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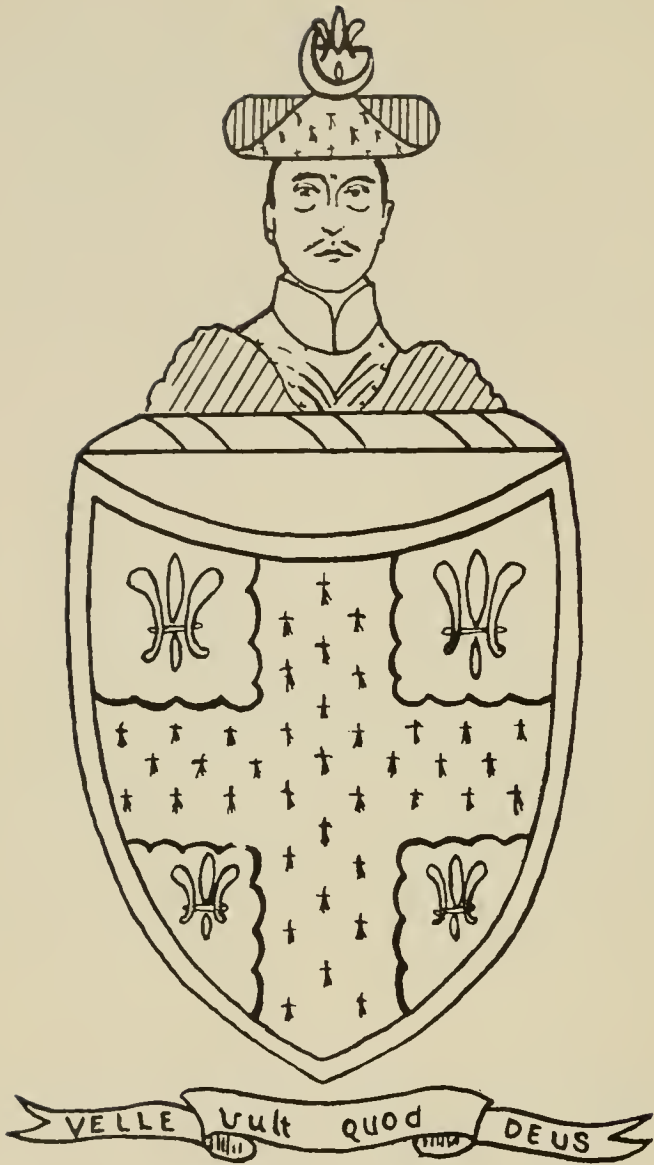
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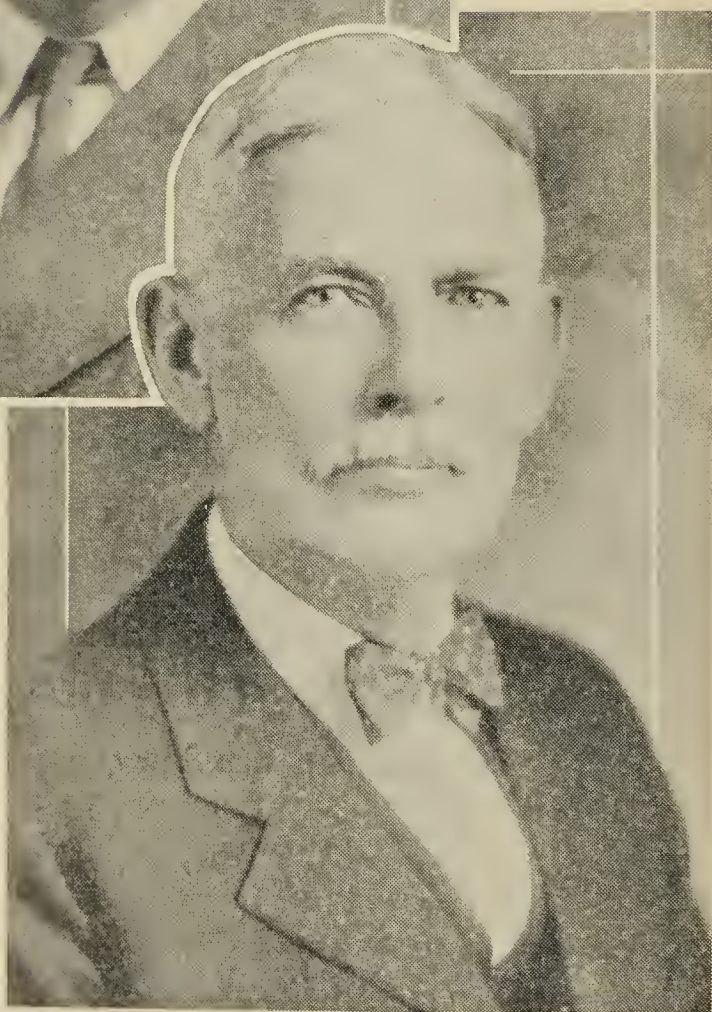
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PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION

TO MANY persons genealogical records are a tangled maze, obscure and unintelligible, commencing anywhere and ending nowhere, a very jack-o-lantern, flitting here and there, luring its bewildered victim ever deeper and deeper into bogs and quagmires.

A few familiar names stand out as head-lights, but beyond these all is dark and undefined. The compiler of the records of this little volume has endeavored by the use of different type and numerals for each generation to remove as much as possible all obscurity, and render it an easy task to trace each name back to the progenitor of the Banks family of Elbert County, Georgia.

As stated in the dedication, the genealogical records were for the most part gathered by the late Elbert Augustine Banks, M. D., formerly of Wynnton, a suburb of Columbus, Ga., and later of the City of New York.

From the close of the war between the states till a few years previous to his all too early death—a period covering twenty-five years—he gave the leisure hours from a busy professional life to accumulating data concerning his ancestors and their descendants.

His earnest efforts to secure a full account of the Banks family in the United States were not seconded by those he sought to benefit as fully as was expected. Some were indifferent to the subject, others regretfully ignorant of the family history, while only a small proportion gave generously their full stock of information. Much of the material gathered by Dr. Banks was irrelevant, in that it concerned other branches of the family too remotely connected to the Georgia Bankses to be of special interest to them. Among those who supplied Dr. Banks with valuable data were the late Mrs. Lou Banks Stephens, of Forsyth; Mrs. B. B. McCowen, of Culloden; Mrs. Warren Watkins, of Opelika, and Lem Banks, Esq., of Memphis.

To these must be added others of recent date who have been most kind and helpful to the compiler, giving much valued information. Of them are Mrs. Mattie Burch and Judge J. J. Burch,

of Elberton; Mrs. Mina Banks Bradley, of Newman; Mrs. C. J. Florence, of Indian Territory; Mrs. Sarah Moody Purser, of Tuscaloosa; Miss Sarah Trimble, Mrs. J. N. Feagan, Mrs. Philo Blackshear, and others.

In some instances there have been discrepancies in the records of the same family. In such cases the preference has been given to the statements of those most nearly related. In genealogical work mistakes are almost inevitable. The greatest care and solicitude as to correctness in detail cannot always prevent minor errors. Not infrequently records are made out from memory, no written authority being available, and the compiler can only "follow copy," be it right or wrong. A careful revision has been made of all material here given, with the hope that few mistakes will be found. Grateful acknowledgments are due Dr. Joseph A. Groves, who kindly allowed the use of some of the data given in his valuable and complete account of the Alstons and Allstons, and to Mrs. Stubbs, whose interesting "Early Settlers of North Alabama," was freely drawn upon for certain facts she had gained in her researches.

This booklet is not a history of the Banks family in the United States, that is a very large field, since the name is found from Canada to Mexico, and is borne by many thousand citizens of this Republic. The material gathered by Dr. Banks was carefully gone over, and only that bearing on the descendants of Thomas Banks has been used in the preparation of this record. Earnest efforts have been made to authenticate every detail given in the book, and it is believed nothing has been set down as a fact that is not such.

The compiler would have hesitated to offer to her kinspeople so small an amount of information had she not felt it was due the memory of Dr. Banks to preserve what he had so carefully garnered, and she also hoped to smooth the way for some future genealogist of the family whose time and opportunities would enable them to obtain a fuller and more complete record of the remote ancestors of the house of Banks of Elbert.

COLUMBUS, MISS., FEBRUARY, 1906.

PREFACE TO SECOND EDITION

IT HAS been pointed out to me that a second edition of this book would be incomplete without a detailed research into the English history of the Banks family. I regret that I was unable to do this but my opportunities and circumstances made this research impossible. I refused, however, to be discouraged from a second edition because of this, for it seemed to me that our greatest need was not for more history but for more knowledge of our cousins of today. No Banks of my generation nor our children are in our first book for our place is in this second edition. I hope when those of you who were born since 1906 see your name in the Banks book for the first time that you may experience something of the thrill that I had when in 1920 my father inserted an addendum in our copy of the Banks book and I saw my name appearing alongside those of the illustrious Bankses of yesterday and today.

This book has been made possible through the enthusiastic response which I have received from all branches of our family. Especially am I grateful to the following for their help in assembling the data for their lines—Rafe Banks, James Oliver Banks, Mrs. Betty Banks, Miss Lucille Webb Banks, Alexander Banks, Mrs. Wattie Young Hopkins, Mrs. Erskine Young White, Frazer Banks, Frank Moody, Mrs. Mina Bradley, John W. Banks, Arthur Butts, John Banks, Mrs. Pearl Banks Watkins, William Stone Fitzgerald and Mrs. Lucy Wilkinson Edwards. Space does not permit the listing of all of you to whom I am indebted. To the rest of you I say from the bottom of my heart—thank you.

I should like to express my appreciation to Mr. J. H. Landrum for his article concerning Thomas Banks.

I have worked for two and a half years contacting the various branches of our family and I can truthfully say the Banks of Elbert reach from coast to coast with a cousin in every town! For

any error or any omission in this second edition I am sorry. I have checked and rechecked all data and in many cases I have written back for verification of illegible handwriting.

This is your book. Read again in it the romantic story of those pioneers, Ralph and Rachel and their fourteen children. Tell your children this colorful story and inculcate in them love of and pride in the Banks family of Elbert.

SARAH BANKS FRANKLIN

Cartersville, Ga., Oct. 1937.

SOME EARLY MEMBERS OF THE BANKS FAMILY

PERSONS bearing the name of Banks are mentioned in the earliest historical records of Great Britain. Whether the name was first given to one man or a class of men cannot be ascertained. In several of the European languages the words *banco*, *banc*, *bank* means a *bench*, or *place raised above the level*. The banks of commerce were so called because the Jews, the earliest money lenders, sat on a "banco" or bench, when dispensing money to borrowers. This may have no bearing upon the surname, but it is interesting to note that the Bankses, wherever found, have been a money-making people.

As far back as the reign of Edward III, of England, we find one Simon Bankes, a man of influence and wealth, who in 1334 married Miss Caterton, of Newton, and his family was known as the *Bankes of Newton*, which indicates there were many other families bearing the same name. Simon Banks, though not the founder of the house, is the first member of the family to receive historic mention in England, so far as has been ascertained.

Some time later Bankses are mentioned as living in Scotland. Among these was Sir Hugh Banks, of Ayrshire, three of whose children—James, Lucian and Susan—came to America, settling in Maryland and Pennsylvania. Their descendants form a large and influential branch of the family, many of whom have attained eminence both in civil and military life. Sir Hugh had a brother John, who was a merchant in London about 1640, or possibly later. The Scotch Bankses were loyal Presbyterians, while the English branch adhered to the Established Church. Besides the English and Scotch families, there are others bearing the name of Banks who claim to have come from France, and still another from Holland, while the middle of the eighteenth century gives us Edward Banks, a German politician, born in Hamburg. He served repeatedly as ambassador to London and Frankfort, and was an opponent of Napoleon Bonaparte, and used all his influence against him.

The noted scientist, Sir Joseph Banks, who was born in 1743, was a descendant of Robert Banks, the eleventh in line from Simon Banks. This Robert Banks was the son of Henry and Isabel Lister Banks. His family remained in England and his brother, Henry, emigrated to America. Sir Robert Pepys, the noted chronicler and jurist of London, married a grand-daughter of Robert Banks.

Among the early settlers of Virginia were MILES and JOHN BANKS, who were members of the Virginia Company in 1620.

THOMAS BANKS is mentioned as among the survivors of an Indian massacre in James City in 1623.

GEORGE BANKS, aged 15, came over in the "Swan" in 1624.

JOHN BANKS was a commissioner appointed by Charles I to look after the affairs in the Virginia Colony in 1632.

HENRY BANKS came to Virginia in the "Paul" in 1635, aged 19.

JAMES BANKS came to Virginia in 1635, aged 35. *Thomas*, aged 4 years and *Elizabeth*, aged 9 months, all came in the same ship.

JAMES BANKS, aged 30, came in the "Thomas and John" in 1635. (Hotten's Emigrants.)

THOMAS BANKS was granted a deed in Lancaster county in 1668.

DR. WILLIAM BANKS was Justice in Stafford county prior to 1681, in which year application was made to Lord Culpepper for the office of High Sheriff for him.

