

CHAPTER XVIII

DOCTORS

ROSTER OF WORTH COUNTY PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS

Terrell T. Monger	Isabella	A. R. Heyward	Warwick, Ga.
Theophilus W. Tison	Att, Ga.	H. C. Flournoy	Warwick, Ga.
J. H. Pickett	Ty Ty, Ga.	J. H. Sessions	Shingler, Ga.
W. J. Turner	Warwick, Ga.	Clarence Drew	Sumner, Ga.
M. J. Crockett	Sylvester, Ga.	W. W. Sessions	Sumner, Ga.
James Nicholas Ridley, Warwick, Ga.		Eugene Walker	Sylvester, Ga.
W. L. Sikes, Sumner and Sylvest- er, Ga.		I. C. Deariso	Sylvester, Ga.
Tom Perry	Sumner, Ga.	J. L. Tracy, Sr.	Sylvester, Ga.
J. J. Spence	Doles, Ga.	W. C. Tipton	Sylvester, Ga.
J. B. Pickett	Sumner, Ga.	W. K. Stewart	Sylvester, Ga.
R. R. Pickett, Sumner and Ty Ty, Ga.		H. S. McCoy	Sylvester, Ga.
F. B. Pickett	Ty Ty, Ga.	E. D. Ford	Doles, Ga.
G. G. Tison	Bridgeboro, Ga.	S. W. Johns	Doles, Ga.
W. H. Tison	Parkerville, Ga.	W. A. Hodges	Oakfield, Ga.
G. B. McNeil	Parkerville, Ga.	J. J. Crumbley	Sylvester, Ga.
Ashton T. Ford	Parkerville, Ga.	C. B. Weathers	Oakfield, Ga.
R. N. Hickes	Sylvester, Ga.	J. L. Tracy, Jr.	Sylvester, Ga.
V. P. Stevens	Poulan, Ga.	Gordon S. Sumner	Poulan, Ga.
W. H. Smith	Poulan, Ga.	P. E. Bell	Sylvester, Ga.
H. M. Jefford	Sylvester, Ga.	H. L. Spring	Sumner, Ga.
T. C. Jefford	Sylvester, Ga.	Carl Pittman, Tifton, Ga. (Form- erly Bridgeboro)	
J. L. McGill	Sylvester, Ga.	Louie Frank Grubbs, Sylvester, Americus, Abiline, Tex.	
G. G. Lunsford	Sylvester, Ga.	C. L. Tolbert	Sylvester, Ga.
C. C. Amason	Doles, Ga.	W. J. Hall	Oakfield, Ga.
		Thos. J. Bridgers, Sylvester, Ga.	

ROSTER OF WORTH COUNTY DENTISTS

Warren Williams	Sumner, Ga.	W. H. Stewart	Sylvester, Ga.
W. W. Harden, Sylvester, Ga., At- lanta		O. H. Cantrell	Oakfield, Ga.
M. A. Jefford	Sylvester, Ga.	W. G. Ford	Sylvester, Ga.
T. C. Jefford	Sylvester, Ga.	J. S. O'Sheal	Sylvester, Ga.
		F. M. Butler	Sylvester, Ga.

WORTH COUNTY VETERINARIANS

J. M. Sutton	Sylvester, Ga.	J. L. Johnston	Sylvester, Ga.
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ROSTER OF PHARMACISTS

Dr. Edd Lee
 Dr. P. E. Bell
 Dr. Claud M. King
 Dr. Fred Deariso

Dr. A. H. Fussell
 Dr. Gilbert W. Sumner
 Dr. Woody Oliver

DR. THEOPHILUS WILLIAM TISON

Theophilus William Tison was born in Worth County, Georgia, in 1834. He became one of the outstanding physicians and surgeons of his time. He was the son of William Woodruff and Ann (Williams) Tison; they were among the first settlers of the county; were people of wealth and influence, with large land holdings and many slaves. Dr. Tison enlisted in the Confederate Army but was soon transferred to the Hospital Corps. After the war he continued the study of his profession and practiced with success as long as he lived.

Dr. Tison married Miss Georgia Ann Ford, the daughter of Robert Graham and Data (Smith) Ford of Lee County.

Dr. Tison died in April, 1912, at the age of seventy-eight years. His wife was born about 1840 and died in 1891.

Eleven children were born to them, some of whom live in Worth County and are among the best citizens. Judge W. W. Tison of Doles, and the late Col. Mark Tison of Sylvester are his sons. The late Mrs. J. J. Forehand, mother of Col. Clyde Forehand, was his daughter.

DR. W. L. SIKES

Dr. W. L. Sikes, youngest son of Eli and Charlotte Sikes, was born in Dooly County (afterward made a part of Worth) Jan. 31st, 1851. He received his education in the public schools of Worth County. He worked with his father for a while on the farm, then worked as a school teacher. With the money thus earned, at the age of twenty-two, he entered the Louisville Medical College, and at the end of three years graduated. He furthered his education along medical lines by a course at the Atlanta Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1879. He at once began practice in Worth County, where he gave many years of useful service as a most beloved physician throughout the whole county. He first located at Isabella, the county seat at that time, where he practiced until 1885. He then moved to Sumner and established a drug store. Still

ambitious, he went to New York in 1889 and took a post graduate course. He remained at Sumner until 1899 when he moved to Sylvester and put in a drug business along with his



DR. W. L. SIKES—STATE SENATOR

practice. He was affiliated with the American Medical Association, the Worth County Medical Society, and the Georgia State Medical Society.

Aside from his professional achievements, Dr. Sikes repre-

sented Worth County in both the upper lower Houses of the Georgia Legislature. He was a leader and advocate of every movement calculated to promote the uplift and advancement of his community and Worth County.

He was always a stalwart Democrat and wielded no small influence in politics. He was a devout Christian, a member of the Missionary Baptist church. He held many places of trust in his community.

Dr. Sikes was married in 1880 in Worth County to Mrs. Georgia (Ford) Hall.

They had six children, William Arthur, deceased, Elizabeth (Mrs. U. C. Combs, of Sylvester), Robert Eli, died in Infancy; Benjamin Franklin, of Isabella, Misses Gladys and Kate, of Sylvester.

Dr. Wm. L. Sikes died at the age of 72 years at his home in Sylvester in June, 1923. Mrs. Sikes was the daughter of Jim and Catherine Ford, well known and highly esteemed residents of this county whose home was at Isabella. She was a native of this county.

Mrs. Sikes was married at the age of 16 to John B. Hall, who died soon after their marriage.

She had one son by this marriage, John B. Hall, deceased. Mrs. Sikes was loved and honored by all who knew her. She was 66 years old at the time of her death, which occurred a few months after the death of her husband, Dr. W. L. Sikes.

DR. JAMES NICHOLAS RIDLEY

Dr. James Nicholas Ridley, physician and druggist of Warwick, Worth County, Georgia, was born in Thomas County, November 10, 1849. His ancestors were Virginians, who were descended from a distinguished family of Southhampton, England. His father, David Ridley, was a prosperous planter and one of Worth County's best citizens.

Dr. Ridley began the study of medicine in 1870 under the tutorship of Dr. Theophalis Tison of Worth County. In 1874 he matriculated at Louisville Medical College, where he took two courses of lectures. In 1879 he entered The Atlanta Medical College, now The Atlanta School of Medicine, from which he graduated with honors.

It had been his aim to locate for the practice of his pro-

fession in Hawkinsville, Ga., a prosperous city in Pulaski County, but a coincident turned the tide of affairs in his life and he cast his lot with his native people and located in Warwick, Worth County, Georgia.



DR. J. N. RIDLEY

Financial reverses on account of the Civil War made it necessary for him to begin his practice on horseback. Soon after his graduation he mounted his horse, with his baggage strapped to his saddle and set out for Hawkinsville. After traveling a day's journey he dismounted and asked at a farm house, enroute, for a night's lodging. The landlord invited him into his home in good old South Georgia fashion but explained that his wife was very ill.

The young doctor explained that he had just completed a course in medicine and offered his services to relieve the suffering of his host's good wife. He remained in the home for

several days to give her medical attention. She recovered rapidly under his treatment.

His fame spread abroad and such demand was made for his services that, instead of going on to Hawkinsville, he located at Warwick in his native county, where he spent his life attending the ills of a large clientele of patrons.

As a physician, Dr. Ridley rated as one of the highest and best in the state. His practice extended to the best citizens of the county and surrounding counties. Socially, he and his interesting family occupied a leading position, enjoying the esteem of the whole country side.

Dr. Ridley was affiliated with the Masonic fraternity and filled every office in the gift of Fort Early Lodge. He was a member of the State Medical Association and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of its highest officials. He was a large contributor to the building of churches and schools in Warwick and surrounding communities. He and his family were leaders in church life. He was a deacon of the Warwick Baptist Church for a long term and was serving in that capacity at the time of his death, February 5, 1905. He was a Christian, a loyal friend, a benefactor.

Dr. Ridley married in 1880 Miss Ann Bynum Rouse, daughter of Captain J. M. Rouse of Warwick, Ga. Miss Rouse, born in 1851, was a young woman of rare beauty and personal charm. To this union was born two children: James Nicholas, Jr., born June 5, 1882; Minnie Pearl, born March 4, 1884. Mrs. Ridley died in 1887 and was buried at Warwick, Georgia.

James Nicholas Ridley, Jr., married Miss Catherine Emily Woolard, March 31, 1908. They have four children: James Nicholas III, born February 10, 1909; Catherine Emily, born April 15, 1912; Joseph Riley, born March 10, 1917; Ann, born May 12, 1919. Mr. Ridley resided at Sarasota, Fla. where he was engaged in the mercantile business. James Nicholas Ridley died in Florida, May 20th, 1933.

Minnie Pearl Ridley married Col. William Eugene Grubbs, of Sylvester, March 31, 1908. To this union were born two children: Willie Pearl, born April 25, 1909, and William Eugene, Jr., born June 22, 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Grubbs reside at Cordele, Ga. where Mr. Grubbs is engaged in Guarantee Title work.

Dr. Ridley, the subject of this sketch, married secondly in

1892 Miss Sallie Jane Rouse, sister of his first wife. This union was blessed with three children: Ruth Marie born April 15, 1894; Annie Laurie, born September, 1896, and died 1897; Blanche, born June 15, 1898.

Ruth Marie Ridley, eldest daughter of Dr. J. N. Ridley by his second marriage, married Judge Chesley Wade Monk, of Sylvester, April 15, 1919. They have two children: William Ridley, born July 24, 1921; Mary Charlotte, born June 26, 1925. They reside at Sylvester, where Judge Monk fills the place as City Court Judge. He is prominent in the fraternal, religious, social, and political affairs of his county and state.

