

"The World's warrant," 1907; "Wallaces," 1909. She is a Progressive Republican. Residence: Huntsville.

VIS, PRESTON BROOKS, business man, born February 15, 1857, at Bostick, Florida County, S. C.; son of Henry and Mary E. (Bostick) Davis, the former a native of Marion County, S. C., who lived near Bostick, S. C., and an ardent secessionist, too old to take up arms but a liberal contributor to the cause; son of Bunyan and Sarah Bostick, of Florida County, S. C. Mr. Davis' paternal ancestors came from Wales with a colony which settled at Welsh Neck, Cheraw District, S. C. His mother was of English descent. He was educated in the common school of the neighborhood, and farmed at home until 1877. He entered in the turpentine industry, entering that business on his own account in 1882 in Georgia. He moved to Geneva County, Ala., in 1885, and has continued at that place as a manufacturer of naval stores and a dealer in lumber and merchandise. He served as postmaster at Geneva for a number of years; is a Democrat, Methodist; and a Mason. Married: December 22, 1881, in Richland County, S. C., to Alice Achsah, daughter of Hilliard D. Hamiter and Susan A. Hamiter of Bookmans, S. C., of German descent, the former was daughter of Co. G, Twenty-fourth South Carolina Infantry, C. S. Army, and was twice wounded. Children: 1. M. B.; 2. H. H.; 3. L. H.; 4. J. Residence: Chancellor.

IS, RICHARD TATUM, merchant, was born August 7, 1833, at Newnan, Coweta County, Ga., and died February 1, 1891, at Fort Davis, Madison and Phala (Landrum) Davis, former a resident of Newnan until 1845, when he removed to Tuskegee, where he died in 1845. He was educated in the common schools of Newnan, and attended John's high school at Tuskegee, 1845-50; was a merchant at Fort Davis, 1865-91; justice of the peace, 1868-91. He volunteered for service in the Confederate army after six months was rejected on account of ill health. He was a Democrat; a Baptist; and a Mason. Married: November 1, 1857, at Cotton Valley, to Mary Caroline, daughter of Joseph Jackson and Eliza (Kelly) (Darlington), S. C., and great-grandson of Fort an officer from North Carolina in the American Revolution. The Fort family came from Virginia from England in 1660, and of Norman origin, the name being originally Fort. The wife of Elias Fort was a niece of his relative, Col. Henry Hart, was a Revolutionary officer. Thomas Hart U. S. senator from Missouri, and Tom Hart, of Chattanooga, Tenn., are relatives. Children: 1. Fort Madison, student at University of Alabama, 1881-83, planter at Tuskegee, m. Ola Johnson; 2. Hubert T. (q. v.), died, educated at the Alabama conference college, Tuskegee, d. unmarried; 3. John, educated at Park high school, Tuskegee, d. unmarried. Last residence: Fort

DAVIS, SAMUEL, soldier of the American Revolution, aged 78, and a resident of Madison County, private Virginia Militia; enrolled on January 24, 1833, under act of Congress of June 7, 1832, payment to date from March 4, 1831; annual allowance \$26.66; sums received to date of publication of list, \$66.65.—*Revolutionary Pension Roll*, in vol. xiv, Sen. doc. 514, 23rd Cong., 1st sess., 1833-34. He resided in Madison County, June 1, 1840, aged 85.—*Census of Pensioners*, 1841, p. 148.

DAVIS, THOMAS, soldier of the American Revolution, aged 71, and a resident of Madison County; private S. C. State Troops; enrolled on November 15, 1833, under act of Congress of June 7, 1832; payment to date from March 4, 1831; annual allowance, \$30; sums received to date of publication of list, \$90.—*Revolutionary Pension Roll*, in vol. xiv, Sen. doc. 514, 23rd Cong., 1st sess., 1833-34.

DAVIS, W. H. member constitutional convention, 1861, from Pickens County.

DAVIS, WESLEY, deceased Presbyterian minister, mentioned in Nall's "Dead of the Synod of Alabama," 1851.

DAVIS, WILLIAM, soldier of the American Revolution, aged 73, and a resident of Greene County; private of Calvary N. C. State Troops; enrolled on March 15, 1833, under act of Congress of June 7, 1832, payment to date from March 4, 1831; annual allowance, \$100; sums received to date of publication of list, \$200.—*Revolutionary Pension Roll*, in vol. xiv, Sen. doc. 514, 23rd Cong., 1st sess., 1833-34.

DAVIS, WILLIAM ANTHONY, business man, was born January 13, 1857, at Montgomery; son of Benjamin Bullock and Mary Elizabeth (Callaway) Davis (q. v.); grandson of Anthony Davis who came to Philadelphia, Pa., from Rochdale, England, and of Rev. William A. Callaway, of LaGrange, Ga. He obtained his early schooling from Miss Jane E. Smith and George W. Thomas of Montgomery, and spent one year at Howard college, Marion. He located at Montgomery as a hardware merchant, 1874; moved to Eufaula in 1877, and continued in that business until 1885; spent two years in the real estate business in Montgomery; and has been in that business in Anniston since 1887, for the greater part of the time as general manager of the Anniston City land company and of the Alabama Mineral land company. He served as alderman of Anniston, 1892-1895. He was a deacon in the Baptist church from 1888 to 1904 inclusive, and is recording secretary of the Alabama Baptist State convention. He is a member of Woodmen of the World and of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Married: February 21, 1884, in Eufaula, Laura, daughter of Joseph Asburn and Julia Frances (Woods) Sylvester, of Eufaula; granddaughter of Clayton Rogers Woods, of Eufaula. Children: 1. Clifford Sylvester; 2. William Anthony, Jr.; 3. Julia; 4. Henry Edmonds; 5. Jennie. Residence: Anniston.