WILLIAM BANKS in 1728 had 590 acres of land in Spotsylvania county, Virginia.

ADAM BANKS lived in Stafford County in 1674. His son, GERALD BANKS married Francis Strother; will proven in 1768. GERARD BANKS, JR., married Frances Bruce.

WILLIAM BANKS student at William and Mary College in 1794, afterwards Judge at State Court House.

ANTHONY BANKS, of Middlesex county, Va., had a daughter *Elizabeth*, born in 1693.

WILLIAM BANKS, aged 23, came from England in 1635 in the "Peter Buonaventura."

EDWARD BANKS came to Virginia in the "Alexander" in 1665, aged 35.

JAMES BANKS came to Virginia at the same time.

WILLIAM BANKS had land in Sussex county, Pa., in 1746.

WILLIAM BANKS

of King and Queen County, Va., will proven in 1709, is probably the immediate ancestor of Thomas, father of the Bankses of Elbert county, Ga. Several students of genealogy agree as to this.

Dr. George G. Smith makes this statement: "In searching for some facts for one of the Banks family in Georgia I found in Hening VII., 293, the following 'William Banks, the elder, formerly of the parish of St. Stephens, died in 1709, gave his land to his son and heir, Ralph. Ralph had an older son and heir, William, who died in 1748, leaving his oldest son, Tunstall.'"

In "Burke's Landed Gentry" is given the lineage of Sir John Banks, Chief Justice in 1640, who was a son of John Banks, a merchant of London, and Elizabeth Hassel. Sir John left a son, Sir *Ralph*, who had a son John, who had two sons, John and William. John died in 1714 and William died in Virginia in 1709, and had a son *Ralph*. The coat of arms given by Burke of Simon Banks . . . differs somewhat from that of Sir John, ancestor of Ralph. It has the same four fleur-de-lis, but a different crest.

"The Georgia Bankses descend directly from Thomas Banks, of North Carolina, through Ralph Banks of Elbert county, Georgia, and probably William of 1709."—*George G. Smith in Baltimore Sun of June, 1905.*

The Sir John Banks mentioned above was an English jurist and Lord Chief-Justice in the reign of Charles I. He was born at Keswick in 1589, died December 28, 1644. He left the Uni-

versity of Oxford before taking his degree, going to London, and there applying himself with the greatest assiduity to the study of law. He became Attorney General in 1634, and received the honor of knighthood.

In 1640 he succeeded Sir Edward Littleton as Chief-Justice of the Common Pleas, and was distinguished for his loyalty to the king during the revolution. In 1642 he had the degree of Doctor of Laws conferred on him by the University of Oxford, and was made a member of the King's Privy Council.

At the outbreak of the civil war he pronounced the conduct of the parliamentary generals treasonable; the parliament in turn declared him and his associate justices traitors, and sent a force to attack his residence at Corfe Castle, in the Isle of Purbeck. In the absence of her husband Lady Banks successfully and courageously defended the castle with only the help of her servants and retainers.

Sir John Banks had a high reputation for legal learning, and was buried in the Cathedral of Christ Church, Oxford.—(*New American Encyclopedia.*)

In Watson's "Heroic Women of History" this Lady Mary Bankes, wife of Chief-Justice Sir John Bankes, is mentioned, and an account of her heroic defense of Corfe Castle is given. She was the only daughter of Sir Ralph Hawtrey. She was buried in a church near her castle, and the names of her four sons are mentioned in her epitaph; the eldest of these was *Ralph*, who, on the death of his father, became owner of the estate and was known as *Sir Ralph Bankes*, Lord of Corfe Castle and Kent. The other sons were Charles, John and William. The name of Ralph has come down many times repeated in each succeeding generation. This circumstance and the recurrence of other family names is strong evidence that Sir John Banks was the progenitor of Ralph Banks of Elbert.

In the Bristol parish register are the names of James and Mary Banks; their issue, Charles (born 1716), Mary (born 1718), Sarah (born 1721), Priscilla (born 1723), and William (born 1725).

Here again is evidence of kinship, the feminine names of this family being identical with that of the daughters of Ralph Banks, of Elbert.

Joseph, James, William, George and John Banks were soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and were enrolled from York and Jaunita counties, Virginia. Joseph was in Capt. Weaver's company, as were the Nelsons, who married into the Banks family.—*Baltimore Sun*.

James Banks of the "Northern Neck" of Virginia, signed resolutions against the Stamp Act.

Thomas Banks, Justice in Johnston county, N. C., in 1750.

Thomas Banks, of Craven county, member of the assembly of North Carolina of 1776, and on committee to procure arms for that county.

Richard Banks was Sheriff of Raleigh, N. C., while it was a dependency of the British crown.

The name and date of this Richard Banks makes it not unlikely that he was half-brother of Ralph, of Elbert.

One of the sons of John Banks and Elizabeth Hassell came to America about 1634.

A later John Bankes, Esq., of Kinston Hall, was M. P. for Corfe Castle. He married Margaret, daughter of Sir Henry Parker. Their son, Henry, Barrister-at-Arms and King's Counsel for Corfe Castle, married Margaret, daughter of Rt. Rev. John Wynne, Bishop of Bath and Wells. Their son, Henry Banks, was M. P. for Corfe Castle from 1780 to 1826, dying in 1834. He was succeeded in Parliament by his son, John Bankes, Esq., of Kinston Hall.

The above later members of the Banks family were of the same stock from which Thomas Banks, of Granville, N. C., probably came.

Corfe Castle and Kinston Hall were the property of John Banks as late as 1852, and probably is still in the family.

PROBABLE LINE OF DESCENT OF
THOMAS BANKS, SR.

Dr. G. G. Smith, who has investigated the subject, gives the following table of the probable line of Thomas Banks, the immediate progenitor of the Elbert county family. (Dr. Smith gives only the male names.)

John Banks married Elizabeth Hassell; their son, Sir John Banks, married Mary, daughter of Sir Ralph Hawtrey; their son, Sir Ralph Banks, lord of Corfe Castle and Kent, married Mary, heiress of John Bruen, Esq.

Sir Ralph had sons, Henry and William. The former died in England in 1714, the latter in Virginia in 1709, leaving son, Ralph, who died in 1735, leaving an eldest son, William, who died in 1748, leaving *Tunstall and others. From the family names it is supposed Thomas Banks, of Elbert, was the son of Ralph. These statements could perhaps be verified by consulting the court house records of Granville county, N. C., and of King and Queen counties, Va. Dr. J. A. Groves' study lead him to the same conclusions as the above, that is, Thomas Banks was of the line of William and Ralph, which would connect them with the Bankses of Dorset, Kent and Southern England. He suggests for the clearing up of the matter an examination of the records of the Herald's Office, Somerset House, London.

It is hoped some member of the Banks family may undertake the investigation.

*Tunstall Banks married Polly Murray Custes.

BANKS COAT OF ARMS

As early as 1335, during the reign of Edward III, Simon Bankes, of Bankes—Newton, adopted a coat of arms. It is thus described :

Arms—Sa, a cross, or (gold) between four fleur-de-lis, arg. (silver).

Crest—On the stump of an oak, coupéd, sprouting new branches, a stork, standing, arg. (silver) beaked or (gold).

Motto—Nullins in verbo, (at the dictation of no one) a fitting motto for a family, one of whose characteristics is a sturdy independence both in thought and deed of the views of others unless these comport with their personal sense of justice and propriety. This coat of arms is used by the Bankses who originally settled in Essex, Virginia, and is that of Revesby Abbey. Another branch of the family have a variation from this, which is described thus:

Arms—Azure, a cross, or, between four fleurs-de-lis arg.

Clusters of ostrich feathers falling from each upper side of the shield.

Crest—A gryphon or winged head of a horse, coupéd, on the mailed head of a knight, which is claimed as an evidence that the Banks who adopted it was a Crusder. The Bankses name is found in the English Battle Abbey roll.

The coat of arms used by Sir John Bankes, the probable ancestor of the Banks of Elbert, is:

Arms—Sa, an engrailed cross, ermined, between four fleurs-de-lis, or.

Crest—A Moor's head, full faced, coupéd at the shoulders p. pr. on the head a cap of maintenance gu, brim turned up, ermined, adorned with a crescent, arg. issuant therefrom a fleurs-de-lis, or.

Motto—Velle vult quo Deus.

It appears from the description that the shield is black, the engrailed cross is white flecked with black, the fleur-de-lis gold. The early custom in heraldry was for the eldest son to take the coat of arms of his father, the younger brothers making small changes by way of distinction. This probably accounts for the similarity and variety in the three coats described. The arms of Sir John Banks are quartered by the houses of Bruen, Marten, Pydel, Wynne and Jones.

The seat of the Bankses in England are, Corfe Castle, Studland Manor, Kinston Hall, (which was built by Sir Ralph Banks) Lacey, Co. Dorset.

Henning gives in vol. 7, pp. 293-295, a document that may aid in connecting the broken chain of the Banks family.

William Banks, the elder, held in fee simple the property called Montapike, consisting of 1200 acres, lying in the parish of St. Stephens, King and Queen counties, Va. His will, dated November 11, 1709, gave this property to his son, Ralph, who died in 1735, leaving the entailed estate to his son, William Banks as heir of his body. Having a large family of children and not negroes enough to work the land the said William Banks, son of Ralph, petitioned "The Lt. Governor, Council and Burgess of the present General Assembly to grant that a water grist mill and 32+ acres of land be exchanged for certain slaves, Tom, Primus, London, Branno, Backus, Betty, Parthena, Violet, Indy, Martella, Windsor, George, and that they and their increase be annexed to the land, called the Home Place. May it therefore please your most excellent majesty (George II) at the humble suit of the said William Banks, son of said Ralph Banks, and George Braxton, the younger, that this petition be enacted by the Lt. Governor, Council and Burgess of the present Assembly.

CORFE CASTLE

The castle in its present state though rugged and severe rather than picturesque, is a most striking object to those who travel from Wareham to Swanage, and the remnants of its walls are in some places so large and thrown together in such confusion, as to be more like fragments of the earth's crust than masses of ruined masonry. They are the relics of a place which has held many crowned heads, and was from early times closely connected with the history of England.

The fortress that first stood there was built as early as the reign of Alfred, at the pass then called "Corfe's Gate," to protect the important seaport of Wareham from the Danes. In the following century it was enlarged and embellished by King Edgar, who, dying in the thirty-fourth year of his age, bequeathed it as a dowry mansion to his second wife, Elfrida. Her sojourn there was rendered memorable by the treacherous murder of her stepson, King Edward the Martyr.

King John next made it a royal residence of confinement for state prisoners. No fewer than twenty-two of the many knights and barons captured with Arthur, Duke of Brittany, at the Castle of Mirabel in Poitou, were starved to death in Corfe Castle; and the hermit, Peter of Pomfret, who had ventured to foretell the year in which the tyrant was to lose his crown, was dragged at horses' tails to Wareham, then through the streets of the town, and back to Corfe, where he was hanged on a gibbet with his son. After John's death the Princess Eleanor, called "the Maid of Brittany," was found a prisoner within the fortress; and there, too, was found a large store of military engines, which John had provided in order to subjugate his barons and annul his gift of Magna Charta.

Corfe Castle was afterwards demanded by Simon de Montfort and his powerful adherents, together with other castles, as a pledge to be held by them of the good conduct of Henry III, and it was one of those where Edward II, was kept in the custody of Gurney and Maltravers a short time before his merciless death at Berkeley Castle.

In the reign of Richard II, it was possessed by Thomas Holland and Alicia his wife, near relations of the King, and after their deaths was granted to the Beaufort family, in whose possession it remained till Edmund Beaufort, called Duke of Somerset, having taken up the cause of Queen Margaret when she landed at Waymouth in April, 1471, lost the battle of Tewkesbury on the 4th of May, and two days afterwards was beheaded, with the forfeiture of all his estates and honours. The next possessor was George, Duke of Clarence. He, too, fell a victim to the jealousies and injustices of that calamitous time, being attainted, and put to death by drowning in a butt of Malmsey.

When Henry II came to the throne he prepared Corfe Castle to be the residence of his mother, the Lady Margaret Beaufort, of whose pious charity and wide patronage of learning so many proofs remain in schools and universities. She outlived the King, her son, one year, and at her death the castle fell into the possession of Henry VIII, and continued unappropriated till the reign of Queen Elizabeth. Elizabeth granted it in fee to her courtly favorite, Sir Christopher Hatton, afterwards Lord Chancellor of England, who spent large sums on the decoration and improvement of the royal gift. Then, too, the castle gained fresh importance from the rumours of an invasion of the coast by the dreaded "Spanish Armada." Cannon were mounted for the first time on its walls; and, to encourage its inhabitants and the people of the borough in their loyalty, the Queen conferred upon them by charter the same rights and privileges as were enjoyed by the inhabitants of the Cinque Ports, including the right of returning two members to Parliament.

