

ton; 3. Ernest, m. Julia Lake, Mobile; 4. Blanche, m. D. H. Edgington; 5. Susan. Residence: Mobile.

PLATTENBURG, WESLEY, planter, was born April 13, 1803, in Anne Arundel County, Md., and removed at the age of two with his parents to Brooke County, Va. He located in Selma, in 1829, engaging in the business of merchant tailor, later, when he came into possession of a fine estate, he became interested in planting. After some years he moved to Giles County, Tenn.

PLEASANTS, JAMES JAY, secretary of state, was born September 2, 1797, in Virginia, and died at Huntsville; son of Tarleton and Anna (Woodson) Pleasants, the former a planter, living near Richmond, Va., the latter a descendant of John Woodson, Dorsetshire, England. His ancestor, John Pleasants, born in 1645, in Norwich, England, founder of the family of Pleasants, and a member of the Society of Friends, who emigrated to Virginia in 1665, settled in Henrico County in 1668, married Jane, the widow of Samuel Forester, and died in 1698. Members of the Pleasants family of Virginia married with Randolphs, Cairys, Foresters, and other distinguished families of Virginia. Mr. Pleasants obtained his education in Richmond, Va., and in a printing office in Charlottesville, Va. He was a member of the cotton firm of Martin, Pleasants Company, and spent much of his time in New Orleans, La., where the firm was located. He was a Whig and a member of the new school of Presbyterians. Married: at Belle Mina, the family homestead, to Emily Julia Bibb, daughter of Gov. Thomas and Pamela (Thompson) Bibb, (q. v.). Children: 1. Thomas Bibb, d. in young manhood; 2. Julia, m. Judge David Creswell, Shreveport, La., both deceased; 3. Adaline Bradley, d. in young womanhood; 4. James Jay, d. August 3, 1898, in Huntsville, m. Laura Kathleen Robinson, Memphis, Tenn.; 5. Emily Bibb, d. in Memphis, Tenn., m. (1) William Keenan Hill, deceased, (2) Col. Creswell; 6. Samuel, deceased, m. (1) Mary Walter Robinson, deceased, (2) Mary Shelby, Huntsville; 7. Florence, m. Stith Green, Jackson, Miss., both deceased; 8. Robert St. George, d. unmarried. Last residence: Huntsville.

PLEASANTS, SHELBY S., lawyer and assistant U. S. district attorney, was born May 2, 1872, at Huntsville, where he died, June 20, 1916; son of Samuel and Marie (Shelby) Pleasants, the former a merchant of Huntsville; grandson of James and Emily (Bibb) Pleasants (q. v.), and of David and Mary (Bouldin) Shelby, the former a native of Tennessee, but who early in life removed to Madison County, where he lived and died. Judge David D. Shelby (q. v.) was his uncle. Mr. Pleasants was educated under private teachers, in the common schools of Huntsville, and in the school of Prof. Charles O. Shepherd. He read law in the office of his uncle, Judge Shelby, was admitted to practice in the trial courts August, 1891, admitted to the supreme court January 28, 1895, and admitted to the U. S. supreme

court, November 1, 1899. In 1897, he was appointed assistant U. S. attorney for the northern district of Alabama, but resigned in September, 1900, and returned to the practice. In May 1911, he was elected city attorney of Huntsville but declined the office. He was for some years a private soldier, a member of the Huntsville company of the Alabama national guard, 3rd infantry regiment, and on September 5, 1894, he was promoted lieutenant, a position he held for three years. He was a Republican; a Mason; a Knight of Pythias, an Odd Fellow, and an Elk. Unmarried. Last residence: Huntsville.

PLOWMAN, A. W., member of the constitutional convention of 1875, from Talladega County; father of Hon. T. S. Plowman (q. v.).

