

from Coleraine, Ireland, about 1740, in company with Mrs. Knox's brother, Patrick Gracy, and others, and settled first, it is thought, in Pennsylvania, before going south to Carolina, where they were among the first settlers of Rowan County, N. C., the former a native of Scotland, born about the year 1708, who went from Scotland to Ireland with other Scotch emigrants, by invitation of the King of England, to constitute a balance of power against the insurgent Irish Catholics, the latter a daughter of Jean Sinclair, a relative of the mother of John Knox, the Reformer, who was a Sinclair. Dr. Knox studied medicine and was graduated from Transylvania university, Lexington, Ky., M. D., 1834. He settled in Talladega in 1835, and became a physician of distinguished ability, especially eminent in the department of surgery. He was a thorough anatomist, and a master of the science of medicine in all its branches. During his forty years of activity in the medical profession, his practice extended through adjoining counties and to other parts of the state. Soon after locating in Talladega, he was elected a ruling elder in the Presbyterian church, and held that office for about forty years. He was especially devoted to the educational interests of the church, and was influential in the establishment of the Synodical female institute, finally succeeding, in connection with others, in placing the school upon a permanent and prosperous basis.

Married: (1) July 18, 1837, at Talladega, to Mary Jane Bowie, who was born October 27, 1816, at Abbeville, N. C., and died June 8, 1857, daughter of Chancellor Alexander and Susan (Barnett) Bowie (q. v.); (2) April 14, 1858, to Mary Elizabeth Barnett, who died in 1870, first cousin to his first wife; (3) in October, 1872, to Mrs. Margaret E. (Johnston) Rice, who was born March 29, 1836, in Mecklenburg County, N. C., a descendant of the Alexander and Morrison families of North Carolina, who was married while in her teens to Rev. Mr. Rice, then pastor of the Presbyterian church in Palestine, Tex., was left a widow in a few years, during which time she taught in Marion seminary, and died May 15, 1894. Children, by first marriage: 1. Alexander Bowie, b. June 15, 1838, served as major of the Forty-second Alabama regiment, C. S. Army, was mortally wounded at the battle of Corinth, d. January 29, 1863, unmarried; 2. Samuel Luckie, b. March 21, 1840, brigadier-general, C. S. Army, killed in the battle of Franklin, Tenn., December 21, 1864, unmarried; 3. Laura Cynthia, b. April 9, 1842, m. James Gillespie, resides in Nashville, Tenn., children, Samuel, Mamie, Julius, Alice, James, Rosa, Hendrick, and Fannie; 4. Mary Jane, b. July 29, 1843, m. John McDaniel of Livingston, children, Belle, Lila, Henry, John and Louis; 5. Rosa, b. July 13, 1845, m. Lewis Brown of Sumterville, Sumter County; 6. James Croll, jr., b. September 11, 1847, at Aberdeen, Miss.; 7. Susan Jack, b. June 11, 1847, d. May 20, 1855; 8. William Andrew, b. March 23, 1851, d. October 22, 1892, m. January 16, 1879, to Mary Belle Wardsworth, his cousin, whose mother Rosa Bowie, was a daughter of Gen. John Bowie, two children, Rosa Belle and James Croll, after his death, his widow m.

March 20, 1894, James F. Rogers of Covington, Ga.; 9. Jabez Madison, b. May 29, 1853, d. August, 1888, unmarried; 10. John Barnett (q. v.); by second marriage: 11. Anna Margaret, b. March 4, 1859, m. Dr. Patillo Simpson of Laurens, S. C., children, Mary, Lucia, Knox and Annie; 12. Lillie Belle, b. August 21, 1860, m. A. W. Cockrell, jr., of Jacksonville, Fla., children, Susan, Jane Knox, Nathan, Lucia and Augustus William; 13. Lucia Barnett, b. November 7, 1861, d. May 12, 1889, was the first wife of A. W. Cockrell of Jacksonville, Fla.; 14. Zannie Bowie, b. May 27, 1864, m. Dr. William F. Thetford, Talladega; 15. Susan, d. at Talladega, unmarried. Last residence: Talladega.

KNOX, JOHN B., merchant, was born May 1, 1850, in Upson County, Ga.; son of O. F. and Susan (Kendall) Knox, natives of Georgia, the former a physician and a member of the legislature in 1859-1860, who died in 1873 in Pike County. He was educated in the schools of Pike County, and at the age of seventeen began business as a clerk in a mercantile establishment at Brundidge, later becoming a partner in the business. In 1880, he moved to Troy and engaged in the millinery and dry goods business. He became secretary of the Alabama terminal and improvement company, which had the contract for building the Alabama midland railroad; was secretary and a large stockholder in the Troy fertilizer company; and was one of the directors of the Troy normal school. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, South; of the Knights of Honor; and of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Married: February 6, 1873, at Brundidge, to Lula Margaret, daughter of Edward and Lucy (Perry) Dinkins, of Midway. Children: 1. Edward O.; 2. Mabel; 3. John B.; 4. Cephus Kendall, b. August 1, 1882, attended the University of Alabama, and enlisted in the U. S. Navy, 1901; 5. Evelyn, attended the University of Alabama, m. Herbert McLeod, of Troy; 6. Lucy; 7. Susan. Residence: Troy.

KNOX, JOHN BARNETT, lawyer, was born February 16, 1857, at Talladega; son of James Croll and Mary Jane (Bowie) Knox (q. v.). He was educated in private schools at Talladega, and after the War of Secession, when his father's health had failed and his fortune had been swept away, he began to work by day and continued his studies by night. After deciding to adopt the law as his profession, he entered the office of Judge John T. Heflin of Talladega as a student, and was admitted to the bar in 1878. He practiced law at Talladega in partnership with Frank W. Bowdon in the firm of Bowdon and Knox, until the death, a few years later, of Mr. Bowdon. He moved from Talladega to Anniston in December, 1888, where he has continued to reside and to practice his profession. He is associated with W. P. Acker, J. K. Dixon, M. H. Sims and Niel P. Sterne, in the law firm of Knox, Acker, Dixon and Sterne, of Anniston and Talladega. Mr. Knox was a delegate at large from Alabama to the Democratic national convention in 1892 and 1896; was chairman of the state executive committee; and managed Johnston's campaign.