Lord Chancellor Hatton died unmarried. His nephew and heir, Sir William Hatton, married Lady Elizabeth Cecil, daughter of Thomas Cecil, Earl of Exeter, and dying childless left Corfe Castle to his widow A. D. 1597. This lady, being renowned for her beauty as well as her great possessions, was sought in marriage by the subsequently illustrious Francis Bacon, but she rejected his suit in favor of the great lawyer Sir Edward Coke, a widower, who had already acquired an enormous fortune by his practice.

After her marriage with Sir Edward she had a daughter, who, being also a great beauty and great heiress, married at the age of fifteen, Sir John Villiers, eldest brother of Villiers, Duke of Buckingham, who was afterwards created Viscount Purbeck in right of his wife's expected property (1619). The singular conduct and adventures of these two ladies form a curious chapter in the court history of the time.

On the death of Sir Edward Coke in 1634, his widow and daughter found themselves at liberty to dispose of a mansion whose gloomy grandeur and secluded position did not accord with their tastes and habits, and it passed by purchase into the hands of Sir John Bankes. Of this eminent lawyer it is stated that his extraordinary diligence in his profession, his grave appearance, and excellent reputation recommended him early to his sovereign Charles the First. He became successively Attorney-General and Chief Justice of the Common Pleas. The King also made him one of his Privy Council, and always testified a great regard for his advice. His integrity was generally confessed, and he was held in esteem even by the Parliamentarians, until his public declaration from the bench that the actions of Essex, Manchester, and Waller were treasonable.

"He married," says Mr. Bankes, in his "Story of Corfe Castle," "a daughter of the very ancient family of the Hawtreys, whose place of residence was at Ruislip, in the county of Middlesex. They were of Norman descent, having come into this country at the time of the Conquest. A large portion of the pavement of the church at Ruislip consists at this day of the tombs of different generations of Hawtreys."

Sir John died at Oxford in 1644, discharging his duty as a Privy Councillor till the last day of his life. He was interred with great solemnity in the chapel of Christ church. The only epitaph which he desired was "Not unto us, Lord, Not unto us, but unto Thy Name be glory."

Lady Bankes lived to see the restoration of the monarchy, but died a year after. The record of her death is thus inscribed on a

monument of white marble in the chancel on the south side of the ancient church of Ruislip:

*To the Memory of
 The Lady Mary Banks Onely
 Daughter of Ralph Hawtrey of Rislipp
 In the County of Middx. Esquir
 The Wife and Widow of the Honble. Sr.
 John Bankes Knight Late Lord Cheife
 Justice of His Late Majesty's Court of
 Common Pleas and of the Privy Council
 To His Late Majesty King Charles the First of Blessed Memory
 Who Having Had the Honour to Have Borne With
 A Constancy and Courage Above Her Sex A
 Noble Proportion of the Late Calamities, and
 The Happiness to Have Outlived Them so Far as to Have Seene
 The Restitution of the Government With Great Peace of Mind
 Laid Down Her Most Desired Life the 11th Day of April, 1661.
 Sir Ralph Banks Her Sonne and Heire Hath
 Dedicated This.*

Sir John and Lady Mary had several children. The oldest son and heir Ralph (Rafe) was born about 1627 and married an heiress of the Brunnes of Athelhampton. There were two daughters of Sir John and Lady Mary, both of whom married before 1641. One married Sir R. Jenkinson at whose home in Oxford, Sir John Banks died in 1644. The other children were Dorothy, Jerome "a pale quite bookish youth," Charles, William and Ciceley.

Today ivy wreathes the towers of Corfe Castle and covers the walls with never-fading green and grass grows in dungeon and vault; but there still stand the grand old ruins and there they will stand whilst England lasts.

—Introduction to the book "Brave Dame Mary" published in England in 1873 by the late Right Honourable George Banks:

DESCENT OF RACHEL JONES

FROM

ALFRED THE GREAT

Alfred The Great, King of England, had, by his first wife, Lady Alswithadau.

Ethelan the Great, Earle of Mercia, lineally descended from Crida, first King of Marcia. Died A. D. 594 (See Dr. James Anderson's "Royal Genealogies 1732, and Betham's "Genealogical Tables.")

Lady Elthelfleda (D. June 919) m. Ethelred, Earl of Mercia, 895 (D. 912) son of Hugh the Great, Earl of Mercia, and had—

Lady Elfwinia, co-heiress of Mercia (sister of Algiva, queen consort of Edmund I, who m. Edulf (son of Ordgar, Earl of Devon) brother of Lady Alfrida, wife of King Edgar, had—

Leofivine, appointed by Ethelred II, Earl of Mercia 1005, who married Lady Alward, daughter of Alhelstan, the Danish Duke of the East Angles had—

Leofric the Great, Earl of Mercia, or Chester and Leicester 1016, D. Aug. 31, 1027, m. the celebrated Lady Godiva of Coventrytown, daughter of Earl of Lincoln, had—

Algar Earl of Mercia 1053, m. Lady Alversa Malet, had—

Edwyn, last Saxon Earl of Mercia, killed 1071, brother in law of Harold King of England. His son, Edwin de Temple, a feudal baron, sometimes styled Earl of Leisester and Coventry, took his surname from his manor in Sparkenhoe Hundred, Leicestershire. (See Barton's "Leicestershire," and Lodge's Irish Peerages," 1754, under Palmerston). His descendant, Henry de Temple, feudal Baron of Temple Manor and Little Shepey, Leicestershire, (temp Edward I) m. Lady Maud or Matilda, daughter Sir John Ribbesford, Knt. and had—

Richard de Temple, Baron of Temple Manor, (24 Edward I) m. Catherine, daughter Thomas de Langley, and had—

Nicholas de Temple, (See Nicholls "Herald and Genealogist," Vol. VIII, also "American Heraldic Journal" Jan. 1865, and Oct.

1866, and Baker's "Northhamptonshire, Vol. I) (Temp 16, Edward II) m. Lady Margery, daughter Sir Roger Corbet of Sibton, (or Isabella, daughter of William Barwell) and had—

Richard de Temple of Shepey (20, Edward 3) m. Lady Agnes, daughter of Sir Ralph Stanley, Knt. had—

Nicholas de Temple (46 Edward III) m. Maud, daughter John Burguilton, of Newton, in Leicester, and had—

Richard de Temple, buried in All Saints, Shepey Magna, m. Joan, daughter of William de Shepey, of Shepy Magna, Leicestershire. Had—

Thomas Temple of Whitney, Oxfordshire, m. Maria, or Mary, daughter of Thomas Gedney, had—

William Temple of Whitney, m. Isabel, daughter and heiress of Henry Everton, had—

Thomas Temple of Whitney, m. Alice, daughter and heiress of John Heritage of Burton, Dorset, Warwickshire, had—

Peter Temple of Stowe, Buckinghamshire and Burton, Dorset, who had a grant of the Manor of Marston, Boteler in Warwickshire, second son, died May 28, 1527. m. Millicent, daughter William Jykett, of Jekyle of Newington in Middlesex, had—

Sir Thomas Temple of Stowe, created Baronet June 29, 1611, Died 1637, m. Esther, daughter Miles Sandys of Latimers, (or Eaton) Bucks had—

Sir Peter Temple, 2nd Bart. born 1502, and Sir John Temple, Knt. of Biddlesen and Stanton, Bury, (see the National Cyclo of useful knowledge, "xi 938, Nicholls "Herald and Genealogist," VII, Burke's Kimbers, etc. "Baronetages" Lodge's Amercian Heraldic Journal, Jan. 1765, Oct. 1866) married—

(first) Dorothy, daughter of Edmund Lee of Stanton, Bury, had—

Dorothy Temple, married, at Odell, Jan. 4th, 1634, John Alston of Parvenham Bedfordsher, entered at Inner Temple. Buried at Parvenham, Aug. 15, 1687 (his mother was second wife of Sir John Temple, his father in law. (See Kimber and Johnson's "Baronetages" 1771, 1st, 457) had—

John Alston of Parvenham (4th son) d. 1704, married Anne Wallis, had—

Major John Alston, Bapt. at Filmersham, Bedfordshire, Dec. 5, 1673. Came to North Carolina before 1720. Was associate Justice of the Colony 1724-30. Died Chowan county, N. C., 1758. Married Mary Clark, had—

Soloman Alston, married Anne Hinton, daughter Col. John Hinton, who settled on the Neuse river, five miles from Raleigh. He was member of the Provisional Congress at Hillsboro in 1775. (See Walker's History of North Carolina.) In 1771 he commanded a detachment from Wake county under Gov. Tryon. In 1773 he was made Col. of Militia for Wake county and in 1775 Col. of the North Carolina militia. In 1776 he was a member of the Provincial Congress. He died in 1784. Had—

Charity Alston, born Jan. 19, 1743. Married Capt. James Jones. (Captain Jones was a member of the Provincial Congress of North Carolina in 1776, made Capt. of Third Company, First Regiment Light Horse Cavalry of North Carolina, April 22, 1776, and in 1777 served in the State Senate. He was the son of Shugan Jones, son of Edmund and Abigale Shugan, who was the first white woman to cross the Shocco river.) They had—

Rachael Jones, married Ralph Banks, in North Carolina, Thursday, Nov. 22, 1788.

*Ref. "Americans of Royal Descent" by Browning.
Daughters of the Crown.
Order of the Yellow Rose.*

A SKETCH OF THOMAS BANKS

Recording some of his activities while a citizen of Granville county, North Carolina, and some traditions concerning Banks Chapel

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Oxford, (Granville county), North Carolina

Thomas Banks, of Granville county, N. C., moved to Wilkes county, Georgia, along with his son, Ralph Banks, and possibly other members of his family in 1784-85. That part of Wilkes county in which Ralph Banks settled was later cut off into Elbert county. It is possible that Joseph Blackwell, who married Sally Chandler Banks, a daughter of Thomas by his first marriage, had gone to Georgia earlier, as we find in Will Book 1, page 299, Granville county, N. C., a "Deed of Gift" from Thomas Banks to two of his grandchildren, Dunston and Banks Blackwell. This Deed is made through Joseph Blackwell receiving the sum of "three hundred and thirty-nine pounds four shillings and for divers other causes and considerations," in return for which Joseph Blackwell willed to the two children aforesaid "Negro wench named Patt, Negro girl named Rose, Negro girl named Mary, Negro boy named David and Negro child named Shadrach." This deed of gift was proven by the oaths of John Rust and Ralph Banks at the February terms of court, 1781. Since there is no further record of Joseph Blackwell in Granville after this date it is likely that he and possibly other members of the Banks family went to Georgia about this time. This could be cleared up by searching the records at Washington, Georgia.

But let us get back to Thomas Banks, the parent stem:

It is generally accepted by historians and genealogists who are familiar with the early history of Granville county, that Thomas Banks came to Granville county from Carolina county, Virginia. The first land transaction on record in Granville county to which Thomas Banks was a party was made in August, 1762, and is as follows:

“This Deed made the 11th day of August, 1762, by William Gray and his wife, of Granville county, of the first part, to Thomas Banks, Jr., of St. Margaret’s Parish, County of Caroline, of the Colony of Virginia, party of the second part, witnesseth, Etc.” The deed called for 253½ acres of land for which 66 pounds 16 shillings was paid. Book E, page 376, Granville county, N. C.

In Book G, page 371, with date of November 22, 1763, is found where Thomas Banks purchased 75 acres of land “near Cannady’s Mill, adjoining his other tract.” Here it is noted that he no longer affixes junior to his name.

Caroline county, Virginia, lies near Richmond, and was in the heart of hostilities during the War Between the States. Many records were lost in being moved from place to place and others burned. The following data secured from Caroline county records very probably concerns the Granville county Thomas Banks:

Order Book 1735, page 307. A Negro belonging to Thomas Banks adjudged 10 years old.

Order Book 1732-1740 (1735), page 414. A Negro belonging to Thomas Banks.

Order Book 1745, page 468. Thomas Banks, jurymen.

Order Book 1752, page 317. Ordinary License for Thomas Banks. (Ordinary License was a license to run a Tavern.)

Order Book 1761, page 354. Thomas Banks paid, etc.

This Caroline county, Virginia, data also shows: 1764—Case for Tunstall Banks. 1786—Case of Richard Banks. Here are the family names, as a great many of the descendants of Thomas Banks claim that the name Dunston was originally Tunstall.

The reader will take note of the fact that the last Caroline county, Virginia, reference to Thomas Banks was in 1761. The first reference to Thomas Banks in Granville county, North Carolina, is the following year, 1762, and this first deed states explicitly that Thomas Banks is from Caroline county, Virginia.

Ralph Banks had a brother named Thomas, but this brother, if living, would have been only fifteen years old in 1762. This eliminates him from being the “Junior” who purchased this first tract. All the succeeding tracts of land purchased by Thomas

Banks were adjoining or near by this original tract and they are the same lands which Thomas Banks sold in his old days when he decided to go to Georgia with his son. Therefore for some reason when he first came to Granville county, North Carolina, he was Thomas Banks, Jr. It is said by some authorities that in the early days the use of junior after one's name did not necessarily mean that the party using same was a son of a man by the same name. That often it was used merely to show that one was the younger of two persons in the same community of the same name. There was a Thomas Banks, juryman, in Edgecomb county, 1739. Granville county was a cut off from Edgecomb county in 1746. From whatever angle the reader attempts to unravel the ancestry of the subject of this sketch it must be remembered that in 1762 he was from Caroline county, Virginia.