Blanche Ridley, youngest daughter of Dr. J. N. Ridley, was a young woman of remarkably pleasing personality, bright, intellectual, and talented. No young woman in Worth County had more real friends than Blanche, and no one was more loyal to her friends than she.

She resided in Sylvester with her sister, Mrs. C. W. Monk, until her death August 17, 1932. She was buried at Warwick by the side of her parents.

DR. M. J. CROCKETT

Dr. Crockett came to this section of Georgia prior to the time that Worth County was formed from Dooly County. He was not a native of the South but was Sylvester's first physician.

Dr. Crockett was born near Logansport, Indiana, Apr. 24, 1845. His parents were David and Lovisa (Smith) Crockett of Ohio. His father, David Crockett, died in 1853, his mother in 1908 at the age of ninety-two years. There was a family of five children of whom Dr. Crockett was the fourth. He received his early education in the county schools of his native state, and completed his medical education at Miami Medical College in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1870. He located first in Oregon, but later came South. Soon after he married Miss Sarah Hill of Worth County in 1875. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hill, an old and honored family of this County.

To this union were born the following children; Martha Martin, who married Dr. I. C. Deariso, Ben F. Crockett, Clara Lovisa, who married R. F. Lockhart; Katie Warren, who married W. A. Moore, of Miami, Fla.; Claudia Colee, who

married Dr. W. D. Nobles, of Pensacola, Fla., and Dr. Edward Wray Crockett of Florida.

For more than forty years Dr. Crockett was an active practicing physician of this county. Few men were held in higher esteem. He served as Councilman of Sylvester, was a friend of education serving on the Board of Trustees, was County Physician and in every way was a public spirited citizen. He was a Royal Arch Mason and, with his family, was a member of the Methodist Church. He died in Sylvester.

DR. E. D. FORD

Dr. Elzie Ford of Doles, Georgia, has been a very successful physician for a number of years. He was educated in the schools of Worth County and later attended Medical College. He descended from John and Nancy Graham Ford, pioneer settlers of old Pindartown, Worth County. His parents were John Jefferson and Sara Sikes Ford and his wife was Miss Willie Porter. Moved to Ray City 1932.

DR. S. W. JOHNS

Dr. Johns of North Alabama, engaged in the practice of medicine in Doles, Worth County, Georgia. He married a Miss Giddens, daughter of John Giddens and his wife, who was a Miss Dixon. Dr. Johns removed with his family to Alabama.

DR. G. B. McNEILL

Dr. McNeill lived at Parkerville and practiced his profession for a number of years. He was a loved physician, who practiced in the days of the horse and buggy, riding long distances over rough roads in all kinds of weather and receiving poor pay. Too much cannot be said in praise of the "Country Doctor."

FOUR DOCTORS OF PICKETT FAMILY LOCATE IN WORTH

There were four doctors of the Pickett family who moved to Worth County from Webster County.

Dr. Jesse Havis Pickett, the oldest of them, and the half uncle of the other three, came in 1881 and settled at Ty Ty. He lived there until his death in 1903. Ty Ty was not cut off

into Tift County until after his death, so he was a citizen of Worth all these years.

Jeptha B. Pickett (called Jack) was the next to come to Worth. He located at Sumner in 1885. Sumner was the metropolis of Worth County at that time.

Dr. Reuben R. Pickett was the third in the order of their coming to Worth. He came in 1892 and located at Sumner and was associated with his brother, Dr. Jack Pickett, in the practice of medicine until the latter moved to Springfield La.

The last and youngest of these brothers was Dr. Frank Brown Pickett. He came in 1897 and located at Ty Ty. He is the only one now living in this year, 1934.

The genealogy of the Picketts show them to be descended from James Pickett, a Revolutionary soldier mentioned in the Archives of Historical Commission at Columbia, S. C. Several of his grandsons moved from South Carolina to Stewart, Webster, and Sumter Counties, Georgia. This family of Picketts has given distinguished service in all American wars. These doctors of Worth are closely related to Major General George Edward Pickett of the Civil War, who made the famous charge at Gettysburg. They are descended from Edward Moberly and son, Samuel Moberly, of upper South Carolina, and Andrew Feaster, all of whom were Revolutionary soldiers.

DR. JESSE HAVIS PICKETT

Dr. Jesse Havis Pickett, the son of Jeptha and Jane Havis (McKiney) Pickett, was born April 12th, 1828, in North Carolina.

He came to Webster County and practiced medicine at Weston for a number of years. He enrolled as a volunteer in the Mexican War, June 15, 1847, at Lumpkin, Ga., and was mustered in August 31, 1847, at Columbus, Ga. He served as a private in Co. B, Seymour's Battalion of Georgia, and was promoted to corporal December 15, 1847. He was mustered out July 10, 1848, at Mobile, Ala., at the age of 19.

He volunteered to enter the Confederate Army, and was elected Captain of Co. K. 17th Ga. Regt. of Inf. August 15, 1861, was promoted to rank as Major June 9, 1862, and resigned as Major January 5, 1864.

He was married in Webster County, Georgia, January 9, 1851, to Miss Lavinia M. Harper. He, with his family, moved to Ty Ty, Worth County, in 1881. He represented Worth County in the State Legislature two terms, 1886-1887, and was largely instrumental in getting local option in Worth. He was public spirited and interested in progressive movements and ideas, and in his last years sometime let these ideas influence him too far.

He practiced medicine all over this section at a time when there were no good roads, few bridges, and poor pay. He was not a member of the Methodist Church, but was one of the largest contributors to the building of Ty Ty Methodist Church. In his last years he gave up his practice and accepted the Christian Science religion. He was a great admirer of Tom Watson. He was a devoted husband and father, and a loyal friend.

He had three daughters: Sara, married to John Payne, Shellman; Lillian, married to Col. John Morrow, of Tifton; Cora, married first to Hill and second to Pitt, of Ty Ty.

Jeptha Pickett, father of Dr. Jesse Havis Pickett, was born April, 17, 1788. His mother, Jane Havis (McKinney) Pickett, was born February 28, 1791.

DR. JEPHTHA B. PICKETT

Dr. Jeptha B. Pickett, known as Dr. Jack, was born in Webster County in 1860. He graduated in medicine at Atlanta College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1885. He came to Worth County and located at Sumner, where he built up a large practice. He was elected County School Commissioner of Worth. He married twice in Worth County, first to Miss Maude Cornelia Hill, and after her death was married to her sister, Miss Mattie Hill. They were members of a large and splendid family of the county. By the last marriage he had one daughter, Maude Pickett. He moved in the 90's to Springfield, La., and there he married Miss Nevie Watts, and they had two children by this union, Nevie and Violet. He died in 1906. After his death his wife (Mrs. Nevie Watts Pickett) moved to Ty Ty, Georgia, where she lived until their daughters were grown.

DR. REUBEN R. PICKETT

Dr. Reuben R. Pickett was born in Webster County, Ga., March 29, 1868. He graduated from the University of Georgia Medical College in Augusta in 1892. He came to Sumner immediately afterward, where he practiced medicine until 1908, when he moved to Ty Ty and formed a business and professional partnership with his brother, Dr. Frank B. Pickett. He was considered one of the best physicians in this section and his practice extended over a wide territory in the eastern part of Worth and adjoining counties. He accumulated considerable property and had large farming interests. He was Vice-President of the Bank of Ty Ty and owned property in Ty Ty, Sumner and Tifton. He was a Democrat, a Mason, a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. He was a builder and intensely interested in the promotion of all things tending toward the improvement and upbuilding of his town and county.

He was twice married, both times at Sumner, Ga., first to Miss Katie McLeod, and they had one child, Katie Ruth Pickett. After the death of his first wife he married Miss Susie Grubbs, of Sumner, in 1899, and to them one daughter was born, Louise (Mrs. C. A. Harrell).

He died October 23, 1924, at Ty Ty and was buried at Tifton, Ga.

DR. FRANKLIN BROWN PICKETT

Dr. Franklin Brown Pickett came to Worth County May 1st, 1897, and located at Ty Ty, Ga., after his graduation in April of the same year. He received his degree as a Doctor of Medicine from the Medical Department of the University of Georgia.

While Dr. Pickett is now a resident of Tift County, since the cutting off of Ty Ty into Tift, he has given his splendid services all these years in large part to the people of the eastern part of Worth County, as well as surrounding counties. He has accumulated a large estate of land and city property, and is one of the leading citizens of Tift County. He is a promoter of educational and religious affairs.

He married Miss Martha Annie Williams, of Ty Ty, and

they had three children: Theodore Franklin, Mary Kathlyne and Frankie Evelyn, all of whom died young.

Mrs. Pickett belongs to the Williams and Gibbs families, all early settlers of the eastern part of Worth County, who have given distinguished service, not only to this section, but to the nation. She is a sister of the late Maj. Gen. Ezekiel J. Williams, who distinguished himself as a soldier of three wars.

DR. CHARLES CURTIS AMASON

Dr. Amason, of Doles, was born April. 26, 1859, in Bibb County, near Macon. Ga.

He received his medical education at Louisville, Ky., graduating in 1893. Later he took a post graduate course in New York, after which he returned to Georgia and practiced in Macon, Broxton, Ashburn, and finally settled in Doles where he lived until his death.

He was married at Doles to Miss Mattie Emmie Gleaton, Jan. 23, 1907. His wife and family still live at Doles, Worth County.

His children are Clifford, Ellafair, Emmit, and Thomas.

Dr. Amason had a large practice. He not only stood high in the estimation of the people as a physician, but was an enterprising business man and a leading citizen of this county.

DR. WALTER CHARLES TIPTON

Walter Charles Tipton, third son of Charles Greenberry Tipton, was born at Isabella, Ga., February 19, 1882. He attended the public schools at Isabella, Sumner, and Sylvester. He entered the Atlanta Medical College, which later became the Medical Department of Emory University, where he graduated in 1908

He returned to his home in Sylvester and almost immediately succeeded in establishing himself in the practice of his profession. He has found time to identify himself with many other interests in his community and county and has accumulated extensive farming interests.

He has risen to a position of prominence by reason of his natural ability and high ideals, winning the confidence of an extended clientele in the practice of his profession, and has

made himself a moving factor in church, social and political affairs. He served as deacon of the First Baptist Church in Sylvester for two years, resigning this position for lack of time necessary to the duties involved.

He is a member of the State Medical Society and of The American Medical Association and is Vice-President of the Second District Medical Association. He was Chief Surgeon for the H. & F. S. Railway Company for a number of years and has been Local Surgeon for The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company for the past 20 years and County Physician for Worth County for 18 years. He also served as Commissioner of Health for Worth County for two years and until this service was abolished by the County Authorities. He was President of the Kiwanis Club of Sylvester for the years 1929-30 and has served as Chairman of the Board of Education in Sylvester for six years.

He married Miss Ellen Calvada Godwin, daughter of F. K. and Blanche (Alford) Godwin on December 20, 1911, at Sylvester.