PLOWMAN, GEORGE PARIS, merchant, farmer, member constitutional convention of 1867, was born July 8, 1808, in Buncombe County, N. C., deceased; son of Jacob and Jane (Paris) Plowman, the former of England, the latter of North Carolina, who lived in North Carolina until 1812, when they moved to McMinnville, Tenn. He was educated at McMinnville, Tenn., under the direction of Charles P. Samuels, and became a merchant at that place until 1829, when, because of weak lungs, he learned the tanner's trade. He was a captain of volunteers in the Creek Indian war, and was a major of Alabama militia, prior to the War of Secession. He was mayor of Talladega in 1864 and 1865; was elected to the State legislature from Talladega County, in 1865 and 1866; and served as probate judge of Talladega County for two terms. Politically, he was an old line Whig, acting at all times with the party of Henry Clay as long as it existed. An unconditional Union man, he voted against secession, and opposed every measure of the War of Secession. After the war, he was a Republican. Married: August 12, 1835, at Talladega, to Agatha Tennessee Scales, daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Parkins) Scales, who lived at Franklin, Tenn., and moved to Talladega in 1835. Among his children are Hon. Thomas S. Plowman, of Talladega, and George Harden Plowman, who was graduated from Harvard university, LL. B., 1872, a lawyer at Dallas, Tex., who married (1) Laura Worth McClellan of Talladega, and (2) Estelle Hunt of Riesel, Tex. Last residence: Talladega.

PLOWMAN, THOMAS SCALES, business man, was born June 3, 1848, at Talladega, Talladega County; son of George Paris and Agatha Tennessee (Scales) Plowman, the former who was a native of Buncombe County, resided in McMinnville, Tenn., removed to Talladega in 1833, was mayor of that place, a member of the legislature and probate judge of Talladega County; grandson of Jacob and Jane (Paris) Plowman, natives of England who emigrated to this country and settled in Buncombe County, N. C., and of Rev. Nicholas and Leah (Parkins) Scales, of Franklin, Tennessee. Mr. Plowman was educated in the common schools and in the Talladega Baptist college. On the outbreak of the War of Secession he enlisted in

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Co. F, Fifty-first Alabama mounted infantry, commanded by Col. John Tyler Morgan, and was wounded in the battle at Atlanta. He was mayor of Talladega, 1872, 1879; was a member of the fifty-fifth congress, 1897-99, from the fourth congressional district; was a member and chairman of the Talladega County jury commission, 1910-11; and served as a State senator in the legislature of 1912. He is a Democrat, has served as chairman of the Democratic executive committee of Talladega County for several terms, and as chairman of the executive committee of the seventh judicial circuit; is a Methodist; a Mason; a Knight of Pythias; an Elk; and a Knight of Honor. Married: October 4, 1877, at Lincoln, to Annie Montgomery, daughter of James M. and Olivia (McClellan) Montgomery; and granddaughter of Gen. William B. McClellan, graduate of West Point, a brigadier-general of militia, and a colonel in the C. S. Army. Children: 1. Claude Montgomery, m. Anna Moody; 2. Thomas Scales, jr.; 3. Olive, m. T. Weir Labatt. Residence: Talladega.

PLUNKETT, J. T., Presbyterian minister; member of the North Alabama presbytery. Deceased. Last residence: Birmingham.

POE, WILLIAM T., major of the 8th, also called 9th, Alabama cavalry, C. S. Army.