There are numerous records concerning the activities of Thomas Banks in Granville county from 1762 to 1784-85. He took up land and also bought and sold many tracts. All this is a matter of record in the court house at Oxford, North Carolina.

In Deed Book O, page 310, under date of March 31, 1784, is found the following: ". . . Thomas Banks to George White, both of Granville county, N. C., for 326 pounds 18 shillings, Virginia money, 1,100 acres of land, by estimation, and being the place on which he (Thomas Banks) now lives." It is said by descendants of this George White, and there are a great many of them in Granville county at present, that he was a brother of Betty, the second wife of Thomas Banks. Also that Betty and George were children of a George White, living in Mecklenburg county, Virginia.

Unless Thomas and Ralph Banks moved to Georgia in January of 1785 a slight error may have been made as to time they left Granville county, N. C. From the above record it will be seen that he sold his home tract in March, 1784. Recorded in Book O, page 409, we find the following entry made just one year later, March 20, 1785:

"Thomas Banks to Louis Taylor.

"This deed made the 20th day of March, 1785, by Thomas Banks of the State of Georgia, County of Wilkes, but lately re-

moved from the State of North Carolina, Granville county, to Louis Taylor, one certain tract or parcel of land on Quicksand Creek, both sides, beginning on Hornsby's line and George White's corner poplar in a branch," and then follows a long description, "Containing 1,500 acres." This deed was executed in Wilkes county, Georgia, and certificate sent to Granville county, North Carolina. It is possible that Thomas Banks went to Georgia after selling his home place to George White on March 31, 1784.

In Book O, page 442: "Thomas Banks and Susannah, his wife, of the State of Georgia, of the first part, and Alexander Carter, of Granville county, of the second part, etc." a deed transferring 400 acres of land to Alexander Carter. This seems to be the last record of Thomas Banks in Granville county, N. C., and was, in all probability land belonging to his wife, Susannah Hunt, whom he married two days previous. This deed was made March 14, 1786.

Previous data shows Thomas Banks to have taken for his third wife, Psyche Preddy, March 12, 1786. In the court house at Oxford, Granville county, North Carolina, is found the following marriage record: "Thomas Banks to Susannah Hunt, March 11, 1786." The third child born to Thomas Banks and his first wife, Sally Chandler, was named Thomas. Had this son been alive and in Granville county it is not likely that he would have married on the 11th and his father on the 12th of March, 1786. Of this last union was born a son who was named Thomas. It occurs to the writer that probably the first son Thomas had met with an untimely death in some manner, or probably killed in the war, and that this last son was named Thomas in his honor. He certainly would not have been given the same name of a living brother. And then there is the deed made by Thomas Banks and his wife, Susannah, to Alexander Carter on March 14, 1786.

THOMAS BANKS ADMINISTERS OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO
RALPH AND JOSEPH BLACKWELL

North Carolina Colonial Records show Thomas Banks to have been a Justice of the Peace in 1774-75 in which capacity he

continued to serve after the State government was formed. In State Records, Vol. 14, page 993: "An ordinance for appointing Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs and Constables for the several Counties in the State, Etc." Here a complete list of officers appointed for Granville county appears, with Thomas Banks listed as a Justice of the Peace.

In State Records, Vol. 22, page 173, is found where Thomas Banks administered oath of allegiance to citizens of Beverdam District, 1778.

State Records, Vol. 22, page 174. Thomas Banks administers oath of allegiance to his son, Ralph Banks, and son-in-law, Joseph Blackwell.

Old Court Books, Granville county, show Thomas Banks was member of the court held in May, 1774, serving with Samuel Smith and Jonathan Kittrell.

BANKS MARRIAGE RECORDS IN GRANVILLE COUNTY, N. C.

Richard Banks married (1) Ruthy Hooker, Jan. 12, 1769.

Richard Banks married (2) Keron — Hooker, June 6, 1774.

Sally Chandler Banks married Joseph Blackwell, Dec. 24, 1771.

Thomas Banks married Susannah Hunt, March 11, 1786.

ADDITIONAL BANKS DATA

A William Banks drew land in Wilkes county, Georgia, sometime after 1800 for Revolutionary War services.

A William Banks bought land in Granville county, N. C., in 1755. This land was located some twelve miles from the Thomas Banks lands and near the Virginia line.

A will of a Thomas Banks was probated in Halifax county, Virginia, in 1775.

In Lunenburg county, Virginia, 1752, is found a will of a Thomas Banks mentioning wife Hannah and sons Richard and William.

"Revolutionary Soldiers and Sailors," found in most large libraries, will be found where several Thomas Banks' served from

Virginia. Anyone of these could have been the first-born Thomas of Thomas Banks and Sally Chandler Banks.

BANKS CHAPEL

*Once belonging to the Established Church of England
Now a Methodist Church*

Banks Chapel, Granville county, North Carolina, today one of the most substantial rural Methodist institutions to be found anywhere, was originally an Episcopal Church. The building of today is probably the fourth structure to be erected somewhere around the original site. The church and church lot is within the boundary of the lands purchased from William Gray and his wife by Thomas Banks, Jr., in 1762. No exceptions were made in this deed for church property, but in all transfers of this property from this date on an exception is made, sometimes one acre and sometimes two acres "for Banks Chapel" church property.

In preparing this sketch the writer has had considerable assistance from several sources, but wishes to especially thank, both for himself and the Ralph Banks heirs, the Hon. A. A. Hicks, whose family is deeply rooted in Granville county and who has been engaged in the practice of the law in Oxford for 50 years. The following is quoted from Mr. Hick's records:

" an order having been passed by the General Assembly establishing the Church of England in North Carolina, was accepted in good faith in Granville county. In accordance with the law a *Glebe was purchased, consisting of 400 acres. A Parrish House was constructed thereon and a minister furnished by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel lived there, serving St. John's Church at Williamsboro, St. George's Chapel at Harrisburg, and Banks Chapel, which was twelve miles southeast of Oxford and Harrisburg.

*Glebe lands were lands set aside for a Parrish House and for its upkeep. From the Parrish House the Episcopal Rector would serve a County or Parrish. When a community complained that the distance was too great for them to attend worship at the various organized churches the Established Church undertook to carry the gospel to them, and therefore the various Chapels were erected.

“Two miles east of Harrisburg was a crossroad, and the southern end of it has been known for 160 years as the Banks Road, as it led from the Glebe Road to Banks Chapel. No deed was ever found for said Chapel, but there are many deeds conveying this original William Gray—Thomas Banks tract of land, all deeds since 1762 excepting one or more acres for the Chapel.

“In the early days of the Revolution the Rector using his Episcopal prayer book asked the Lord to preserve the King of England, whereupon the congregation arose, chased him from the Church and tore his surplice from him as he passed through the door.”

Just when Banks Chapel withdrew from the Episcopal Church and cast its lot with the Methodist seems to be a matter of conjecture. In the midst of a great political upheaval the Methodist Church was a-bornin' and in the confusion attendant thereon records were not given much consideration. What seems to be the generally accepted version of how it came about is something like this—and the time somewhere between 1775-1783.

That sometime after the episode of chasing the Rector and the King, the Established Church made an effort to keep the chapel within the fold by sending another minister to the people, probably a young man with a degree of tact, and of liberal mind.

In the meantime the preaching of the Wesleys and their followers around Savannah and up the coast was reaching back into the new-formed states. Bishop Asbury had been in the Banks Chapel community at least once (1780), visiting in the home of Col. Edmund Taylor, and had “preached at the school house.” A war to the death was on with the old order and people were giving outward expression to their emotions.

It seems that this new minister at Banks Chapel made some diplomatic overture to his parishioners which struck a responsive chord and he was greeted with an outburst of Amens! Amens were about as unheard of in an Episcopal Church of the 1770's as they are in the Methodist Church of 1937. And this was too much for a few of the more sedate brethren, so they held up the meeting by proclaiming that they had not been accustomed to any such

goings-on. The congregation then arose en masse and said, well, we will go where such things are considered proper and hold our meeting. And they did.

According to tradition this was the proverbial straw that made such a large indenture in the camel's spine, but it must be accepted as traditional until further research brings the records, if any, to light. When one reflects upon the chaotic state of mind that must have been existing in the decade 1770 to 1780 it seems plausible that this tradition might have had some foundation in fact.

From any analysis of the records the conclusion might be reached that Banks Chapel had definitely accepted the Methodist faith before Thomas Banks and his son, Ralph, left for Georgia in 1785. Immediately after settling in Wilkes (now Elbert) county, Georgia, Ralph Banks is found taking an active part in promoting the affairs of the Methodist Church and according to Alston and Allston history, page 254, the first Methodist Conference held in Georgia convened at his home.

Louis Taylor, to whom Thomas Banks sold his 1,500 acre tract of land in 1785 was according to Hon. A. A. Hicks, a very wealthy and influential Episcopalian and remained so until his death. If in 1785, Thomas Banks and his family had accepted the new creed, and, if at the time Banks Chapel had still adhered to the Established Church, with such loyal Episcopalians in the community, the name of the church would probably have been changed.

The written records in North Carolina and Georgia establish the character and attest the stability of Thomas and Ralph Banks. But to add a little spice let us accept some tradition. Let us go further and presume that old man Thomas was sitting in the "amen corner" down at Banks Chapel in that long ago when the Rector proclaimed that what was needed was a "new deal," with full assurance that he had moral support from Ralph and his other children. And what a heritage!

Author's Note: Just as this second edition was ready to go to press I contacted Mr. J. H. Landrum and persuaded him on short

notice to compile these facts about Thomas Banks. Mr. Landrum, a native Georgian, married a lineal descendant of Thomas Banks in Elbert county, and they came to Oxford, Granville county, N. C., to live in 1928. Isabella Kay Landrum, daughter of Elizabeth Kay and J. H. Landrum married Archibald Hunter Arrington Williams III, a grandson of Ex-Congressman A. H. A. Williams, and a nephew of Ex-United States Solicitor General Judge J. Crawford Biggs. It is quite a coincidence that after six generations a descendant of Thomas Banks should come back from Elbert county, Georgia, to the place where Thomas spent his most active years and marry a descendant of one of the men (Col. Samuel Smith) who sat at court with him in 1774.



SARAH BANKS WALTON FRANKLIN

BANKS
GENEALOGICAL RECORD
1709-1937



RALPH BANKS
1757—1823



RACHEL JONES BANKS
1769—1851

THOMAS BANKS

Was born 1709, died Sunday, June 28, 1789. He married, first, Sarah Chandler in 1743. Issue:—

1. Richard B., b. August 23, 1744.
2. Sally Chandler, b. June 4, 1746.
3. Thomas, b. November 25, 1747.

Thomas Banks married, second, Betty White, August 22, 1748. Issue:—

4. Ralph, b. October 21, 1757.
5. Betty, b. February 21, 1761.
6. Dunstan, b. May 26, 1763.
7. William, b. February 2, 1766.
8. James, b. August 4, 1770.
9. John, b. April 7, 1774.

Thomas Banks married, third, Susannah Hunt,* March 12, 1786. Issue:—

10. Thomas, b. December 23, 1788.

Thomas Banks, father of this family, came from Granville county, N. C., with his son, Ralph, December 25, 1785, to Elbert county, Ga. The following year he returned to North Carolina and took a third wife. He died at the home of his son, Ralph, June, 1789.

*Note correction of Susannah Hunt as third wife of Thomas Banks instead of Psyche Preddy as recorded in the first edition. In his research into the records of Granville county, N. C., Mr. Landrum finds recorded this marriage of Thomas to Susannah. The date is the same as that recorded in the first edition for his marriage to Psyche Preddy but there is no record in Granville county of this marriage to Psyche Preddy. There is a notice of a deed recorded on March 14, 1786, in which he signs himself "Thomas Banks and his wife, Susannah, of Georgia." She became a citizen of Georgia the moment she married Thomas. There were other Thomas Banks' about this time but it is hardly probable that two Thomas Banks' living in Georgia would have decided on the same day to go up to Granville county to get married. In view of these facts I feel that this change is justified.

AN EXACT COPY OF THE FAMILY RECORD TAKEN FROM
RALPH BANKS' BIBLE

I, Ralph Banks, was married to my wife, Rachel, on Thursday, 27th of November, 1788.

- I, Ralph Banks, was born Oct. 21st, 1757.
- Rachel, my wife, was born May 6th, 1769.
- Son Thomas A. was born Dec. 19th, 1789.
- Son Willis was born April 23rd, 1791.
- Son James J. was born April 5th, 1792.
- Daughter Sally was born May 5th, 1793.
- Son Richard was born October 23d, 1794.
- Son Ralph was born April 6th, 1796.
- Son John was born October 27th, 1797.
- Daughter Mary J. was born August 10th, 1799.
- Son Dunstan was born December 10th, 1800.
- Daughter Priscilla was born September 3d, 1802.
- Son Henry was born November 2d, 1804.
- Son Lemuel was born May 25th, 1806.
- Son Elbert was born January 8th, 1810.
- Son Marion was born June 23d, 1813.