Mrs. Tipton is a member, on her maternal side, of the Alford and Jones families of North Carolina, which contributed such heroes to our nation as Capt. James William Zion Alford of Cowpens and Guifolford Courthouse Battles, Major Loderwick Alford, member of General Assembly; Lieutenant Mark Myatt, Lieutenant Joseph Lane, and Capt. Etheldred Jones.

She is a leader in civic and church activities in her town, is noted for her thrift and industry. Her home is a center of social life.

They have three children: Walter Charles, Jr., Margaret Joyce, and Carolyn Elizabeth.

DR. GORDON S. SUMNER

Dr. Gordon S. Sumner was born May 6th, 1885, on the old Sumner homestead, seven miles north of Poulan, being the eighth child of Joseph L. and Sarah J. Sumner. He attended the rural school near his father's home for four three-month's terms, and the school at Isabella for two five-month's terms, and attended a Business School at Columbus for five months in 1899.

Most of his boyhood days were spent looking after his father's sheep and cattle and doing general farm work. When

possible he would read papers, books, magazines, and all that was available in the way of literature.

In 1903 he entered the Atlanta School of Medicine, from which he graduated in 1906, and immediately afterward began



Worth County Representatives, 1933-1934
GORDON S. SUMNER AND COL. JAMES H. TIPTON
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the general practice of medicine at Shingler, Georgia. He was married in 1910 to Mattie Lou Chapman, and they have four children.

In 1916 he moved to Poulan, Georgia, and has lived there since, continuing his practice of medicine, except the time spent in the Georgia Legislature as representative from Worth, the World War, and in post-graduate work.

He represented Worth County in the General Assembly for two terms—1913-1914 and 1915-1916. His services as a physician and surgeon were offered to the United States army immediately after the United States entered the World War. He was commissioned as First Lieutenant in the Medical Corps and was assigned to the 29th Division. He went to France in June, 1918; was in three active engagements and was gassed

and slightly wounded by shrapnel in the Meuse-Argonne drive on September 28, 1918. After being sent to a hospital he was a convalescent during the remainder of the war and was discharged from the army April 1, 1919.

He did post-graduate work at Tulane University, New Orleans, La., during part of 1921 and all of 1922. Since that time he has been actively engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at Poulan, Georgia. He represented Worth County in the Georgia Legislature during the term of 1933-34.

He is a member of the Poulan Baptist Church, a Mason, member of the Knights of Pythias, Woodmen of the World, a trustee of Norman Junior College at Norman Park, Georgia, and a believer in the principles of Jeffersonian Democracy.

DR. J. L. TRACY, SR., and SON, DR. J. L. TRACY, JR.

Dr. J. L. Tracy, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Tracy, of Webster County, Georgia, was born March 5, 1874, in Webster County. He received his medical training from the Atlanta Medical College, now known as Emory University, and the medical department of the University of Georgia, where he received his diploma on April 1st, 1899. He located in Webster County, practicing his profession there until 1902, when he took a post-graduate course from Atlanta Medical College.

On December 18, 1902, he married Miss Nancy Ella Spann, and they located at Sylvester where he has continued to live and practice medicine. She is an ideal doctor's wife, taking a great interest in his work and helping in many ways to lighten his burdens and make bright the dark spots encountered by him as a doctor. Dr. Tracy's sympathetic nature, his gentle manner, his skill in his profession, and his wide practice make him a great favorite. He never fails to respond to the call of anyone in need of his service, day or night, it matters not how busy and trying the day has been.

His son, J. L. Tracy, Jr., graduated at the Medical Department of the University of Georgia at Augusta on June 2, 1930, having served his internship at the University Hospital, Augusta, Georgia. While at medical college he was elected to the National Honorary Medical Fraternity, Alpha Omega Alpha. His premedical work was taken at Mercer University in Macon, Ga. Since finishing his internship he has been engaged in general practice at Sylvester, Georgia.

Dr. and Mrs. Tracy have two other children, Miss Bernice Tracy, a teacher of mathematics at Brunswick, Ga. She graduated from Shorter College, Rome, Ga., in 1926, and was the first honor graduate of her class. William Tracy, the youngest son, attended the Georgia School of Technology and the State University; also Southern Dental College.

Dr. and Mrs. Tracy and family are members of the Baptist Church, staunch Democrats, and are actively interested in all the religious, educational, and civic affairs of the county and state.

DR. H. M. JEFFORD

Dr. Harmon Mack Jefford, was born at Waresboro, Ware County, Georgia, March 25, 1878, and died in Sylvester, Ga., August 15, 1908. His parents were Harmon Finch Jefford, and Mary (McQuaig) Jefford. He was the sixth of nine children, and traced his ancestry back to William Miller, a patriot in the Revolutionary War, who died November 27, 1837, and is buried in Kettle Creek Cemetery, Ware County, Ga.

He attended the high schools of Waresboro and Waycross, Ga., and graduated from the medical department of the University of Georgia, Augusta, Ga., in 1900. He took post-graduate work at various medical schools in the South, and was a member of the Georgia Society and both District and County Medical Associations.

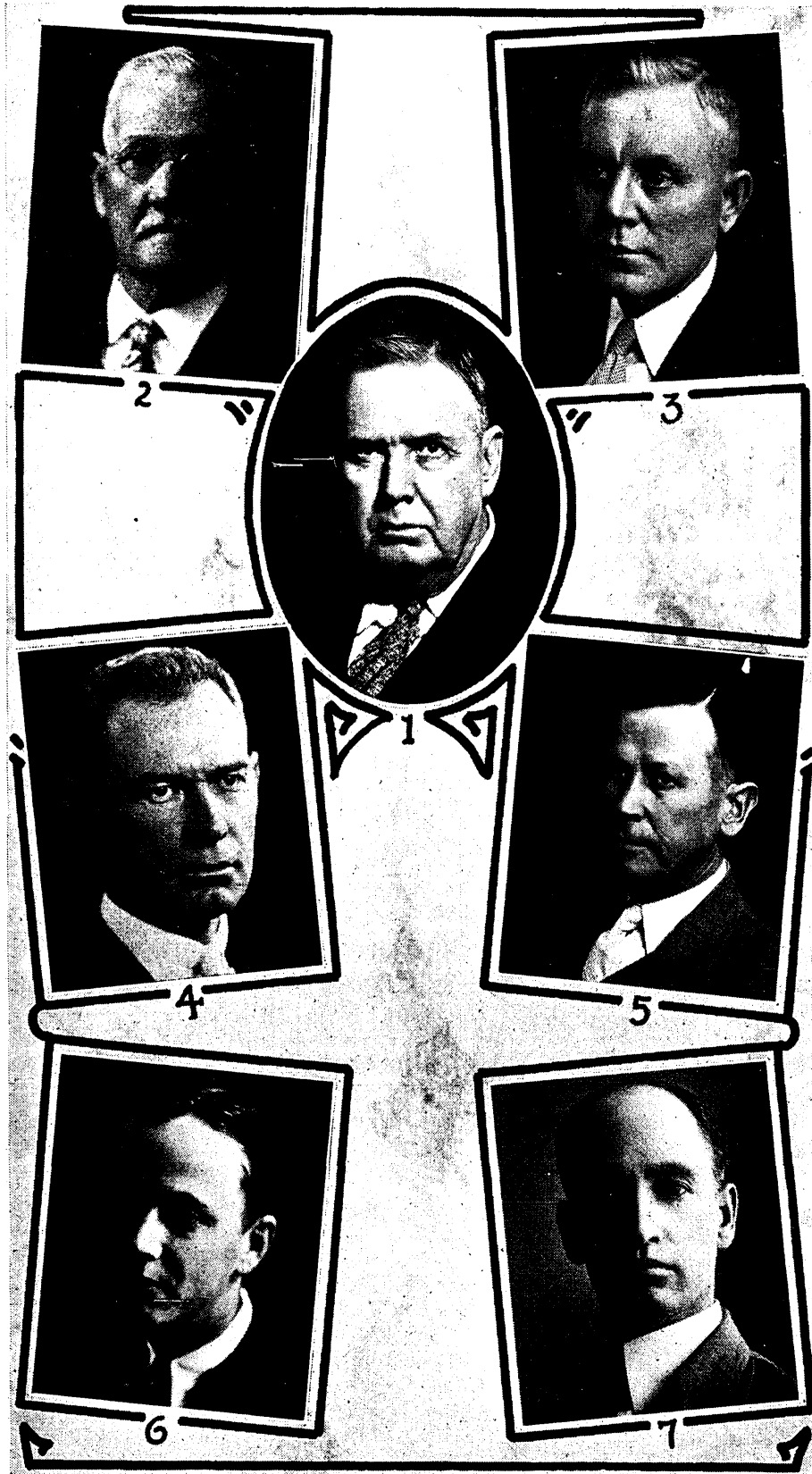
He came to Sylvester soon after his graduation, where he spent the remaining years of his useful and successful life. He possessed a mind of unusual culture and strength, was very careful in his judgments; his conclusions were never hastily formed, but were always carefully thought out and were generally correct.

As a physician he was above the ordinary. He had superior ability and high professional attainments, natural gifts, and acquired skill which ranked him among the most prominent in his profession.

Though a comparatively young man when he passed on, he had earned a splendid reputation, and enjoyed an extensive

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No. 1, Dr. J. L. Tracy, Sr.; No. 2, Dr. Warren J. Hall; No. 3, Dr. H. S. McCoy; No. 4, Dr. Walter C. Tipton; No. 5, Dr. James J. Crumbley; No. 6, Dr. Joseph L. Johnston; No. 7, Dr. J. S. O'Sheal, (See index).



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and lucrative practice. In the homes of his patients to whose relief he administered he was more than a physician; he was friend and brother. His ministrations ceased not when his skill had failed. His heart pulsated with human sympathy and expressed itself in his acts of human kindness.

As a citizen he was interested in the public welfare, and always took the moral side of every public issue.

Dr. Mack Jefford was admired and loved by all irrespective of age or condition; he was inately a gentleman; courtesy was as natural to him as breathing, and honor dearer than life itself. Strong in his convictions, he was yet considerate of those from whose opinions he sometimes differed. His whole demeanor was marked by a becoming sense of the fitness of things. He was a Christian of the highest type. This statement does not rest upon the evidence of his dying testimony, but also upon his every day Christian life. He was a member of the Methodist Church of Sylvester. He died well because he had lived well.

DR. HOMER SEAL McCOY

Dr. Homer Seal McCoy, for seventeen years a resident of Worth County, is one of the fine type of kindly and capable medical men thinking always of the welfare of his patients. His profession calls for almost constant traveling or office practice. His magnanimity and desire to be of service to suffering humanity makes him respond to the call of the poor and causes him to have a large charitable practice. His talent and professional skill makes him one of the most popular physicians with the best class of people.