DAVIS, WILLIAM COLUMBUS, lawyer, was born August 5, 1867, in Iuka, Miss.; son of Samuel McGee and Emily J. (Lacy) Davis, the former a native of Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County, Ga., removed in early life to St. Clair County; and at seventeen years of age joined the Confederate Army, serving throughout the struggle; grandson of Jesse Davis, and of Judge Abner W. Lacy, both of St. Clair County. Mr. Davis was educated in the Mississippi common schools; and at the age of eighteen had attained such efficiency that he began teaching. He later studied law with Col. Harvey Murphy, of Aberdeen, and began the practice of his profession at Fulton, in that state. Soon afterward he removed to Marion County, locating at Hamilton; served as solicitor of that county; in 1892 was elected a member of the State Democratic executive committee, and re-elected in 1894. In 1894 he was elected to the house of representatives from Marion County, and served three terms in succession, 1894-95, 1896-97, and 1898-99. While in the legislature he secured the passage of a bill, establishing five additional agricultural schools and experiments stations, located in the first, fourth, fifth, sixth and ninth congressional districts. He removed in 1899 to Jasper, where he has since resided, engaged in the practice of law. In 1915 he was again elected to the house of representatives, and was chairman of the judiciary committee. In 1904 he served as presidential elector for the sixth congressional district. He is a Democrat; a Baptist; and a Mason. Married: July 24, 1895, to Maude Elizabeth, daughter of Alanson J. and Elizabeth J. (Nethery) Gray, of Choctaw County. Mrs. Davis is a sister of Hon. Oscar L. Gray (q. v.). Residence: Jasper.

DAVIS, WILLIAM ELIAS BROWNLEE, physician, was born November 25, 1863, at Trussville, Jefferson County, and died February 24, 1902, at Birmingham; son of Dr. Elias and Georgianna (Latham) Davis, and a brother of Dr. John D. S. Davis (q. v.). Dr. Davis received his early education in the common schools at Trussville where he was prepared for the junior class at the University of Alabama. Ill health and lack of funds caused his withdrawal before the completion of his course. Upon his recovery he began to read law in a private office but was persuaded by his brother, Dr. J. D. S. Davis, to take up the study of medicine. He entered the medical department of Vanderbilt university in 1882, and the following year attended a course of lectures at the Kentucky school of medicine, Louisville. In 1884 he entered Bellevue hospital medical college, New York City, and was graduated the following spring. He was at once taken into a full partnership with his brother, above named. In 1887 he attended surgical clinics in London, Berlin and Vienna. He was professor of gynecology and abdominal surgery, Birmingham medical college; surgeon to St. Vincent's hospital; surgeon and gynecologist to Hillman hospital; president Jefferson County medical society; president Tri-State medical society, including Alabama, Tennessee, and Georgia; fellow of the American associa-

tion of obstetrics and gynecologists, vice president in 1895, and president in 1901; chairman of the section of obstetrics and diseases of women and vice-president of the American medical association; honorary member of the medical society of New York, and of the Louisiana State medical association, and honorary president of the section on abdominal surgery of the Pan-American medical congress in 1893, and vice-president of the same congress in 1896; fellow of the British gynecological society; secretary of the Southern surgical and gynecological association, 1887-1900; president Southern surgical and gynecological association in 1901. He was a Baptist, and a Knight of Pythias. He was the author of numerous articles on professional subjects; was one of the founders of the Alabama medical and surgical journal, and one of its editors; and at one time an editor of the Young men's christian association journal, Birmingham. Married: in Birmingham, to Gertrude, daughter of Robert Wilson and Mary (Gardner) Mustin, of Birmingham, but originally from Pickens County. Children: 1. Margaret Anna; 2. Elizabeth. Last residence: Birmingham.

DAVIS, WILLIAM HENRY, deceased Presbyterian minister, mentioned in Burgett's "Dead of the Synod of Alabama," 1890-1900.

DAVIS, WILLIAM LEVI, teacher, was born March 4, 1866, at Greenville, S. C., son of Thompson and Parilla (Karnes) Davis, the former also a native of Greenville, S. C.; grandson of Tom and Mary (Boggs) Davis, and of John and Mary (Dotson) Karnes, all of whom lived at Greenville. He received his elementary education in the schools of Limestone County, and was graduated from the University of Alabama, A. B., 1908. In July, 1888, he opened a three months summer school with a third grade certificate under the old law. He taught at Pettey and Elkmont, Limestone County, and was county superintendent of education, 1900-1905; was quarantine officer for the city of Tuscaloosa, 1905; taught mathematics and French in the Alabama Normal college, 1908-1912; and became principal of the Lauderdale high school in 1912. He is a Democrat, a Methodist and a Knight of Pythias. Married: January 5, 1893, at Center Hill, to Bessie Frances, daughter of James McClung and Almeda (Browning) Grooms, who lived at that place, the latter whose ancestors were the Brownings of Giles and Lincoln Counties, Tenn.; granddaughter of Isaac Newton Grooms, who came from South Carolina. Children: 1. Oreon Inez; 2. Odessa Irene; 3. W. Gladys, deceased. Residence: Rogersville.

DAVIS, WILLIAM WATSON, teacher, was born February 12, 1884, in Pensacola, Escambia County, Fla.; son of Matthew Livingston and Annie Laurie (Lane) Davis, the former a native of Summerville; grandson of John Eayres and Sarah (Cropp) Davis, the former a native of Summerville who removed to Georgia when a very young man and died while at home on a furlough during the War of Se-