THOMAS ALSTON BANKS, eldest child of Ralph and Rachel Banks, was born Dec. 19, 1789; died July 21, 1835; married MARY CHIPMAN, Jan. 3, 1821; issue:—

I. ELBERT JONES BANKS, b. Feb. 16, 1822; d. Dec. 1887;
 m. FRANCES ELIZABETH PURIFOY Oct. 26, 1845; issue:—

1. *Thomas Caswell Banks* b. May 2, 1848; d. 1924; m. *Effie Bloodworth*; issue:—

- (1) Charles Elbert Banks, now deceased.
- (2) Fannie May Banks, m. Zell Gibson Roe.
- (3) Kate Banks, deceased.

2. *Joseph Lemuel Banks*, b. 1850, d. 1856.

3. *George Richard Banks*, b. 1852, d. 1928, m. first *Fannie Rudisill*; issue:—

- (1) Elbert Joseph Banks, m. first Laura Moss; issue:—

- a. Mildred Banks.
- b. John Franklin Banks.
- c. Fannie May Banks.
- d. Irene Banks.
- e. Alma Banks.

Elbert Joseph Banks m. second, Mae Harrell;
issue:—

f. Jean Banks.

(2) John Rudisill Banks, m. Alma Walker;
issue:—

a. Martha Banks.

George Banks m. second *Sallie Rudisill*; no issue.

4. *John Warren Banks*, b. 1854, m. *Mary Alice White*,
issue:—

(1) Irene Rucker Banks, b. 1880, m. Henry Shi
Gray in 1900, d. 1905.

(2) Mary Lou Banks, b. 1882, m. Early N.
Goodwyne in 1901; issue:—

a. Shi Gray Goodwyne, b. 1906.

b. Ruth Goodwyne, b. 1909, d. 1911.

c. Mary Earl Goodwyne, b. 1916.

(3) Elbert White Banks, b. 1892, m. Lucile Zell-
ner in 1912.

(5) John Warren Banks, Jr., b. 1897, m. Lucile
Busse.

5. *Mary Caroline Banks*, m. in 1878 *Walter Butler
Floyd*; issue:—

(1) Bessie Floyd, m. Charles R. Gwyn; issue:—

a. Carolyn Gwyn m. Donald Hartford;
issue:—

1. Patricia Hartford.

2. Gwyn Hartford.

3. Anne Hartford.

4. Charles R. Gwyn, Jr.

5. William Floyd Gwyn.

- (2) Lucy Floyd, m. Benjamin Banks in 1906, d. 1937; issue:—
- a. Mary Banks, m. Southwood Morcock in 1933.
 - b. Lucy Floyd Banks.
 - c. Benjamin Banks, Jr.
- (3) Mary Butler Floyd, died young.
- (4) Frances Butler Floyd, m. Thomas Goodwin Scott in 1913; issue:—
- a. Thomas Goodwin Scott, Jr.
 - b. Walter Scott.
 - c. Frances Scott.
 - d. Mary Cleveland Scott.
- (5) Janie Lou Floyd, m. Farris H. Wilson in 1919; issue:—
- a. Farris H. Wilson, Jr.
 - b. Jane Floyd Wilson.
 - c. Rose Marie Wilson.
 - d. Emily Day Wilson.
- (6) Walter Lewis Floyd, m. Agnes McCollum.
6. *Sallie Lou Banks*, b. 1862, d. 1864.

II. JOSEPH RALPH BANKS, second son of Thomas Alston and Mary Chipman Banks, b. 1724, d. —, married first, MARY PRICHARD; issue—

1. *Thomas Banks*, died young.
2. *Pike Banks*, died young.

JOSEPH RALPH BANKS m. second MISS DAVIS; no issue.

He married third CARRIE STEPHENS; issue:—

3. *Kate Banks*, died young.
4. *Ralph Banks*, died young.
5. *John Banks*, died young.

III. RICHARD OLIVER BANKS, third son of Thomas A. and Mary Chipman Banks, b. Sept. 23, 1826, d. 1879, m. FANNIE GREEN; issue:—

1. *Mary Ella Banks*, b. 1848, d. 1906, m. *Ben Milner Turner* (b. 1838, d. 1900) ; issue:—

(1) *Banks Turner*, b. 1867, d. 1872.

(2) *Lily Rebecca Turner*, b. 1873, d. 1911.

(3) *Ben Milner Turner*, b. 1879, m. *Maude Crawford*; no issue.

(4) *Charles Gainer Turner* b. 1881, m. *Lida Wilson*; no issue; adopted:—

a. *Virginia Turner* m. *Arthur J. Renfroe*; issue:—

1. *Gainer Turner Renfroe*.

2. *Arthur J. Renfroe, Jr.*

(5) *William Randolph Turner*, b. 1883, m. *Warde Parker*; issue:—

a. *William Randolph Turner, Jr.*

b. *Lily Cornelia Turner* m. *B. I. Thornton*; issue:—

1. *Mason Thornton*, b. 1934.

2. *Cornelia Thornton*, b. 1935.

3. *Benjamin I. Thornton*, b. 1936.

c. *Ben Milner Turner*.

2. *Lucy Frances Banks* m. *Henry C. Price*; no issue.

3. *Richard Banks*, died young.

4. *William A. Banks*, m. *Fannie White*; issue:—

(1) *James T. Banks*, m. first *Elsie Dumas*; issue:—

a. *Elsie Banks*, m. *Fred Monk*; issue:—

1. *Frances Monk*. 2. *Eloise Monk*. 3.

Gwendolyn Monk. 4. *Banks Monk*.

James Banks m. second *Mabel Ellington*; issue:—

b. *Roy Banks*, c. *James Banks*, d. *Fannie May Banks*, e. *Mabel Banks*, now deceased; f. *Alfred Banks*, g. *Emily Banks*, h. *J. T. Banks*.

(2) *Vallie Banks*, m. *Arthur Flewellen*; issue:—

- a.* Banks Flewellen, *b.* Mary Flewellen, *c.* Alberta Flewellen.
- (3) Lula Banks, d. 1937, m. Robert M. Worsham in 1901; issue:—
- a.* Mary Worsham, m. Tyrus Freeman; issue:—
1. Mary Frances Freeman.
- b.* Willie Mae Worsham, m. Marshall Davis.
- (4) Oliver Banks.
- (5) Benjamin Banks, m. Lucy Floyd in 1906. For issue see line of Mary Caroline Banks and Walter B. Floyd.
- (6) Mattie Banks, m. Farley Haygood in 1906; issue:—
- a.* Alston Haygood, *b.* Farley Haygood, Jr., *c.* James Haygood, *d.* Benjamin Haygood, *e.* Louie Haygood, *f.* Martha Haygood, *g.* Fannie Will Haygood.
- (7) Mary Ella Banks, m. Charles T. Head; issue:—
- a.* Irene Head, m. Robert Holloway; issue:—
1. Robert Holloway, Jr.
- b.* Pitt Head.
- c.* Louella Head.

RICHARD OLIVER BANKS married second, REBECCA HORTON; no issue.

IV. WILLIAM LEMUEL BANKS, b. July 17, 1830, died young.

V. MARY LOUISA BANKS, only daughter of Thomas Alston and Mary Chipman Banks, was born Dec. 5, 1833, died June, 1897, married JOHN STEPHENS; issue:—

1. *Pearl Stephens*, died 1923, unmarried.
2. *Ralph Banks Stephens*, b. 1859, d. 1926, m. *Mattie Alexander*; issue:—

- (1) John Turner Stephens, b. 1885, m. Florrie Louise Summerford in 1912; issue:—
- a. Martha Winifred Stephens, b. 1913, d. 1920.
 - b. Mary Louisa Stephens, b. 1915.
 - c. Nita May Stephens, b. 1923.
- (2) Lemuel Banks Stephens, b. 1887, m. Anna Hill in 1915; issue:—
- a. William Banks Stephens, b. 1925.
 - b. Helen Elizabeth Stephens, b. 1929.
- (3) Mattie Lou Stephens, b. 1890, m. Hugh S. Worsham in 1923; issue:—
- a. Banks Stephens Worsham, b. 1927.
- (4) Kate Stephens, b. 1892, m. Louis E. Zellner in 1921; issue:—
- a. Kathryn Lois Zellner, b. 1925.
- (5) Pearl Stephens, b. 1895, m. Norman A. Peacock in 1916; issue:—
- a. Martha Peacock, b. 1917, m. Marshall Black in 1935; issue:—
 - 1. Marsha Black, b. 1936.
 - b. Norman A. Peacock, Jr.
3. *Elbert Stephens*, died young.
4. *William Stephens*, died young.

WILLIS BANKS, second son of Ralph and Rachel Jones Banks, was born April 23, 1791, d. Sept. 1852; married first, Mary Winfrey Oliver, born 1803, d. 1820, daughter of James Oliver, son of Dionysius Oliver of Elbert county.

Issue, one child:—

I. MARY WINFREY BANKS, who was born July 10, 1820, d. Nov. 1901; married Jephtha Vining Harris of Madison county, Ga., in 1840. Issue:— made wh
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- 1. *Mary Oliver Harris*, a beautiful girl, who died Nov. 1862, aged 21.

2. *Willis Banks Harris*, b. 1843, d. 1901; m. *Anna Phinizy Billups*, 1867; issue:—

(1) *Willis Banks Harris, Jr.*, b. 1872, d. Dec. 31, 1923; married *Jessie Johnston of Clanton, Miss.* No issue.

(2) *John Billups Harris*, died young.

(3) *Billups Harris*, married *Anna Young Banks* (cousin) 1925. No issue.

(4) *Mary Jephtha Harris*, married *William Clarke Watson* Dec. 1905 (he died in *Tuscaloosa, Ala.*, in June, 1937); issue:—

a. *William Clarke Watson*, b. May 13, 1908.

3. *Lucy Jephtha Harris*, m. *Robert Duncan*; issue:—

(1) *Jephtha Harris Duncan*, m. *Miss General* of *New Orleans*, no issue.

(2) *Mary Lucy Duncan* married *Mr. Howe*. Issue three children.

(3) *Roberta Duncan*, died young.

WILLIS BANKS married second *MARY GRAY*, b. Aug. 1797, d. Oct. 1857. Issue:—

II. *JOHN JAMES BANKS*, b. 1823, d. 1824.

III *THOMAS GRAY BANKS*, b. 1824, married *MARY WALDRON*; issue:—

1. *Francis Marion Banks*, b. Dec. 4, 1853 in *Columbus, Miss.*, married Jan. 1883 *Hermine Schaefer*, born in *Frankfort, Germany*, Dec. 21, 1862; issue:—

(1) *Mamie S. Banks*, b. Oct. 29, 1883, married *Ernest Romberg* b. Sept. 7, 1875 at *Freigburg, Texas* (Dec. 27, 1911); issue:—

a. *Bernard Helmuth Romberg* b. Oct. 10, 1912.

b. *Francis Marion Romberg* b. Jan. 9, 1915.

(2) Thomas Gray Banks b. Aug. 1, 1887, at Nelsonville, Texas, m. May 4, 1909 Sallie Florida Haralson b. Nov. 25, 1891 at Colinesneet, Texas; issue:—

a. Thomas Gray Banks II b. Denison, Texas, Mar. 16, 1910, m. Jan. 8, 1933 Lucille Allen Emery, born Oklahoma City, May 11, 1912; issue:—

(1) Mary Lucille born at Oklahoma City Oct. 14, 1933.

(2) Elizabeth Anne b. June 15, 1935 at Oklahoma City.

b. Sarah May Banks b. Dallas, Texas, Oct. 21, 1911.

c. Lucy Mildred Banks b. Freeport, Texas, June 27, 1914.

d. James Robert Banks b. Oklahoma City, May 9, 1918.

e. William Ross Banks b. Oklahoma City, Jan. 30, 1923.

(3) Edward Schaefer Banks b. Nelsonville, Texas May 25, 1890, m. Oct. 19, 1915 Etta Posey b. July 5, 1895 in Haskell, Texas; issue:—

a. Richard James Banks b. Aug. 1, 1918, Texas.

(4) Frederick Marion Banks b. Feb. 1, 1893, Nelsonville, Texas.

(5) Katherine Anne Banks b. Mar. 14, 1898 at Kenny, Texas.

(6) Susie Frances Banks b. Feb. 10, 1901, at Kenny, Texas.

(7) James Oliver Banks b. April 13, 1904 at Fayetteville, Texas.

(8) Margaret Hermine Banks b. June 21, 1904 at Freyberg, Texas, m. Nov. 18, 1934 Newman Casey born 1909.

2. *Ida Banks* married *Charles Fordtran*; issue:—
- (1) Banks Fordtran.
 - (2) Lilla Fordtran.
 - (3) Nellie Fordtran married Judge Eugene Williams.
 - (4) Thomas G. Fordtran m. Alma Simank.
 - (5) Robert Fordtran.
 - (6) Susie Frances Banks, b. Feb. 10, 1901.
 - (7) Eugene Henry Fordtran b. 1888, m. and had issue.