Dr. McCoy was born June 24, 1883, at Georgetown, Brown County, Indiana. His parents were John H. McCoy and wife, Emma D. (Hendricks) McCoy. John H. McCoy's ancestors were the Moses and McCoy families, who are of Scotch-Irish descent. The grandfather of Dr. McCoy served with the Federal Army in the War Between the States under General Hooker. He was killed in the battle of Lookout Mountain, Nov. 23, 1863. He was a graduate of the University of Indiana.

Dr. McCoy's mother's ancestors were Kendricks and Houghams. On the Kendrick's side, she is a second cousin of Thomas A. Hendricks, Governor of Indiana for eight years,

and Vice-President under President Grover Cleveland. On the Houghams' side she is related to George Washington, he being a fifth cousin to Mrs. Emmie Kendricks McCoy.

Dr. Homer S. McCoy was the first child born to his parents. When he was six years old his parents moved to Marion County, Florida, to benefit his mother's health. In 1900 they moved to Belton, Georgia. He graduated from High School at Gainesville, Georgia. He worked for the railroad for two years, then took a course in bookkeeping and stenographic work. After finishing the course he was bookkeeper for the Atlanta Dairy on Luckie Street three years and six months. He then stood the Civil Service examination and received the appointment as clerk in the Atlanta Postoffice and held this place for five years.

Dr. McCoy has always had an urge to serve his fellowman in a humane capacity, to share their troubles, and to alleviate their sufferings. He decided to study medicine and entered the Atlanta College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1910, graduating in June 1914. In that class there were 127 members. Dr. McCoy stood third in class. Between the Sophomore and Junior years in the Medical College, he married Mabel Gertrude Pierce, of Atlanta, Georgia. He located at 385 Flat Shoals Avenue, Atlanta, where he practiced medicine for two years. On June 14, 1916, they moved to Minton in Worth County, where they lived for twelve years. They moved to Sylvester, to a home he had owned for sometime, February 29, 1932, where he still lives.

Mrs. Mabel G. (Pierce) McCoy, the first wife of Dr. McCoy, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Pierce. She was born in Eustice, Florida. Her mother was Miss Edith Gates. The Pierce family were from Waltham, Mass. The Gates family were from Cleveland, Ohio. Mrs. Mabel G. (Pierce) McCoy, on her mother's side, is a direct descendant of the famous Miles Standish of Plymouth Colony. She fully illustrated her long line of distinguished ancestors. She held the faith of her Puritan forebears and she was a refined, devout Christian character. She was a wise and devoted mother to her sons, John Franklin and Horace Carlisle McCoy. She died in 1929, leaving her husband with their two small sons.

In 1930 Dr. McCoy married Eva Mae Bius, of Doerun. She is descended from a splendid family of Randolph County

Georgia, the Bius and Haddon family. One child has been born to this home, little Gloria Claire McCoy, born February 29, 1932.

Dr. McCoy's mottoes are: "Love everybody as far as is possible;" "Trust in God;" "Serve your fellowman."

DR. WARREN JACKSON HALL

Dr. Warren Jackson Hall of Oakfield is one of the leading and most beloved physicians of Worth County. He has had a large practice and has attained an unusually high reputation as one of the most successful physicians in the county by results achieved and by his high standing as a man and as a loyal and progressive citizen. The engrossing cares of his profession for forty-seven years of practice has made serious inroads on his health. While he is well now, several serious operations have caused him to retire from practice.

He took his medical course, after his first wife died, at the Atlanta Medical College, graduating in 1885. He located first at Doles and practiced his profession there for ten years. He then moved back to his old home at Oakfield where he was reared from a small boy and has lived there ever since.

He is the son of William Walton Hall and wife, Alice (Story) Hall. She was the daughter of Sam Stoy, one of the outstanding pioneer citizens of this section. Dr. Hall was born in 1853.

Dr. Hall married Miss Willie Kemp in 1881. She died young leaving their son, Hiram Walter Hall, born in 1882. He never married and died in 1924.

After Dr. Hall graduated in medicine, he married Margaret Eugenia Rutland in 1886. To them were born two sons, Alfred and Aldrich, and one daughter, Johnnie. Mrs. Margaret Eugenia Hall was born Aug. 28, 1859. She died Sept. 26, 1897.

Dr. Hall married a third time to Mrs. Marylee Bacon Lippett. She was born Aug. 14, 1854 and died March 6, 1923.

DR. TOM PERRY

Dr. Perry was one of the pioneer doctors of Worth County. He was distinguished not only for his usefulness in his professional work, but his activities in church and community life gave him an outstanding position as a Christian and pa-

triot. He was also a preacher of great force and merit, and often filled the pulpit in his church and other churches in his territory. The grand old white haired man was always present in his pew or in the pulpit in the Methodist Church at Sumner, Ga., and ever admonishing young and old to live Christ-like lives. Each New Year's eve found him in his church surrounded by the young people whom he inspired to new beginnings and greater endeavors. Truly, Dr. Perry's life work and his message carried healing in its power and influence.

His son, J. T. Perry, lived with his family all his life near Sumner, where he died several years ago.

DR. JAMES J. CRUMBLEY

Dr. James J. Crumbley, son of Dr. Sidney A. Crumbley, M. D., and wife, Lucretia (Atwell) Crumbley, was born in Georgetown, Georgia, March 7, 1887.

He received his grammar and high school education in the public schools of Eufaula, Alabama. He then went to Georgia School of Technology and received the degree of B. S. Electrical Engineering in June, 1908. He accepted the place as Principal of the Williamson High School in 1908-1909, and was given the chair of Mathematics at A. & M. College at Tifton, Georgia, in 1909-1910. Here he met and married the Home Economics teacher, Lucy Wilkinson, in 1910.

Dr. Crumbley had, for a long time, felt the urge to be a physician, probably the chief influence which directed this, was that his father was a physician of marked ability and usefulness. Dr. J. J. Crumbley entered Vanderbilt University in 1910 and received the Degree of Doctor of Medicine from that University in June, 1914. He returned to his home in Georgetown to begin his practice and remained there until Feb., 1917, when he came to Sylvester to live. He had just established a lucrative practice when the United States entered the World War. Being of draft age he enlisted in Dec., 1917. After serving in France he returned to America and was mustered out the latter part of 1918.

He took advantage of the opportunity to further his preparation as a physician by taking a two-year course in the schools and hospitals of New York, doing post-graduate work in Pediatrics and Obstetrics in 1920-1921. He returned to Sylvester and has always been popular, not only for his skill and assiduity as a physician, but because he has kept in touch

with the advances made in medical science. He is a close and appreciative student of the best standard and periodical literature of his profession and as a citizen is progressive, loyal, and public-spirited. He is a member of the Baptist church, the Sigma Nu fraternity and is devoted to the cause of the Democratic party.

Mrs. Lucy (Wilkinson) Crumbley is the daughter of Thomas P. Wilkinson and wife, Georgia (Murray) Wilkinson of Lincoln in Lincoln County, Georgia. She is affiliated with every civic club of the city and is unwavering in her allegiance to the church and its work. For ten years she was the efficient president of the Woman's Missionary Society. During that time she brought it up to standard and revised many of its activities. The study courses taken in those years were highly cultural and deeply spiritual. She helped organize other Missionary Societies, and is at present leader of the Royal Ambassadors, an auxiliary of the W. M. U. She is chairman of Personal Service in the Mallary Association, and was also Counselor of Girls Auxiliary of W. M. U. one year. She served as President of Sylvester Womans Club one year.

She taught 6th and 7th grades in Adel High School, but she loved teaching Home Economics because of its practical relation to every day life. For six years she taught Home Economics in A. & M. School at Tifton, Ga., and one year in High School at Fitzgerald, Ga.

DR. W. W. SESSIONS, M. D.

Dr. W. W. Sessions is a scion of two sterling old Randolph County families. His father, Henry Sessions, a prosperous agriculturist, lived just south of Cuthbert in his ante-bellum mansion. His mother, Cynthia Emily (Brown) Sessions, belonged to one of the richest and most aristocratic families of Randolph County. They were great slave owners and cotton planters, and they lived a few miles south of Cuthbert. After his mother's death his father married the cousin of his mother, Minnie Hendry, the daughter of Dr. Hendry. Dr. W. W. Sessions was born in 1875 in Randolph County.

Dr. W. W. Sessions received his early education in Cuthbert schools. To prepare for his chosen profession he went to the Atlanta School of Medicine from which he received his Degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1910. He located in Sumner in 1911 where he has achieved noteworthy success in general

practice. His effective ministrations extend throughout that excellent section of the county. He is liberal and progressive in all civic and church affairs, and takes a prominent part in matters of education. He served on the building committee of the splendid new school building of Sumner and other buildings of the school plant.

Dr. W. W. Sessions was married in 1905, to Verlin Veasey, of Randolph County. She is one of those thrifty housewives that look well to the ways of her own home and at the same time takes an active part in all civic and church affairs.

Dr. Sessions and family are Methodist and Democrats.

The children of Dr. and Mrs. Sessions are:

Dr. H. K. Sessions of Trenton, N. J.; Emily Mae, W. M. Wesley, Marguerite, and Martha Dean.

DR. CARL LESLIE TOLBERT

Dr. Carl Leslie Tolbert, a popular young Chiropractor, moved with his parents, Derwood B. Tolbert and wife, Irene (Slagle) Tolbert to Worth County in 1910. His father's people were pioneer settlers in North Georgia. His mother is descended from the Quillian family who have furnished so many distinguished citizens to the state-Methodist preachers, physicians and educators for generations in Georgia. Dr. Tolbert is a direct descendant of James Quillian on his maternal side.

Deceased

Maternal side

James Quillian, Sr.	Paternal side Tolbert Generation
Clemonds Quillian	Osborn H. Tolbert, Sr.
Bithel B. Quillian	Osborn H. Tolbert, Jr.
Ann Quillian	

Living

Irene Slagle	Derwood B. Tolbert
Carl Leslie Tolbert	Dr. Carl Leslie
Virginia	Virginia

Derwood B. Tolbert and wife had four boys and one girl. Dr. Carl L. Tolbert is the oldest.

Derwood B. Tolbert, father of Dr. Tolbert, was born in Pickens County, Ga., March 4, 1869, and died in Omega, Feb. 13, 1934.

Dr. Carl L. Tolbert graduated from Berry School at Rome in 1917. He worked in the accounting department for Swift & Co. until 1921, after which he taught school in Worth County

for three years. He graduated from Palmer School of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa, in February, 1929, and located in Sylvester in June of the same year.

He married Hattie Chapman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Chapman, of Rome, Ga., in Sept. 1917. She is a graduate of the 1917 class of Berry School.

They have one child, Virginia Tolbert, who was born in Moultrie, Georgia.