POELLNITZ, CHARLES AUGUSTUS, lawyer, was born in 1807 on his father's plantation in Marlboro District, S. C., and died at Linden, Marengo County; son of Gen. Julius and Eliza (Rogers) Poellnitz; grandson of Baron Von Poellnitz (q. v.). He received his preparatory education in private classical schools, and graduated in 1828 at South Carolina college under the presidency of Dr. Thomas Cooper; was annual orator of the Euphradian society; read law in a private office and was admitted to the bar about 1832; practiced in Pee Dee circuit until 1836, when he removed to Linden and became head of the firm of Poellnitz and Brooks; retired to devote his entire time to his cotton plantations; and elected major general of militia in 1840. He was a Calhoun Democrat; and a Presbyterian. Married: Mary, daughter of Nicholas Peay of Fairfield District, S. C., a man of large wealth in cotton plantations and negroes. Children: 1. Euphradia, m. George D. Johnston (q. v.); 2. Elizabeth, m. Dr. T. J. DeYampert, of which union there was one son and one daughter; 3. Ellen, m. William A. Gunter (q. v.); 4. Charles Augustus, m. Mary Withers, of Hale County, of which union there were children; 5. John D. B.; 6. Julia, m. (1) — Keble of Selma, (2) — Sewell; 7. Eric; 8. Caroline; 9. Ida; 10. Stella, m. Capt. R. A. Hardle (q. v.). Last residence: Marengo County.

POELLNITZ, FREDERIC CHARLES HANS BRUNO VON, planter, son of Baron Wilhelm Christian Gottlieb Von Poellnitz, was of noble Prussian family, whose lineage dates from 1238. He was a great favorite of and had many honors conferred upon him by Frederick the Great. He removed to Marengo County with a French

colony of Napoleon's adherents about 1800. Married: in France to Mlle. DeBondelle. Children: 1. Wilhelmina; 2. Charles; 3. Alex. Julius.

POINTER, MARCELLUS, lieutenant colonel 12th Alabama cavalry, C. S. Army.

POLLARD, CHARLES T., planter and tain, C. S. Army, was born May 29, 1844 at Montgomery and died in that city; so Charles T. and Emily Virginia (Scott) Pollard the former a native of Fredericksburg, Va. prominent railroad contractor, who built a number of important lines, including the At and West Point, the road from Montgomery to Selma, the Alabama and Florida line, was president of the companies that made these roads for years, the latter was a daughter of John B. Scott, a native of Virginia built the State house at Milledgeville, Ga. in whose honor Scottsboro, Ga., is named, a citizen of Montgomery, and donor of the site on which St. John's Episcopal church stands and also of Scott's free burying ground, wood cemetery; brother of Joseph Pollard, student in the University of Virginia at the beginning of the War of Secession, who enlisted as a private in the Montgomery Blues, made a lieutenant of Semple's battery, and of wounds received at the battle of Murfreesboro; brother of John S. Pollard, who enlisted at the age of sixteen years in the 7th Alabama cavalry, C. S. Army, and served until the end of the war, and who at the time of his death in 1873, was auditor of the Mobile and Montgomery railroad; brother-in-law of Dr. Paul Lee, who held the rank of surgeon in the Confederate Army, and cousin to James B. Pollard who served as a major of engineers on the staff of Gen. Stonewall Jackson, and was killed at the battle of Chancellorsville. Captain Pollard attended the University of Virginia was a classmate of Senator John W. Daniel of Virginia. Returning home in June, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Co. A, 3rd Alabama infantry regiment, C. S. Army, and was on duty with this regiment about Norfolk, Va., the summer of 1861, until the spring of 1862 when he fought in the battles of Seven Days and through the seven days' battles before Malvern, closing with the assault on Malvern July 1, where he was wounded, causing his absence from the front until he rejoined the regiment at Shepherdstown. Subsequently he served four months as a drill officer and was promoted to sergeant in the 61st Alabama infantry regiment which arrived in Virginia and was attached to General Rodes' brigade, then under General Battle, he was appointed its adjutant. In April, 1864, he transferred to the western army, and assigned to the staff of Brig. Gen. William W. Averett as aide-de-camp, with the rank of captain serving in this capacity through the campaign of General Wheeler in Georgia, Tennessee, and Carolina, and was paroled with the army at Gen. J. E. Johnston. At the close of the war he returned to Montgomery, and for several years was actively engaged as a planter held the offices of sheriff, and tax assessor of the county. Married: in June 1867, to