IV. FRANCES SCOTT BANKS, b. Feb. 1827, d. Aug. 1844.

V. WILLIAM LEMUEL BANKS b. 1827, accidentally shot, d. Feb. 13, 1836.

VI. JAMES OLIVER BANKS b. Sept. 1829, d. Nov. 1904; married first, MARTHA COLEMAN of Eutaw, Ala.

1. *Mary Gray Banks* b. 1852, d. May 1912; married first *Fernandez Pope* Feb. 1877; issue:—

- (1) James Fernandez Pope b. Dec. 1877, d. April 1916.

Mary Gray Pope m. second *Hampden Osborne*; no issue.

2. *Willis Alston Banks* b. 1857, d. July 14, 1934, married *Jennie Dunlap*; issue:—

- (1) Wiley Coleman Banks b. 1896.
- (2) Mary Bacon Banks b. 1898 (died young).
- (3) James Oliver Banks b. 1900, married Dorothy Oearce Mills Feb. 20, 1936.

3. *John Coleman Banks* b. 1859, died young.

4. *Coleman Banks*, died young.

5. *James Oliver Banks* born Dec. 26, 1865, married first *Julia Coleman*, a second cousin; issue:—

- (1) Wilkes Coleman Banks, b. March 18, 1889, m. May 18, 1916 Mary Watkins Wilson b. Feb. 27, 1891; issue:—

- a.* Wilkes Coleman Banks b. Mar. 15, 1917.
 - b.* James Edwin Banks, b. Oct. 5, 1921.
 - c.* Lucy Bryan Banks, b. Feb. 27, 1927.
- (2) Wiley Coleman Banks b. Aug. 6, 1890, d. Oct. 17, 1892.
- (3) Jamie O. Banks b. Feb. 13, 1892, d. Oct. 17, 1892.
- (4) Ellen Gray Banks b. Oct. 17, 1893, m. Feb. 18, 1912 Edward Watson Humphries b. Oct. 11, 1887; issue:—
- a.* Julia Coleman Humphries, b. Oct. 14, 1914.
 - b.* William Washington Humphries, b. Aug. 27, 1918.
 - c.* Charles Evans Humphries, b. July 18, 1927.
- (5) Willis Alston Banks b. June 20, 1895, m. Oct. 24, 1922 Emily Rutledge Rhett; issue:—
- a.* Betty Rhett Banks, b. Nov. 12, 1926.
- (6) Hampden Osborne Banks b. May 21, 1897 married first Ursula Hilton Jan. 10, 1922; issue:—
- a.* Hampden Osborne Banks, Jr., b. Nov. 11, 1922.
- H. O. Banks m. second Muriel Sage, b. May 27, 1900; issue:—
- b.* Catherine Banks, b. Oct. 22, 1927.
- (7) Julia Banks b. Oct. 8, 1898, d. Feb. 10, 1899.
- (8) John Coleman Banks b. Sept. 27, 1899.
- (9) Ralph Roundtree Banks b. April 14, 1901, m. Oct. 3, 1923 Sarah Bouchelle Minor b. May 10, 1902; issue:—
- a.* Ralph Roundtree Banks, Jr., b. June 20, 1924.

b. Philip Barbour Minor Banks, b. Nov. 21, 1925.

c. James Oliver Banks b. Aug. 21, 1930.

d. Sarah Minor Banks, b. July 12, 1934.

James Oliver Banks II m. second *Sarah Buck* July 24, 1906, b. Nov. 1, 1872.

James Oliver Banks I m. second *Lucy Watkins Young*, daughter of Col. George and Lucy Watkins Young of Waverly, Miss.; issue:—

6. George Young Banks b. Feb. 7, 1871, m. Dec. 27, 1894 Katherine Yerger, b. May 20, 1873; issue:—

(1) Lucy Young Banks b. Sept. 27, 1895.

(2) Katherine Yerger Banks b. Aug. 5, 1899, m. Oct. 1925, B. P. Ferriday.

(3) Arthur Yerger Banks b. Dec. 13, 1901, m. June 13, 1936, Ernestine F. Lacey.

(4) Anna Hamilton Banks b. Oct. 31, 1907.

(5) Frances Gray Banks b. June 20, 1912.

7. Lucy Young Banks married John Ramsey Maxwell, May 11, 1904; issue:—

(1) Lucy Maxwell b. Feb. 19, 1911.

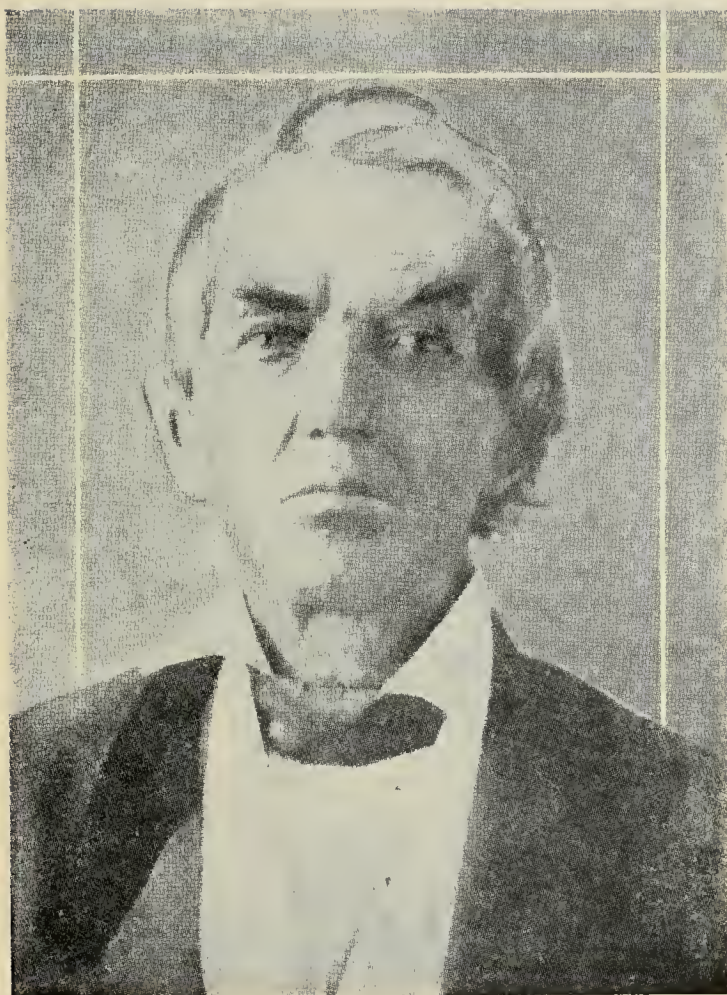
8. Wiley Coleman Banks, m. Marie Agnes Williams.

9. Anna Hamilton Banks m. Billups Harris (cousin) 1925; no issue.

10. Reuben Reynolds Banks b. March 5, 1884, m. Feb. 3, 1909 Martha Campbell Banks b. Dec. 2, 1884; issue:—

(1) John Campbell Banks b. Nov. 1, 1910, m. Edna Christine McKellar of Meridian, Miss., on Aug. 23, 1937.

(2) Martha Campbell Banks b. Feb. 19, 1913, m. Nov. 1936 Theron Preston Watkins of Birmingham and Jackson, Miss.



JAMES JONES BANKS
1792—1867

VII WILLIS DUNSTAN BANKS b. Aug. 1833, d. Sept. 1833.

VIII LUCY ANN BANKS b. Nov. 1834, d. Sept. 1835.

JAMES JONES BANKS, third son of Ralph and Rachel Jones Banks, was born April 5, 1792, d. Dec. 10, 1867; m. first, HANNAH ALSTON, daughter of James and Grizell Yancy Alston, who had come from North Carolina to Elbert county, Ga. This marriage of James Jones Banks to his second cousin, Hannah Alston, occurred Dec. 10, 1812, Rev. Briton Capell officiating. Issue:—

I. ELMIRA BANKS, b. Nov. 29, 1813, d. Nov. 21, 1819.

II. JAMES ALSTON BANKS, b. Oct. 18, 1815, d. August 12, 1821.

III. JASPER GALENIUS BANKS, b. April 9, 1817, d. Sept. 7, 1843. He was the first president of the Mobile & Girard Railroad.

IV. JABEZ BENONI BANKS, b. May 21, 1819, died 189—; m. JANE R. HARVEY of Talbotton, Ga., March 4, 1841, Rev. James R. Thomas officiating; issue:—

1. *Jane Banks* m. *Dr. Chas. M. Franklin*, Union Springs, Ala.; issue:—

(1) *Dr. Chas. M. Franklin, Jr.*, m. *Claude Edwards*. Had issue.

(2) *Lula Franklin* m. *John Craven*. Issue:—

a. *Sarah Frances Craven* m. *Mr. Spence*, Montgomery, Ala.

b. *Louise Banks Craven* m. a doctor of Milledgeville, Ga. Had issue.

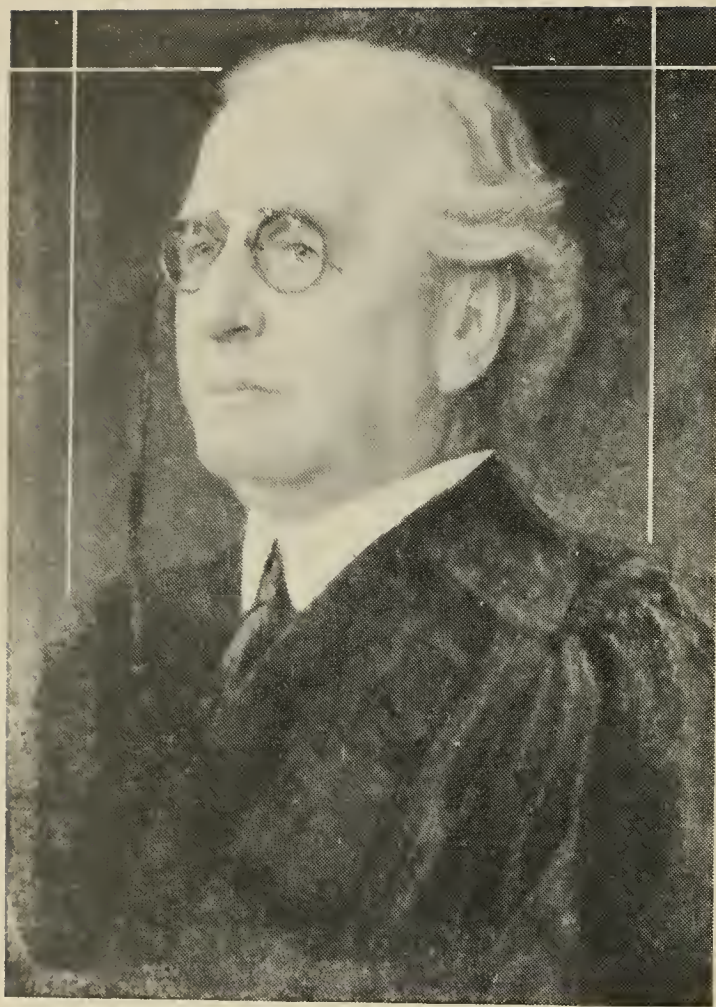
2. *Lula Banks* m. *Dr. Chas. M. Franklin*, her brother in-law; issue:—

(1) *John Knox Franklin* married and had issue:—

a. *John Knox, Jr.*



FRANCES JERNIGAN BANKS
1832—1906



JAMES JONES BANKS
Associate Justice of the Supreme Court
of the Territory of Hawaii.

- (2) Jerome Franklin married and had issue.
 - (3) James Jones Franklin.
 - (4) Higgs Franklin.
 - (5) Jane Franklin married Tom Gahlson and had issue.
 - (6) William Franklin married.
3. *William Harvey Banks m. Lou Roger*; issue:—
- (1) Nona Banks, m. Leigh Andrews, son of Rev. A. S. Andrews; issue:—
 - a. Louise Hudson Andrews m. Basil Ruskin Seymour Adams of New Castle on Tyne England on Nov. 5, 1930.
4. *James Jones Banks m. Lee Frazer*, Union Springs, Ala. She died March 11, 1936. He has served for a number of years as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Territory of Hawaii; issue:—
- (1) Lee Frazer Banks m. Beryl Macauley of Washington, D. C. He is now Asst. Supt. of Education of Birmingham, Ala.; issue:—
 - a. Sara Lee Banks.
 - b. Mary Cornelia Banks.
 - c. Lee Frazer Banks, Jr.
 - (2) James Jones Banks, Jr., m. Elizabeth Boyer of Ohio. They live in Orlando, Fla.; issue:—
 - a. Catherine Banks.