DR. THOMAS J. BRIDGES

Dr. Thomas J. Bridges was born in Jasper County, in this State, the 3rd day of July, 1855.

In 1875, after finishing at Hilliard Institute in Forsyth, he entered Mercer University. From there he qualified at the Atlanta Medical College, from which he graduated with distinction in 1886. During his young manhood he lived in Forsyth, and for several years practiced his profession there. In the year 1902 he moved to Worth County, and selected Sylvester as his home, again entering upon the practice of his profession. He soon acquired a large practice, and his success demonstrated his

thorough knowledge of his work, and his natural love for the calling. In a short while after coming to Sylvester, his fellow citizens honored him with a position on the Board of Councilmen, and subsequently elected him Mayor of the City, which latter place he held for two years, when that mysterious wizard which he called paralysis rendered him helpless. He was a prominent Mason, affiliated with the Woodmen of the World, and a member of the First Baptist Church. His name was stricken from the roll of the living Nov. 30, 1912.

Dr. Bridges and Miss Olivia Morse, of Forsyth, were mar-



DR. THOS. J. BRIDGES

ried December 20th, 1877. This union was blessed with three children, Mr. Berner Bridges of Albany, Mrs. J. O. (Alma) McWhorter of Tifton, Mrs. J. Mack (Daisy) Sutton of Sylvester.

PAYTON ELLIOT BELL, M.D. AND PHARMACIST

Dr. Payton Elliott Bell is a native of Webster County Georgia, but for 28 years has been a leading druggist and physician of Sylvester and Worth County. For a number of years he had a general practice of medicine, but changed his field of work to that of pharmacist. He established one of the first drug stores in Sylvester and built up a large business, operating at one time two drug stores in the city. He has always given his business his close and earnest attention. No man has had a finer influence in quality and purpose for the betterment of the town and county than Dr. Bell.

He is the eldest child of his parents R. A. and Martha Elizabeth (Elliott) Bell of Webster County. He received his early education in the public schools of Webster County and Cuthbert, Georgia. He attended the Southwestern Agriculture College, worked on the farm for several years, and then entered the Medical Department of the State University at Augusta, graduating in the class of 1899. After one year's practice at Grayson in Gwinnett County, Georgia, he came to Sylvester March 1st, 1900, where he has lived since. His father died in 1902 and he assumed the responsibility of the care of his mother and sister, Mattie, bringing them to Sylvester to live with him. His mother died in 1904. Miss Mattie Bell married George Hart of Sylvester.

Dr. Bell was married Nov. 23, 1904, at Louisville, Kentucky, to Miss Ella Payton, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Payton, an old and honored family of Warsaw, Kentucky. To them one child was born, Payton Elliott, Jr., who was born Oct. 14, 1905, and died April 7, 1915. An unusually bright and attractive child. Mrs. Bell has always been an earnest worker for the welfare of Sylvester in civic and church work.

They are both public spirited and generous, giving to every worthwhile affair of the community. They are Democrats and are Methodist by faith.

DR. J. S. O'SHEAL

In 1911 Dr. James Seaborn O'Sheal moved to Sylvester from Atlanta. He was born in Pickens County, South Carolina,

September 10, 1874. When a lad he came with his parents to Mize, Franklin County. His parents were Robert Yancy Hayne O'Sheal and Isabella (Graham) O'Sheal, both natives of South Carolina. His grandfather, Dr. Robert O'Sheal, who was a dentist, moved to South Carolina from Massachusetts prior to the War Between the States. His father, Dr. R. Y. H. O'Sheal, was a graduate in medicine from the University of Pennsylvania in 1867, later graduating in dentistry at Baltimore. He served in the quartermaster department during the war.

Dr. J. S. O'Sheal attended the public schools of Franklin County, and was graduated from Carnesville High School, after which he taught for several years. He married Miss Maude Quillian Wall, June 1, 1898, and from this union three children were born, Ralph Waldo, Marguerite and Roy Fletcher, the latter dying in infancy.

Feeling the urge to follow in the professional steps of both father and grandfather, Dr. O'Sheal enrolled as a student in the Southern Dental College, after having secured a position as timekeeper for the Georgia Railway and Electric Company, which position he held until he completed his course in dentistry, working at night to support his family, and attending classes part of the day.

Since coming to Sylvester almost twenty-two years ago, he has been engaged in the practice of dentistry, and is a most skilled and successful dentist, having enjoyed a large practice almost from the start.

Dr. O'Sheal is a past President of Sylvester Kiwanis Club.

Mrs. Maude (Wall) O'Sheal is Vice-Regent of the Barnard Trail Chapter of D. A. R. She is a member of this organization through descent from James Quillian, who gave service in the Revolutionary War in North Carolina. This family of Quillians has been signally honored for generations in Georgia. There have been Methodist ministers of note, College presidents, Physicians, and members of the faculty of Atlanta School of Medicine. Mrs. O'Sheal has served as President of the Woman's Club of Sylvester and is an active member to date. She is deeply interested in all religious affairs. Has been for several years President of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Church. She has a great love for literature and is a woman of superior talents.

Their daughter, Mrs. Marguerite (O'Sheal) Neely, is a graduate of McPhaul Institute, Sylvester's High School, and Wes-

leyan College of Macon, Ga. She taught in Sylvester, Ft. Valley, Ga. and recently in Bamberg, S. C. She is a member of the Barnard Trail Chapter, D. A. R.

She was married in the spring of 1934 to John Edward Neely of Olar, S. C.

RECORDS FOUND IN BIBLE OF JAMES M. QUILLIAN

The following is an exact copy of records and other written matter found in the Bible of James M. Quillian. This Bible is now in possession of Mrs. J. S. O'Sheal, of Sylvester. Mrs. O'Sheal is a descendant of James M. Quillian. The writing and Bible show it to be very old.

On the front blank page this is written :

James M. Quillian's Bible. Bought of Rev. Richard Waters, year 1757—Price \$375.61.

James M. Quillian was born March 10th, 1757 in North Carolina; married Sarah Waggoner Nov. 4th, 1779. He died 1838 in Georgia. His wife died 1805.

He was father of three sons, Clemonds, Daniel and James. James was Rev. James Quillian of Georgia Methodist Conference. He was born in North Carolina, May 10th, 1794, died Jan., 1869. He married Sarah Ann Prickett, May 18, 1815. He was father of six sons and one girl, Osborn, George, Wiley, James, Fletcher and Asbury. The girl was named Sarah Ann.

Sarah Ann Waggoner is a direct descendant from Mary Ball, George Washington's parent.

Births

James M. Quillian, born Jan. 26th, 1823.

Margaret A. Quillian, born Oct. 14th, 1825.

John Wiley Quillian, born Aug. 15th, 1847.

Sarah Jane Quillian, born Aug. 22nd, 1849.

Elizabeth Icefine Quillian, born Sept. 25th, 1851.

James Fletcher Quillian, born Mar. 23rd, 1854.

Mary Elin Quillian, born May 6th, 1855.

William Hull Quillian, born July 24th, 1857.

Margaret Alaoratlo Quillian, born July 11th, 1859.

Milton Perry Quillian, born July 7th, 1862.

Fanny Lenova Quillian, born July 3rd, 1865.

Joseph Milton Quillian, born Dec. 20, 1866.

Marriages

- James M. Quillian and Margaret A. Murray married 10th, Nov. 1846.
- John Wiley Quillian and Mary Martin married 15th, Nov. 1868.
- John Wall and Elizabeth I. Quillian married 18th, March 1873.
- Howell J. Cox and Alda Margaret Quillian married Nov. 16th, 1882.
- Milton Perry Quillian and Georgia Ann Cox married Oct. 9th, 1883.
- Joseph M. Quillian and Lizzie D. Mabry married Dec. 24th, 1889.
- John Wall and Sarah J. Quillian were married Oct. 30th, 1880.

Deaths

- James Fletcher Quillian departed this life 25th March, 1854.
- William Hull Quillian departed this life 1st Aug., 1857.
- Fanny Lenova Quillian departed this life 2nd August, 1865.
- Elizabeth I. Wall, daughter of James M. Quillian and wife, Mrs. Quillian, departed this life 7th Sept. 1879.
- Mollie E. Quillian, daughter of J. M. and Mrs. Quillian, departed this life 10th Jan., 1883.
- Alda Cox, daughter of J. M. and Mrs. Quillian, departed this life Feb. 17th, 1886.
- Rev. Milton P. Quillian, departed this life Nov. 1st, 1887.
- Margaret A. Quillian, departed this life June 17th, 1897.
- James Milton Quillian, departed this life Dec. 19th, 1903, Friday evening at 8 o'clock.
- Joseph M. Quillian, departed this life 30th January, 1902.

DR. FRANKLIN MONROE BUTLER

Dr. Franklin Monroe Butler belongs to a family of Doctors. His parents, Allison Malachai Butler and wife, Frances Caroline (Dividson) Butler reared five sons. Four of them became doctors, one a Medical Doctor, two Dentists and one Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist. Dr. F. M. Butler is a native of Wilkinson County, born on his father's farm near Danville. His father died in 1907. His mother died in 1922.

Dr. Butler fitted himself for the exacting work and responsible profession of Dentistry in the Atlanta Dental College, graduating in the class of 1911. He came to Sylvester where

his entire professional life has been spent and where he has gained noteworthy success. He has spent time, effort and means in preventing diseases of the mouth, thus preventing many other diseases. For many years he has given lectures to the grades of the city schools on mouth sanitation and, with other dentists, has held Dental Clinics and given prizes in work of themes on clean mouth. The good this work has done is far reaching, as the value of a child's life cannot be estimated. It has greatly elevated the standard in mouth sanitation.

He is a member of Psi Omega Fraternity. He is a Missionary Baptist, a Woodman of the World and a Shriner.

His life on the farm instilled into him the love of plant life. His hobby and means of relaxation and recreation from the strenuous life of a dental office is to beautify his home and grounds around it and gardening, at which he is an artist. It is the concensus of opinion that he has the most artistic and beautiful bungalow home in the city. He introduced the planting of winter grass in Sylvester which now makes the lawns and parks a joy in winter.

Dr. F. M. Butler and Miss Thelma Palin were married Sept. 25, 1917, at the home of her parents, Capt. A. W. Palin and wife, Lena (Hadden) Palin, of Albany.

Capt. A. W. Palin, the father of Mrs. Butler, has been a passenger train conductor on the A. C. L. Railroad from Albany to Brunswick for 42 years. He was born in Macon and reared in Valdosta. Lena (Hadden) Palin, mother of Mrs. Butler, was reared in Tampa, Florida. She was descended from Camilla Collins Zeigler. Her Zeigler ancestor, Lucas Zeigler was the founder of the family by that name in America, immigrating to America with the colony of Salsburgers, and became one of the leaders in the Ebenezer settlement on the Savannah River in 1734.

