, Va.

### BENJAMIN WALLACE TIPTON

The subject of this sketch was a twin brother of William Thomas Tipton (deceased) and was born at Sumner, Georgia, April 18, 1885, the son of Charles Greenberry Tipton, and Sarah (Ridley) Tipton.

He received his early education in the elementary and grammar schools at Sumner, Isabella and Sylvester, Georgia, graduating from McPhaul Institute in Sylvester with honors in the class of 1905. Upon graduation, he immediately entered the Atlanta Commercial College at Atlanta, Georgia, where he completed a course in shorthand and typewriting, receiving a diploma in two and one-half months.

After completing a business course he was appointed official reporter for the City Court of Sylvester, Georgia, serving in that capacity about six months and was then appointed Assistant Official Reporter for the Southern Judicial Circuit with headquarters at Valdosta, Georgia. Afterwards he held the office of Official Reporter for the Albany Judicial Circuit with headquarters at Sylvester, Georgia.

He continued as court reporter until August, 1912, at which time, being inspired by the words of the immortal Horace Greely "Go West, Young Man, Go West," he left Georgia and settled in Wichita Falls, Wichita County, Texas, and soon thereafter became associated with Hon. W. F. Weeks, one of the leading attorneys of Wichita Falls, remaining with that firm, later known as Weeks, Morrow & Francis, Attorneys, for a period of about eleven years, at which time he severed his relationship with this firm and opened a law business for himself at Electra, Wichita County, Texas, in the heart of what is known as the North Texas Oil Fields.

In 1917, during his association with the firm of Weeks, Morrow & Francis, after war was declared by the United States, he entered the military service and served with distinction in the army for a period of about twenty-two months. He was honorably discharged with a letter from his Commanding General for "Commendation for unusual service," and then returned to the practice of law with his former associates, Weeks, Morrow & Francis. His legal education was obtained by private study with this firm and he was admitted to the practice of law in 1919 at Fort Worth, Texas.

On the 7th day of January, 1920, he married Miss Margaret Rebekah Godwin, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Godwin, at Sylvester, Georgia. They have two children: Benjamin Wallace Tipton, Jr., and Sarah Blanche Tipton.

Since his residence in Electra, he has become an esteemed and loyal member of the First Baptist Church of Electra. He is chairman of the Board of Deacons and also of the Finance Committee of that church and is often called upon to fill the pulpit in the absence of its pastor. He is teacher of the Men's Bible Class, which is composed of a normal attendance of about one hundred men. He has been a continuous member of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce of his city; a member of the local Lions' Club; a Thirty-second De-

gree Mason and a member of Masket Shrine Temple of Wichita Falls, Texas. He has always taken a prominent and active part in all religious and civic affairs of his city and community.

### COL. ROBERT S. FOY

Col. Robert S. Foy is considered one of the best lawyers of the state. Naturally a man with more than ordinary ability, his large experience, together with the fact that he is a hard-working student, gives him a fund of knowledge pertaining to his profession that is equaled by few. He was Solicitor-General of the Tifton Circuit from Jan. 1, 1917, to Jan. 1, 1933, but resigned to run for Judge of the Circuit. He was defeated by Judge Raleigh Eve, the present incumbent. Col. Foy was born in Macon County, Georgia. Attended local schools and Emory College. He has practiced law since 1895 in Butler, Georgia, and Sylvester, Georgia. He is in the general practice of law in Sylvester, and is one of the most popular members of the bar.

Col. Robert S. Foy married Eva J. Holsey in 1897. She is the daughter of Judge Julius H. and Martha (Montfort) Holsey, two prominent families.

Their children are Robert Holsey Foy and William H. Foy of Sylvester and Miss Elizabeth Foy, teacher in the Panama Canal Zone.

Mrs. Robert S. Foy is a woman of charming personality, of social graces and culture and is a representative of aristocratic ancestry, the Holsey and Montfort families of Georgia. She is an earnest worker of the Methodist Church and Civic organizations.

Col. Robert S. Foy represents splendid families of Georgia. He is the son of Wesley W. Foy, born in Talbot County, Georgia, died in 1923, and Nancy C. (Hayes) Foy, born in Taylor County, Georgia, died September 1923, and the grandson of Sampson T. and Julia Foy of Talbot County, Georgia, and R. P. and Elizabeth Hayes of Taylor County, Georgia.

### ULYSSES C. COMBS

Ulysses C. Combs is the son of A. W. Combs and wife, Maggie Combs. A. W. Combs was a Confederate Veteran;

he served in Co. H. 13th N. C., Regiment. His commander was Seales. A. W. Combs was wounded in the battle at Spottsylvania Court House, in Virginia.

Ulysses C. Combs was born in Rockingham County, N. C., not far from the scene of the famous Revolutionary battle of Guilford Court House. He attended such one-room, one-teacher public schools as were provided at that time and such "Subscription Schools" as were taught to supplement the short term. Later he attended East Bend Institute, Guilford College, and North Carolina A. & M., now North Carolina State College.

He served as Deputy Register of Deed, Deputy Clerk of Superior Court, and Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue. He was traveling salesman for many years, during which time he was married to Miss Lizzie Sikes, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Sikes, of Sylvester in 1906 and adopted Sylvester as his home.

He was appointed Postmaster of Sylvester Nov. 20, 1924, and resigned, effective Sept. 30, 1933.

He finished a four year course in law by studying at night after finishing the days work as postmaster and was admitted to the practice of the profession by the State Board of the Bar Examiners, as a result of the examination held in June, 1933, and is engaged in active practice.

Mrs. U. C. Combs belongs to two prominent pioneer families of Worth, the Sikes and Ford families. She is a graduate of Bessie Tift College, and has always been active in Church and Club work in Sylvester. They have three children, Marjorie, Thelma, and Linda. Miss Marjorie is a teacher in Junior High in McPhaul Institute, Sylvester in this 1934.