V. RICHARD COKE BANKS son of James and Hannah Alston Banks, b. Jan. 3, 1821, d. Oct. 23, 1825.

VI NEWTON PALEY BANKS son of James Jones Banks and Hannah Alston Banks, b. in Elbert county, Ga. 24th of September 1824, died in Opelika, Ala., May 1st, 1901; married FRANCES A. JERNIGAN, (b. July 4th, 1832, d. July 20, 1906) daughter of Henry W. Jernigan and Caroline Gachet Jernigan on the 16th of January, 1851, by Rev. George Carter; issue:—

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1. *Henry Jernigan Banks* born Dec. 22, 1851, m. *Sallie Kate Tarver*, daughter of Wesley Tarver Oct. 25, 1874; issue:—
 - (1) Wesley Tarver Banks married Martha Cloyd (no children).
 - (2) Newton Paley Banks, died young.
2. *Sarah Hannah Banks* b. November 17th, 1853, d. July 24, 1935, married her cousin, James Banks Tarver, Feb. 10th, 1874. (For issue see Tarver.)
3. *James Jasper Banks*, b. July 13, 1855, died young.
4. *Carrie Banks*, b. Sept. 1858, died young.
5. *Jabez Bunting Banks* b. 22 of February, 1861, m. the widow of his brother, Henry, *Sallie Kate Tarver Banks* in 1881; issue:—
 - (1) Henry Jasper Banks, b. Feb. 12, 1889, m. Marguerite Dowling June 23, 1910; issue:—
 - a. Henry Jasper Banks, Jr., b. Sept. 10, 1920.
 - b. Marguerite Dowling Banks, b. Nov. 5, 1923.
 - c. Sallie Kate Banks b. Dec. 2, 1925.
 - (2) Ralph Banks b. 1892, m. Lee Baker. Lives in St. Petersburg, Fla.; issue:—
 - a. Ralph Banks, Jr.
 - b. Kathrine Banks.
 - c. Dorothy Banks.
6. *Fannie Bell (Pearl) Banks* b. November 19, 1869, m. *Dr. Warren B. Watkins* April 27, 1893; issue:—
 - (1) Frances Byers Watkins b. June 5, 1895, d. Feb. 15, 1896.
 - (2) Sarah Alberta Watkins b. Feb. 23, 1897, m. Van Wych Williams April 27, 1926; issue:—
 - a. Dorothy Alston Williams, b. Oct. 4, 1927.
 - b. Van Wych Williams, Jr., b. Oct. 30, 1930.

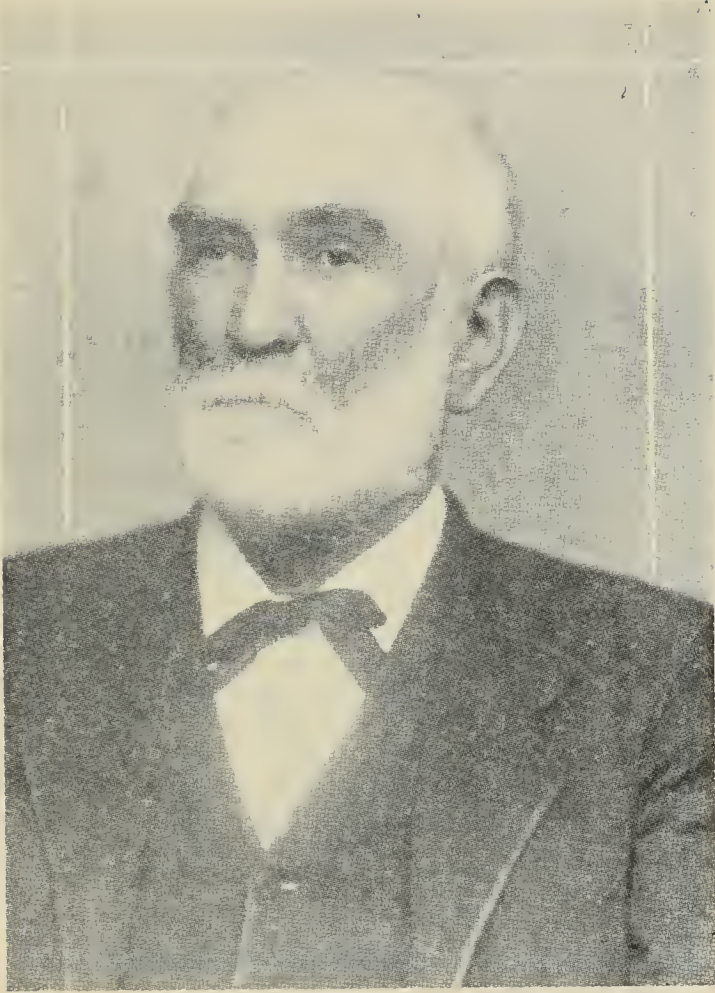
- (3) Dorothy Alston Watkins, b. Sept. 22, 1899,
m. William Manning O'Connell Nov. 5, 1929.
(No issue.)
- (4) Mary Louise Watkins, b. June 30, 1901, m.
Edward Knox Powe, Jr., Feb. 23, 1921; issue:—
- a. Edward Knox Powe III, b. Nov. 18, 1921.
 - b. Frances Banks Powe, b. Oct. 5, 1923.
 - c. Josephine Erwin Powe, b. Oct. 6, 1926.
 - d. Mary Louise Powe, b. Oct. 30, 1927.
- (5) Warren Byers Watkins, Jr., b. June 16, 1903,
m. Claudia Powe Nov. 14, 1931; issue:—
- a. Warren Byers Watkins III, b. May 27,
1933.
- (6) Newton Banks Watkins, b. June 16, 1905,
d. Jan. 6, 1908.
- (7) Alston Staddard Watkins, b. April 15, 1909
(unmarried).

VII RACHEL JONES BANKS daughter of James J. and Hannah Alston Banks, b. in Elbert county, 2nd of May, 1826, d. —, m. JAMES MONROE TARVER 9th of Oct. 1845 by Rev. James Peeler; issue:—

1. *James Banks Tarver* m. his cousin, *Sallie Hannah Banks*, daughter of Dr. N. P. Banks and Frances Jernigan. She was b. Nov. 17, 1853 and d. in Atlanta, Ga., July 24, 1935; issue:—

- (1) Banks Tarver d. January, 1906.
- (2) Rosalie Tarver m. Howard Madison Wade Nov. 22, 1900; living in Charlotte, N. C.; issue:—
 - a. Isabelle Traver Wade, b. Feb. 16, 1911,
m. Morgan Ayers Reynolds of Richmond, Va.,
June 5, 1937.
- (3) Monroe Traver.
- (4) William Traver m. Kitty Parl of Los Angeles, California; issue:—

- a. James Banks Tarver, M. D.
- (5) Clifford Tarver.
- (6) Fannie Belle Tarver.
2. *Rosa Tarver*, daughter of Monroe and Rachel Tarver, m. *Clarence Caldwell* in 1878; issue:—
- (1) Rachel Banks Caldwell m. J. H. Harland.
- (2) Mary Lou Caldwell m. J. A. Hutchinson; issue:—
- a. Mary Frances Hutchison.
- (3) James Tarver Caldwell m. Jewell Cooke; issue:—
- a. Betty Caldwell.
- b. James Tarver Caldwell II.
3. *Sarah Hannah Tarver* m. *Rev. D. C. Crook* in 1878. She died Oct. 1905; issue:—
- (1) Rachel Crook.
- (2) John Crook m. Queenelle Tucker; issue:—
- a. John Allen Crook.
- b. Virginia Crook m. Eldon Pruette.
- c. Sara m. George Ferrett.
- d. Kate m. Hugh McInnis.
- e. Queenelle.
- (3) Rosa Crook m. James Howard McLain; issue:—
- a. Rachel Banks McLain.
- b. James Howard McLain II.
4. *Milton Wesley Tarver* d. July, 1937, m. *Sallie Berry Bass* in 1879; issue:—
- (1) Mary Traver m. M. Oscar Carroll of Ozark, Ala. He died in 1936. No issue.
- (2) John Bass Tarver m. Nettie Johns; issue:—
- a. Gertha Tarver m. Thomas Henderson, Jr., of Pensacola, Aug. 3, 1935.
- b. John Bass Tarver, Jr. m. Mary Parker.



NEWTON PALEY BANKS, M. D.
1824—1901

c. Rosalie Tarver died 1933.

d. Winifred Jane Tarver.

(3) Milton Monroe Tarver, unmarried.

(4) Roberta Belle Tarver m. H. G. Price. He died in 1932. She married second, S. H. Reeves of West Palm Beach, Florida in Aug. 1935.

(5) James Wesley Tarver, d. in 1930, m. Edwina Griffin; issue:—

a. Christine Tarver of Jacksonville, Florida.

VIII. SARAH ELIZABETH BANKS, daughter of James J. and Hannah Alston Banks, b. April 1, 1830; m. Oscar Penn Fitzgerald, subsequently bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Feb. 1855. He died in 1911. Issue:—

1. *Paul Fitzgerald* d. in California aged nineteen years.

2. *Genella Fitzgerald* m. John H. Nye Nov. 26, 1884 at Nashville, Tenn. Issue: —

(1) Adolph Fitzgerald Nye b. Jan. 26, 1886 at Stormy Castle, Cheatham County, Tenn.

(2) Paul Fitzgerald Nye b. March 3, 1889 at Nashville, Tenn.

(3) Oscar Fitzgerald Nye b. July 19, 1890.

(4) John Hooper Nye, Jr., b. July 19, 1890. Twins. He married first, Annie McCullough July 7, 1924. She died in 1927. Issue:—

a. *Genella Fitzgerald Nye* b. May 8, 1925. John H. Nye, Jr., m. second, Mrs. Katherine Winstead Ezell in 1935.

3. *Banks Fitzgerald* d. y.

4. *Lee Fitzgerald*.

5. *Eleanor Fitzgerald* m. *John B. Robertson*, issue:—

(1) Sarah Fitzgerald Robertson d. Dec. 1936, m. James H. Cheek of Nashville, Tenn., issue:—

a. James H. Cheek, Jr.

6. *Oscar Penn Fitzgerald* m. *Louise B. Brown* July 25, 1907. Issue:—

- (1) *Jean Banks Fitzgerald* b. May 3, 1908.
- (2) *Gwendolen Fitzgerald* b. June 9, 1909.
- (3) *Oscar Penn Fitzgerald, Jr.*, b. July 16, 1911.

7. *Lillian Fitzgerald* m. her third cousin, *Lemuel Banks*. She was graduated from Vanderbilt University with honor in 1892. The rich promise of her brilliant intellect was cut short by her early death in 1902.

8. *William Stone Fitzgerald* b. July 17, 1874 in San Francisco, California. He served as Headmaster of Fitzgerald and Clark School in Tenn., and at present (1937) is a member of the English faculty at Duke University, Durham, N. C. He married *Rachel Thomas* of Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 24, 1899; she died in Memphis Tenn., Dec. 12, 1924. Issue:—

(1) *Rose Thomas Fitzgerald* b. in Nashville Sept. 10 1900.

(2) *Lillian Banks Fitzgerald* b. Oct. 28, 1902; m. *Paul Hodges* of Tuscaloosa, Ala., June 20, 1933. Issue:—

a. *Paul Hodges, Jr.*, b. March 28, 1935 in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

(3) *Rachel Thomas Fitzgerald* b. July 29, 1909 in Trenton, Tenn; m. *Robert McClellan Hill* of Florence, Ala., on Oct. 4, 1930. Issue:—

a. *Robert McClellan Hill, Jr.* b. in Florence, Ala., April 16, 1932.

b. *William Fitzgerald Hill* b. May 17, 1935.

IX DUNSTAN MARION BANKS, son of James J. and Hannah Alston Banks, was born in Monroe county, Ga., July 31, 1832, and reared in Enon, Ala. He was graduated from the University of Georgia, studied law, but subsequently entered the Ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. He died

March 30, 1912, in Opelika, Ala. He married CORDELIA ALLEN at Smiths Station, Ala. For many years they made their home in Opelika, Ala. The children of this marriage are:

1. *John James Banks*, b. April 3, 1852 at Enon, Ala., d. at Opelika, Ala., Sept. 16, 1881; m. *Martha Cotten*; issue:—

(1) *Lucy Curtis Banks*, m. *William Reynold Power*; Issue:—

a. *Martha Power*, m. *G. M. Moore, Jr.*, of *Montgomery, Ala.*

(2) *Martha Antionette*, m. *John C. Farley*; issue:—

a. *John C. Farley, Jr.* Unmarried.

(3) *John James Banks*, m. *Daisy Fairfield Zachry* of *West Point, Ga.*

2. *Elizabeth Benona Banks* m. *Henry C. Jernigan* at *Enon, Ala.*; issue:—

(1) *Charles Marion Jernigan* m. *Virginia Dickinson*; issue:—

a. *Marion Jernigan.*

b. *Charles H. Jernigan.*

(2) *Cordelia Jernigan* m. *Walton Crymes*; issue:—

a. *Elizabeth Crymes* m. *Reginald Reindrop*; issue:—

1. *Betty Banks Reindrop.*

2. *Evangeline Reindrop.*

b. *Martha Crymes* m. *Jack Durroh*; issue:—

1. *Mary Neal.*

2. *Jaculine.*

c. *Ester Crymes* m. *Earle Newcomer*; issue:—

1. *Earle Kenneth Newcomer, Jr.*

d. *Walton Crymes, Jr.*

(3) *Marie Jernigan* m. *F. M. Read.*

(4) Cornelia Jernigan m. Dr. R. B. Rammage; issue:—

a. Raymmond B. Rammage, Jr.