Mrs. Butler attended Brenau College and is a graduate of Richardson School of Oratory and Emerson System of Oratory. She is an artist of great talent in this vocation. She has taken a leading role in all work of this kind put on in Sylvester. She has been a Recording Secretary of the P.-T. A. for several years. She was Secretary of the Missionary Circle for 8 years and Publicity Superintendent of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Church. She is active in all matters

pertaining to the church of her choice, the Methodist. She is a member of the Phi Mu Gamma Sorority of Brenau.

Dr. and Mrs. Butler have one son, Franklin Monroe Butler, Jr., born July 7th, 1922.

DR. WILL H. STEWART

Dr. Will H. Stewart, son of Peter Stewart and wife, Martha (Morrison) Stewart, was born in Schley County, Georgia. He moved with his father to Worth County. He received his Dental education in Atlanta Dental College, graduating in 1900. He practiced several years in Sylvester.

On November 22, 1904, he married a Sylvester girl, Miss Dora Hillhouse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hillhouse. Several years after their marriage they moved to Lumberton, Mississippi, in 1912, where he practiced his profession and farmed for about 21 years. They then returned to their farm near the town of Sylvester in 1933.

With the exception of the three oldest, their children were born in Mississippi. Those of their children who have reached the adult age have made outstanding achievements in their respective lines. Leland is a chemist and works for the Carbide Carbon Chemical Corporation at Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Eloise teaches Piano and Violin at Hawkinsville, Ga. Imogene is connected with the State College for Women at Columbus, Miss. She graduated there in the spring of 1933, and was given this place in the fall of the same year.

Their other children are: Maxine, died in childhood; twins, Oswald and Orville; Leroy, Malcolm, and Juanita.

DR. JAMES MACK SUTTON

State Veterinarian

Dr. James Mack Sutton was born Nov. 14, 1893, in Tifton, Tift County, Ga.

He received his education in McPhaul Institute, Sylvester, in the Georgia Military College, and Kansas City Veterinary College. He began veterinary practice in Sylvester in 1914. He belongs to Delta Alphi; is a Knights Templar, Shriner, Kiwanian, and a member Ex-Officio of the State Board of Health. He was appointed State Veterinarian July 12, 1927, which office he has held to date.

Dr. Sutton married Miss Daisy Madeline Bridges, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. T. J. Bridges, Nov. 15, 1915.



J. M. SUTTON, STATE VETERINARIAN

Their union has been blessed by six children, James Mack, Jr., Carl, Dorothy, Tom, Al, and Fort.

No man in Worth County, we venture to say in the state, has risen higher in his profession and achieved greater success in finance in so short a time as Dr. Sutton.

To attain a high place among so many who are striving to reach the top is no easy task and is accomplished only through the possession of the most virile qualities, especially that of energy, perseverance backed by ability, courage and moral worth. The possession of these qualities by Dr. Sutton in the highest degree is sufficiently indicated by his present position as State Veterinarian. He is a leader in many enterprises of the county and stands high in the esteem of the people.

Mrs. Sutton is a highly refined Christian. She is active in much of the welfare work of Sylvester and Worth County, and her success as a home-maker has been as great as his in the business world.

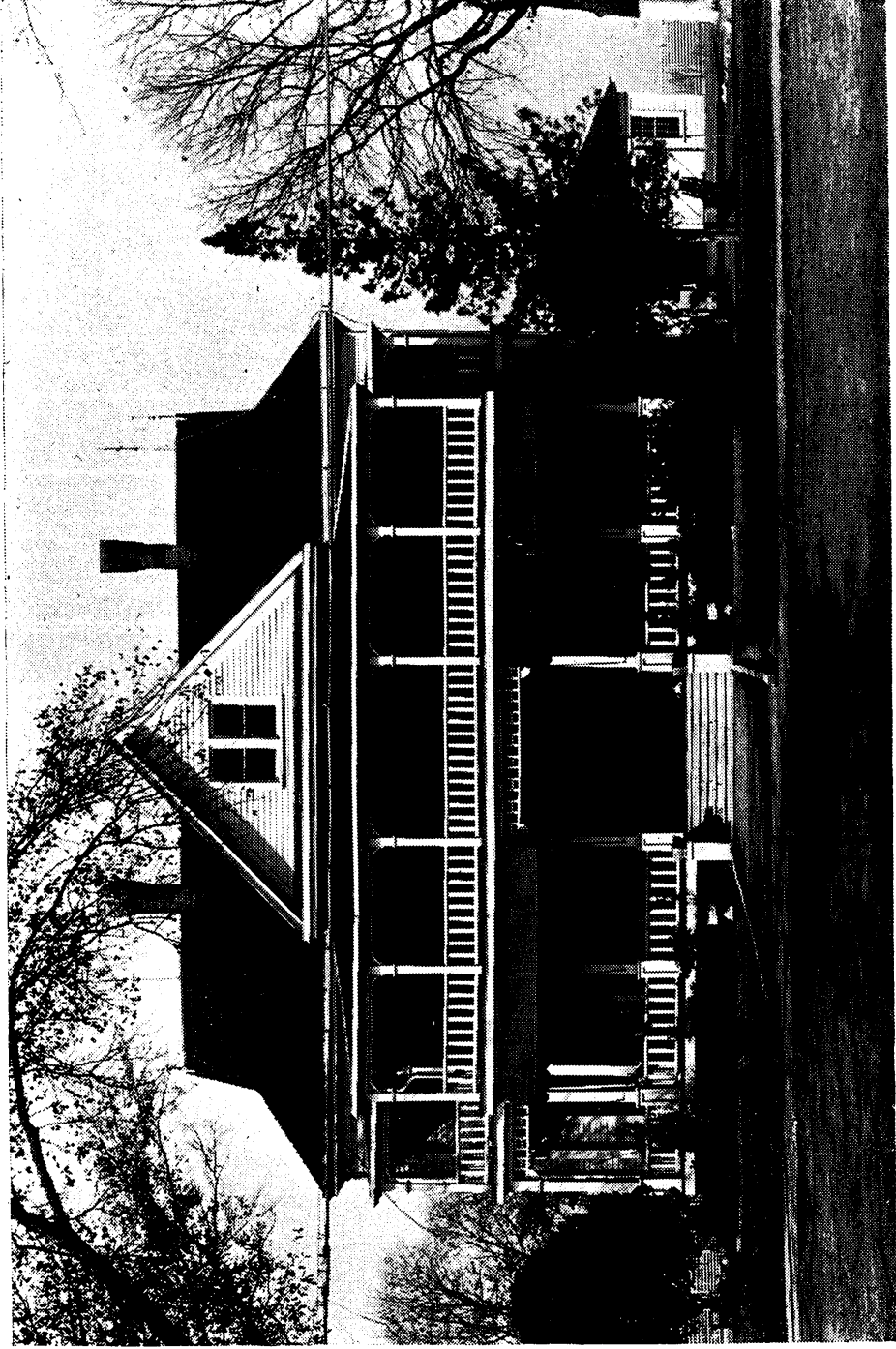
DR. JOSEPH LEON JOHNSTON

Dr. J. L. Johnston, though young in years, has made a record of proficiency and skill in his work as veterinarian by earnest application of technical knowledge and good judgment. He has built up a substantial and lucrative practice that extends over a wide radius of territory.

He is the son of Alma Earl Johnston and wife, Clara (McLendon) Johnston, natives of Terrell County, Ga., where they live at their comfortable farm home.

Dr. J. L. Johnston received his high school education at the Sasser Public Schools, and then went to the Piedmont College at Demorest, Ga., and then received his training in his chosen profession at the University of Georgia, graduating in 1927. He located in Dawson, Ga. for a short while and moved to Sylvester in the same year, 1927.

He was married to Miss Myrtle Tipton, Sylvester, Ga., Aug. 20th, 1930. Mrs. Johnston is the only child of Mr. John L. Tipton and wife, Eula (Cochran) Tipton. She is a graduate of the Sylvester High School, and Shorter College at Rome, Ga., from which she received an A.B. degree. This young couple are most loyal in their support of those things that tend to advance the social and material welfare of the community. They have one little daughter, Patricia, born Aug. 3rd, 1933.



HOME OF DR. J. MACK SUTTON

CHAPTER XIX

COUNTY OFFICERS AND FAMILY DETAILS

JAMES W. WARREN Clerk of Superior Court

James W. Warren is the son of James A. Warren and wife, Martha (Gibbs) Warren. His parents belonged to the most prominent and influential families of eastern Worth. He is descended on his maternal side from the James Gibbs and Daniel Henderson families, the first settlers in this part of Georgia. He was born in Worth County Sept. 19, 1871, and has resided here ever since.

He was educated in the best schools of Worth and finished at the Gordon Institute at Barnesville, Georgia. He taught school for two years after leaving Gordon Institute.

He was elected Clerk of the Superior Court of Worth County and on Jan. 1, 1897, he began the duties of this office which he has held to date except the years 1915 to 1916 and 1924 to 1928. He was re-elected to this office in 1932 for four years.

This continued tenure of an office dependent on the suffrage of the enlightened judgment of the people of Worth speak in most eloquent terms of the character and popularity of Mr. Warren. He is a devoted member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

On Jan. 17th, 1904, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Augusta Williams, also of Worth County. The following children, James Winton, Jackson Allen, George Edward and William Henderson have come to bless their home.

Mr. Warren and his wife moved to Sylvester from Isabella when the Court House was moved here. Since that time they have been residents of this city. On account of their social, moral and spiritual attainments, all of which they both have to a very remarkable degree, they have been a tremendous asset to the social and spiritual life of Sylvester. Both having

ears attuned to the harmony of sweet sounds, and being musicians of considerable attainments, they have been quite an asset to the choirs of the local churches and have been a large contributing factor in maintaining on a high plane the social life of Sylvester.

Mrs. Warren is a member of the D. A. R. organization through descent from John Ford, one of the first white settlers of Dooly, later Worth County.

J. MACK BASS

J. Mack Bass, the best Tax-Collector in the State of Georgia, as is evidenced by the long term of office he has held in Worth County, from Jan. 1912 to date (1934). For many years he has had no opposition.

He inspires the confidence and personal regard of all who know him, not only in his official capacity, the duties of which he fills with complete efficiency, but for his high Christian character, his generosity toward everything involving the welfare of the city or section that is brought to his notice. He is a deacon in the Sylvester Baptist Church, an enthusiastic Kiwanian and has belonged to it since its organization.

J. Mack Bass is the son of J. Mack Bass, Sr., and wife, Elizabeth (Roach) Bass, of Sumter County where he was born, reared and educated. He came to Worth County in 1893.

The father of J. Mack Bass was born in Sumter County in 1840. He enlisted in the Confederate Army, April 1st, 1862. He died in Virginia in 1862, while in the army, and is buried in Richmond, Va.

The mother of J. Mack Bass, Elizabeth (Roach) Bass, was born in Pulaski County, Ga., in 1840, she died in Sumter County, Ga., June 1st, 1931.

J. Mack Bass married Lizzie Westbrook of Sumter County, in June, 1887.

Their children are:

Douglas, deceased; Annie, Beulah, Lorene, Albert, Frank.

JUDGE SAM S. STORY **Ordinary Worth County**

S. S. Story, son of Warren L. and Henrietta (Jerkins) Story, was born in Sumter County, Florida, Jan. 23, 1856.

His father went from Worth County to Florida in 1854 and moved back to Swift Creek, Worth County, in 1860.

His parents were of Welsh descent and came from North Carolina.

He married Jane Bass, daughter of Miles and Edna Bass, Jan. 20, 1881, in Sumter County.

Mr. Story served one term as treasurer of Worth County and has served as Ordinary since Jan. 1, 1917.

He is the father of nine children, eight of whom are living: Mrs. Vesta Story Bridges, deceased; Miles L. Story, Warwick; Mrs. Ulva Story Hall, Warwick; Mrs. E. W. Cone, Darien; Miss Pearl Story, Orlando, Florida; W. M. Story, Albany; J. E. Story, Albany; J. L. Story, Albany; S. W. Story, Atlanta.

Mr. Story is a deacon in the Acorn Pond Baptist Church. Judge Story belongs to the class of old-time Southern gentlemen. His many services to the old Confederate soldiers and their widows cannot be estimated. He has helped many to get their pension papers through, and his ministrations to them in many other ways has been the greatest comfort and help.

CHARLES HARRINGTON STRANGWARD

Charles H. Strangward came to Sylvester in January, 1903, from Cleveland, Ohio, where he was born and reared. His parents were William Strangward and wife, Mary Elizabeth (Reese) Strangward.

He came here as manager of the Indiana Fruit Farm which is situated a few miles north of Sylvester. He later bought another farm south of the railroad, the Sylvester Fruit Farm. His interest in every community enterprise and the close association with the people soon won for him a wide circle of friends. He is vice-president of the Sylvester Banking Co., and has been chairman of the County Board of Education for many years. He was a charter member of the Kiwanis Club and is also one of its past presidents.

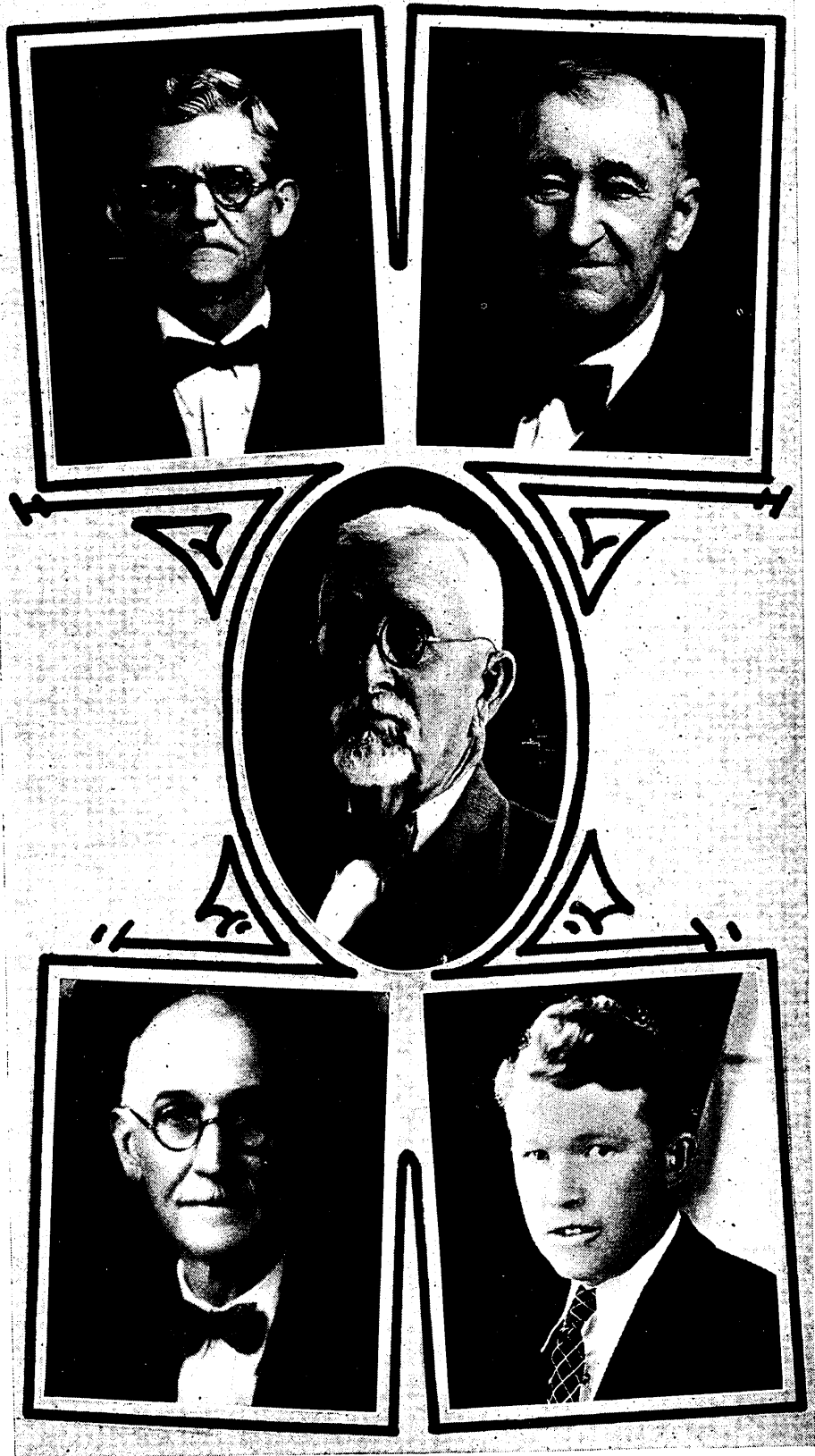
By his personal supervision and wise management, he has developed the Indiana Fruit Farm and Sylvester Fruit Farm

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Top row: J. W. Warren, Clerk, Superior Court, and J. Mack Bass, Tax Collector.

Center: Sam S. Story, Ordinary.

Bottom row: J. N. Sumner, Sheriff and McArthur Sloan, County Agent.—For further reference see index.



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into the finest and best cultivated farms of South Georgia. He introduced the growing of cantaloupes for commercial purposes and through his efforts Sylvester is now the cantaloupe center of the world. He ships large quantities to northern markets each season and has been very helpful to smaller farmers in marketing their cantaloupes. He also ships large quantities of vegetables to Florida markets.

He was married August 16, 1904, to Miss Nannie Carter of Sylvester. Both Mr. and Mrs. Strangward have rare social gifts and have made their beautiful farm home a center of culture and refinement. Mrs. Strangward is a graduate of Wesleyan College and was actively connected with the P.-T. A. for many years. She has been president of the Woman's Club for about twelve years and has served on a committee for child-welfare. She takes an active part in any movement to benefit the under-privileged child.

Mr. and Mrs. Strangward are members of the Methodist Church and are very zealous workers. He is a steward and trustee of the Pinson Memorial Church.

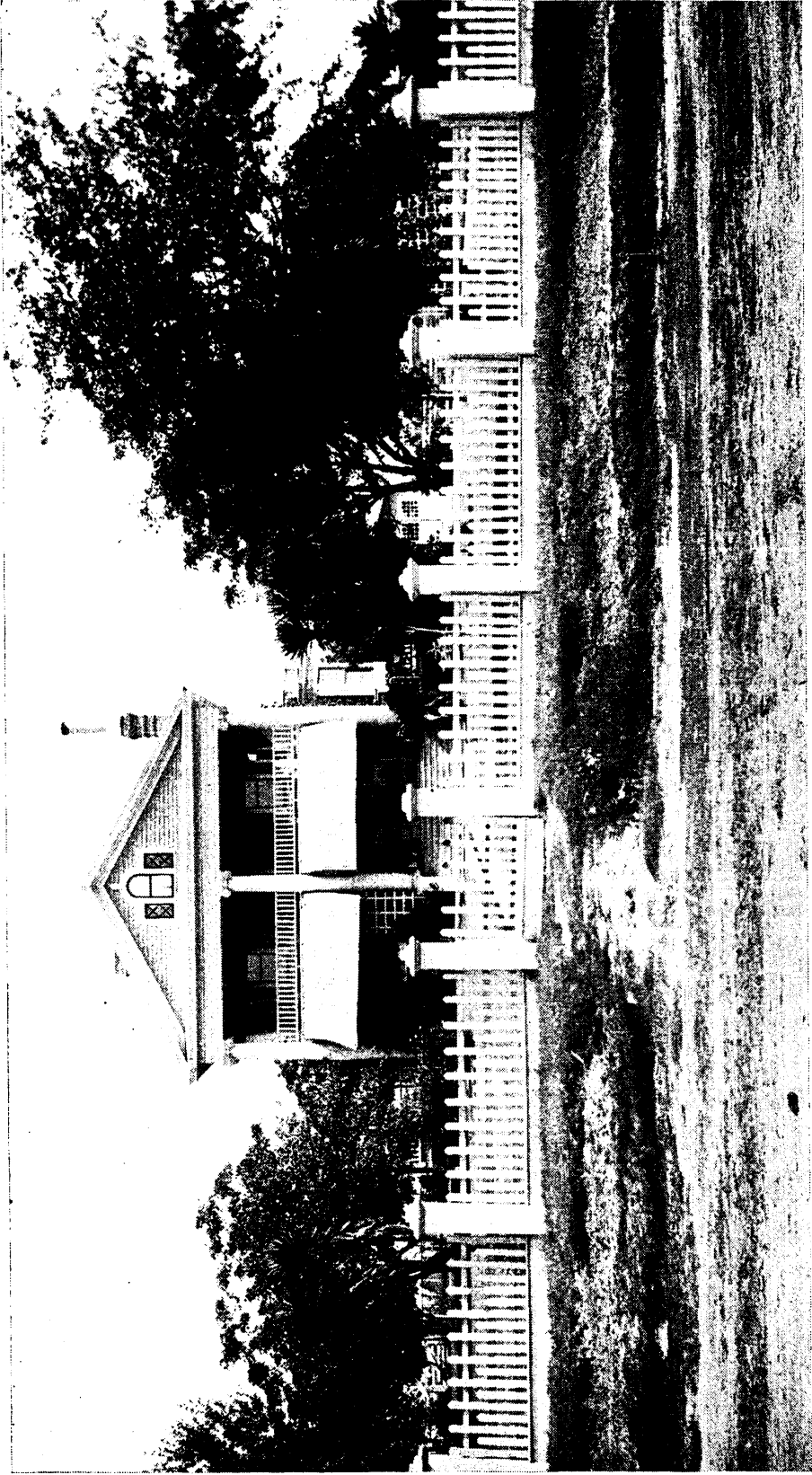
They have three children, Charles William, Evelyn and Dorothy. Charles William was married February 24, 1934, to Miss Ethel Partridge of Jacksonville, Florida. Evelyn was married to Joe L. S. Houston April 26, 1934.

JOHN N. SUMNER, SHERIFF

John N. Sumner, Sheriff of Worth County, was born at Sumner, Ga., June 29, 1869, and has spent practically all his life in this county. He was elected Sheriff in 1900 and has held this office continuously since, except for a period of eight years, during which time he was engaged in farming.

His parents were J. C. and Polly (Hobby) Sumner. John N. Sumner was twice married, first to Emma McCrary—one child by this marriage, Eva—now Mrs. Hugh Gilson of Taylor County. Second wife, Pearl Perkins. Two children, Jack P. Sumner of Atlanta and Ruby, who married Davis S. Hudson, and, who with her family, live in Sylvester. He is a charter member of Sylvester Kiwanis Club, a Mason and member of the Board of Stewards, Sylvester M. E. Church.

Worth County is to be congratulated upon the personnel of her county officers. They are all men of high character and integrity, but if it were possible to pass them in review, Sheriff Sumner would probably stand out as dean of the force.



COUNTRY HOME OF C. H. STRANGWARD

The duties of sheriff at best are trying ones. Continuously in contact with the more or less criminally inclined would tend to make the best of us cynics, misanthropes, yet through all these years of service he has grown in character and value to his county until today he is recognized by all who know him as one of the best sheriffs in the state of Georgia. Sheriff Sumner is always found standing as firm as the Rock of Gibraltar on the moral side of any question. In his contacts with the criminal element, if they will allow it, he will be as kind and gentle as a brother, but when necessary he can be as stern and invincible as justice itself.

In this revolutionary age, when democracies are being challenged and overthrown; when the forces of evil seem to be in the ascendancy; when Government itself is repudiating the age old theory of the inviolability of contracts, it is refreshing indeed to know a man like sheriff Sumner, imbued with the heroism of the Puritan and the gentleness of the Cavalier.

Mrs. John N. Sumner is a fine business woman. They have farming interests, and she looks after it when the duties of his office call him away. She is a helpmeet in more ways than one, she is a woman who looks well to the ways of her household.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis S. Hudson and their children John and Eugene live in the home with her parents. She is manager of the telephone office. He is the deputy sheriff of Worth County, a splendid young man, absolutely fearless, but very discrete and of fine judgment.

DAVID BENJAMIN GLEATON **Tax Receiver for 1933**

David Benj. Gleaton was born in Worth County in 1892 and spent his boyhood days on the farm, attending rural school when possible. At the age of nineteen he spent one year in High School at Norman Park Institute, going from there to Columbus, Georgia, where he took a course in bookkeeping in the Massey Business College.

The next fifteen years of his life was spent in the Mercantile business for others and for himself. After leaving the mercantile business he then engaged in the insurance and real estate business until elected Tax Receiver for Worth County in 1932.

D. B. Gleaton was a son of Benj. S. Gleaton who spent most of his life as a farmer in Worth County. Benj. S. Gleaton was the youngest son of a family of eleven, whose father was Thomas C. W. Gleaton. Thomas C. W. Gleaton came to Worth County from Sumter County in 1840 and was married to Miss Malendia Williams of Sumter, County.

Benj. S. Gleaton, father of David B. Gleaton, never entered the political field, but served as President of the Farmers' Union in Worth County for four years from 1906 to 1910.

Lula E. Gleaton, mother of David B. Gleaton, was a daughter of David Champion, whose father, Micajah Champion, came to Worth County from Sumter County and settled in 1856 near what is now Red Oak Church at Doles, Ga.

David Champion, grandfather of David B. Gleaton, left Isabella in Company G., 14th Reg., in July 1861 and served as Lieutenant in the Civil War until it closed in 1865.

About 1872 David Champion was elected and served as Tax Collector of Worth County. Later, or about 1888, he was elected to represent Worth County in the house of Representatives. He has also served as County Commissioner and as a member of the County School Board.

HON. FRANCIS MARION KIMBLE

Francis Marion Kimble, son of Joseph Fannin and Laura Lyle Kimble, was born in Stewart County, Sept. 17, 1874.

His father moved to Clay County seven years later, where he lived until 1892, when he moved to Worth County, where he resided until his death in 1900.

His son, Frank, after finishing school taught school four years.

In 1896 he was married to Annie Bailey, daughter of Joseph and Mary B. Jenkins Bailey, and in 1897 moved to Poulan, where he was engaged in the mercantile business for some time.

Then he was connected with the railroad for some years, until he took up textile work in which he is now engaged.

For twenty-five years he has been manager of the Poulan Cotton Factory.

Frank M. Kimble has served as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners continuously from Jan. 11, 1919, to date, 1934.



FRANK M. KIMBLE

Three children blessed this union, Lucile Kimble of Athens, Laura Bailey Kimble, now Mrs. Frank Coggins, of Atlanta, Francis Marion, Jr., who married Sara Gray, of Carrolton, Ga., where he now resides.

Miss Lucile Kimble is a musical artist of high order. She has a large and appreciative radio audience. She features piano music.

She is connected with the University of Georgia's musical department, under Prof. Hugh Hodgson in this year, 1934.

P. M. LANCASTER

P. M. Lancaster, past Mayor of Sylvester, was born in Dodge County, March 16, 1894, son of Robert O. and Molly Elizabeth Lancaster. He attended the public schools of Dodge County and Pulaski County, Seventh District A. & M. School and Georgia Normal College and Business Institute, Douglas, Ga.

He came to Sylvester in 1912, and married Miss Jeanette Hires of Sylvester. They have two children, P. M., Jr., and Jane Elizabeth. On coming to Sylvester he entered the field of real estate and general insurance, and in 1917 established the Sylvester Insurance Agency which he has since operated with marked success.

He served as Mayor of Sylvester two terms, having originally been elected to this office in December, 1929. He is a member of the First Baptist Church, the Masonic Lodge, Vice-Pres. Kiwanis Club and is otherwise prominently identified with the business and social life of Sylvester and Worth County, being one of the most enterprising and progressive citizens.

He was elected to represent Worth County in the Georgia Legislature to fill out the unexpired term of Thos. B. Jenkins, deceased.

R. BRITT POLLARD

R. Britt Pollard, son of John T. Pollard, was born at Coleman, Randolph County, Georgia, Jan. 13th, 1874. Was married to Miss Mattie E. Rainey at Perry, Ga., Feb. 27th, 1901. They are the parents of four children: One son, Robert R. Pollard, now with the Western Electric Co., Bloomfield, N. J., and three daughters, Annie Louise, Martha and Nell Pollard.

R. B. Pollard has held the positions of City Clerk of Syl-

vester since Jan. 1st, 1912, and Clerk of County Commissioners since Jan. 1st, 1915.

He has served on the Board of Stewards of the Pinson Memorial Methodist Church of Sylvester since 1911.

His long tenure of the office of Clerk of the City and of the Commissioners of Roads and Revenues of the county speaks eloquently of his efficiency.

Mrs. Pollard is a wonderful home-maker of culture, Christian consecration and refinement. She is most sympathetic and generous to the unfortunate, especially so to the underprivileged child. Many have been clothed by her thoughtfulness.

POLLARD FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Pollard came to Poulan June 5, 1895, from Liberty County, Ga. They had four children, Robert Britton Pollard married Mattie Rainey of Perry, Ga.

Nellie Pollard married James McGirt of Poulan.

John T. Pollard.

Gertrude Pollard married Green Haywood Alford of Wake County, N. C.

McARTHUR SLOAN

McArthur Sloan, in his official capacity as County Agricultural Agent of Worth, performs thoroughly and conscientiously the duties of his position. He has proven himself capable of ably taking care of the strenuous demands made upon him by the Federal Government, as well as the County. He has won the high esteem and confidence of the people of Worth in his years of service for them.

McArthur Sloan was born at Resaca, Gordon County, Ga. He is the son of William Douglas Sloan and wife, Savannah (Murphy) Sloan, native Georgians. He received his early education in the best schools of Gordon County, and attended the Eighth District A. & M. College at Powder Springs, Ga., and at the State University at Athens, from which he received his B.S.A. degree in 1930.

His first work after graduation was in Crisp County under J. K. Luck. He went from there to Miller County where he held the position of County Agricultural Agent until 1933 when he accepted like position in Worth County.

On Aug. 25, 1932, he was married to Miss Catherine Eliza-

beth Grow, of Colquitt, Miller County. She is the daughter of Roy William Grow and wife, Lou (Bush) Grow. Mrs. Sloan belongs to the best families of that section. She graduated from the Colquitt High School and the Alabama Woman's College, at Montgomery. They have one little daughter, Lucy Joyce.

CLYDE HORACE FORSHEE

Clyde Horace Forshee was elected as a member of the Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues of Worth County. His term began in 1933 and will end in 1937.

He is a successful agriculturist and does general farming. His judgment and foresight are displayed in the management and development of his farming business. He is the type of man who will succeed in any business because of his energy, integrity and firmness of purpose. He has great force of character and is unusually successful in all undertakings.

He has been general supervisor of the C. W. A. and all the relief work since its organization in this county.

He is a deacon in the Missionary Baptist Church of Terrell, and his family is connected with all the activities of that church.

He married Ora Harden of Turner County, Georgia, February 3, 1918.

They have seven children, Selma, E. J., Latrelle, Clyde Horace, Jr., Bobbie, Harold Harden and Ella Kate. The last two are twins, born August 11, 1933.

Mrs. Forshee is deeply interested in her husband's work and is a splendid help to him in every way. She is the daughter of Joseph B. Harden, born April 16, 1872 and his wife, Katie (Ponder) Harden, born July 22, 1876.

Her grandfather Monroe Harden, moved from Sumter County, Georgia, to Turner County where he died. His wife, her grandmother, Betty (Rouse) Harden, died in Turner County in December, 1922.

Clyde Horace Forshee was born May 22, 1897. He is the son of Elisha Forshee, born April 3, 1862. His wife Ella (Jeter) Forshee was born October 5, 1863. They were married July 24, 1888.

Elisha Forshee, Jr., was the son of Elisha Forshee, Sr., of Houston County, born 1829, who was killed in 1864 while serving in the Confederate Army. His wife, Abbiegill Lavinie (Hodge) Forshee, born 1828, died in December, 1921.