(5) Elizabeth Benona Jernigan died in infancy.

(6) Henry C. Jernigan m. Lena Ingram; issue:—

a. Crawford Jernigan.

b. John Frank Jernigan.

(7) Kathryn Jernigan m. R. L. Petty, Jr; issue:—

a. R. L. Petty III.

3. *Antionette Banks* b. March 6, 1859, d. May 13, 1934; m. May 14, 1883, W. N. Hurt at Opelika, Ala. Issue:—

(1) Walter Nimmons Hurt b. March 8, 1884, d. Dec. 22, 1895.

(2) Mary Ella Hurt b. June 3, 1886, m. B. B. Brooks of Hurtsboro, Ala.; issue:—

a. B. B. Brooks, Jr.

b. Mary Cordelia Brooks.

(3) William Chappelle Hurt b. Sept. 23, 1888, m. Evie Meeks of Columbus, Ga.; issue:—

a. Evelyn Hurt.

b. William Chappelle Hurt, Jr.

c. Marion Banks Hurt.

d. Mittie Earl Hurt.

e. Crawford Edgar Hurt.

f. Nettie Elizabeth Hurt.

g. Ruth Hurt.

(4) Antionette Banks Hurt b. Dec. 25, 1890, m. S. B. Pody; issue:—

a. Mary Will Pody.

b. Walter David Pody.

c. Sarah Antionette Pody.

d. Debbie Elizabeth Pody.

e. Stanley Benjamin Pody.

- f.* Mittie Pody.
 - g.* Henry Crawford Pody.
 - h.* Thomas Edison Pody.
 - i.* Alma Clarice Pody.
 - j.* Velma Opal Pody.
- (5) Elizabeth Benona Hurt b. Oct. 22, 1894, m. Robert V. Franklin; issue:—
- a.* Robert Edwin Franklin.
 - b.* Crawford Munroe Franklin.
 - c.* Homer Edward Franklin.
 - d.* John Henry Franklin.
- (6) Mittie Robertson Hurt b. April 7, 1896.
- (7) Cordelia Hurt b. Nov. 3, 1898, d. Nov. 30, 1907.
- (8) Crawford Edgar Hurt b. Aug. 16, 1900, m. Ruby Henderson of Phenix, Ala.; issue:—
- a.* Walter Edgar Hurt.
 - b.* William Crawford Hurt.
 - c.* Alice Antionette Hurt.
4. *Mary Banks* m. *Albert E. Barnett* in Opelika, Ala.; issue:—
- (1) Mary Banks Barnett m. Frank Chapman, after his death m. Roy Ordway; no children.
 - (2) Albert Barnett m. Lucy Browder.
 - (3) Sarah Barnett m. Hugh Hall; issue:—
 - a.* Hugh Hall, Jr.
 - b.* Sarah Nelle Hall.
 - c.* Harry Hall.
 - d.* Roy Banks Hall.
 - (4) Marion Barnett m. George Reynolds; issue:—
 - a.* George Reynolds, Jr.
 - b.* Albert Barnett Reynolds.
 - (5) Ellen Barnett m. Lee Timmons; issue:—
 - a.* Mary Banks Timmons.

James Jones Banks, son of Ralph and Rachel Jones Banks, m. second, *Mrs. Martha Jones Preston*, daughter of J. L. Jones, April 20, 1854.

SALLY BANKS, eldest daughter and fourth child of Ralph and Rachel Jones Banks, was born in Elbert county, Ga., May 5, 1793, d. Oct. 19, 1874, m. EDWARD SIMS of Virginia; issue:—

I. JERUSHA JONES SIMS, b. Aug. 10, 1812, d. 1843, m. AARON READY; issue:—

1. *Amelia Cunningham Ready*, m. *Malcolm D. Graham*; issue:—

(1) Edward Alfred Graham, a lawyer of prominence, served as mayor of Montgomery, in the State Senate and other important positions in Alabama. He died July, 1904. He married Sallie C. Thornton; issue—

a. *Amelia Graham*, m. *John Stokely* of Tennessee; issue:—

1. *John Burnett Stokely*, m. *Evelyn Miller* of Chicago; issue:—

(1) *Sally Baxter Stokely*.

2. *Edward Graham Stokely*.

At the death of Mr. Stokely *Amelia Graham* married *W. J. Sanford*.

b. *Anna Graham* m. *Rev. E. L. Hill*, a Presbyterian minister; issue:—

1. *Annie Laurie Hill* m. *Friar Thompson*.

2. *Sarah G. Hill*.

c. *Mary Graham* m. *T. J. Wood*. She died in 1934.

d. *Edward Thornton Graham*, m. *Lottie Baker*; issue:—

1. *Mary Thornton Graham*.

2. Edward Thornton Graham, Jr.
e. Dorothy Graham, m. Capt. G. E. Deaderick, U. S. Army; issue:—
1. George Edward Deaderick, Jr.
- (2) Palmer Ready Graham, m. Sidney H. Phelan of Montgomery, Ala. They moved to Atlanta, Ga., about 1880; issue:—
- a.* Malcolm Graham Phelan, now deceased, m. Nina Gentry; issue:—one child.
 - b.* Palmer Phelan m. Mr. Clark of Virginia; issue:—
 1. Sidney Phelan Clark, married and living in Chicago; issue:—one child.
 At the death of Mr. Clark Palmer Phelan m. U. S. Atkinson. They now live in New York, London Terrace Apartments; issue:—one daughter, married and living in Boston.
 - c.* Mary Anne Phelan m. Barry Wright of Rome, Ga.; issue:—
 1. Anne Phelan Wright b. 1915, m. W. Carl Lohmeyer in 1937. They reside in Baltimore, Md.
 2. Graham Phelan Wright, b. 1921.
 3. Barry Wright, Jr., b. 1922.
 - d.* Effie Beal Phelan m. E. E. Dallis of Atlanta; issue:—two daughters, one deceased and the other married and living in Atlanta.
 - e.* S. H. Phelan, Jr., died in 1915, unmarried.
 - f.* Ellen McGowan Phelan m. J. W. Goldsmith, Jr., of Atlanta; issue:—two children—a daughter married and a son unmarried.
 - g.* Leman Phelan, deceased.
- (3) Cornelia Graham, died young.
- (4) Antoinette Graham, died young.

(5) Malcolm Amelionus Graham, m. Nonie Mc-Williams. They reside in Prattville, Ala.; issue:—

a. Edward Alexander Graham, unmarried.

b. Mary Ellen Graham, m. Charles Forrest Collier; issue:—

1. Mary Collier, m. James Robert Oglesby; issue:—

(1) Mary Ann Oglesby.

(2) Lenore Fuller Oglesby.

2. Lenore Collier, died young.

2. *Edward Sims Ready*, son of Aaron and Jerusha Sims Ready, m. *Amanda Sledge*; issue:—

(1) Clara Williams Ready, m. William Benson, lives in Chicago.

(2) Aaron Ready, died young.

(3) Edward Sims Ready, Jr., d. in Helena, Ark., in 1924, m. Viola Burroughs; issue:—

a. Viola B. Ready, lives in California.

Edward Sims Ready m. second, *Margaret Redford* of Helena, Arkansas.

(4) *Amelia Palmer Ready* m. *Samuel Arrington Ellsberry* of Montgomery, Ala.; issue:—

a. *Samuel Arrington Ellsberry II*, m. *Lillian LaMar* of Dallas, Texas; issue:—

1. *Samuel Arrington Ellsberry III*.

b. *Edward Ready Ellsberry*.

c. *Palmer Ready Ellsberry*, m. *Herbert Jones* of Liverpool, England; issue:—

1. *Margaret Ready Jones*.

2. *William Herbert Jones*.

3. *Arthur Evan Jones*.

(5) *Charlotta Stows Ready*, m. *William A. Cary* of Montgomery, Ala.; issue:—

a. Willie Ready Cary, m. Clayton G. Zimmerman of Chicago; issue:—

1. Jean Zimmerman.
2. Clayton G. Zimmerman, Jr.

b. Carlotta Palmer Cary, m. Esek Busse Graves of Chicago; issue:—

1. Carlotta Cary Graves.
2. Catherine Graves.
3. Palmer Cary Graves.
4. Esek Busse Graves, Jr.

c. Edward Ready Cary, died young.

3. *Sarah Cornelia Ready*, daughter of Aaron and Jerusha Sims Ready, a superior woman of fine intellect and beautiful person, died unmarried.

4. *Mary Palmer Ready*, died in 1906, m. her mother's cousin, *Lemuel Napier*. (For issue, see line of Mary Banks Jones.)

5. *Jerusha Ready*, died 1908, m. her third cousin, *Rev. Moses Edward Butt, D. D.*, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. (For issue, see line of Priscilla Banks Butt.)

II. RACHEL B. SIMS, second child of Edward and Sarah Banks Sims, was b. Nov. 3, 1813, d. Oct. 4, 1814.

III. ZEBIRA SIMS b. Dec. 8, 1814, d. Jan. 30, 1818.

IV. WILLIS BANKS SIMS, b. Feb. 6, 1818, d. Sept. 8, 1818.

V. MARY JONES SIMS, daughter of Edward and Sally Banks Sims, was born in Elbert county, Ga., Oct. 31, 1821. When a few weeks old she was brought by her parents to Tuscaloosa, Ala., where she was reared and spent most of her long life, dying Feb., 1904. In 1842 she was married to WILLIAM POWELL HATTER. One son blessed their union, *William Edward Sims Hatter*, who at the age of nineteen, fell asleep in Jesus, repeating, "The Lord

is my Shephard, I shall not want, . . .” After the death of her husband, MARY J. SIMS HATTER married FELIZ FRANKLIN HEMPHILL, of Mobile, Ala. A long and peaceful life was theirs. They had eight children, six daughters and two sons, viz:—

1. *Sarah Jerusha Hemphill* b. in Tuscaloosa, Ala., July 20, 1849, d. —, m. *Janes B. Hays*, a leading druggist of Tuscaloosa. “Too pure for earth our Lord gently folded her in His arms and bore her to a brighter world on high,” says one who wrote of her.

2. *Mary Jane Hemphill* b. 1849; d. —, m. *James B. Hays* of Tuscaloosa, Ala.

3. *Frank Bibb Hemphill* b. in Macon, Miss., Dec. 18, 1851, d. in Louisville, Ky., Oct. 18, 1920, m. *Mary Polk*. She d. in Louisville in 1922; issue:—

(1) Frankie Polk Hemphill.

(2) Allen Jones Hemphill.

(3) Polk Hemphill.

4. *Priscilla Tennette Hemphill* b. Feb. 13, 1854, d. San Antonio May 15, 1907, m. *Prof. Benj. F. Meek*, who was professor of English at the University of Alabama for thirty years.

5. *Louisa Duke Hemphill* b. June 18, 1856, m. *George F. Lupton*; issue:—

(1) Jennie Reed Lupton m. Grinnell Jones of Cambridge, Mass.; issue:—

a. Grinnell Jones, Jr.

(2) Marie Tennette Lupton m. Mr. Dowdeel of San Antonio, Texas; no issue:—

6. *Caroline Victoria Hemphill* b. Feb. 19, 1862, d. in Birmingham, 1929.

7. *Clara Eloise Hemphill* b. Feb. 19, 1862; d. in Birmingham in 1929.

8. *Robert Cooper Hemphill* b. in Tuscaloosa Aug. 28, 1865, d. in Birmingham Aug., 1933, m. *Ruth Perry*; issue:—

(1) Robert Cooper Hemphill, Jr., m. Virginia Cole of Ripley, Miss., Dec. 11, 1918; issue:—

a. Sarah Ruth Hemphill b. Oct. 21, 1919.

b. Robert Cooper Hemphill III b. June 25, 1925.

Jerusha, Carrie and Eloise Hemphill have given their lives to the noble calling of training the hearts and minds of the young entrusted to them. Capable, conscientious and faithful generations will "rise up and call them blessed." After a long and well spent life devoted to the rearing of their children for the Lord, Mr. and Mrs. Hemphill were called up higher, and one can almost hear the Master say, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of the Lord." Mr. Hemphill d. 1894, his wife in 1904.

VI. PRISCILLA ANN SIMS, daughter of Edward and Sally Banks Sims, b. Aug. 23, 1822, d. April 1851, m. WILLIAM CRAWFORD BIBB Jan. 11, 1842. He d. April 23, 1896 in Sanford, Fla.; issue:—

1. *Cornelia Dandridge Bibb* m. first *Vernon H. Vaughan, Jr.*; issue:— (1) Vernon H. Vaughan III, (2) Mary Vaughan, (3) Joseph Bibb Vaughan, (4) Anna Vaughan. *Cornelia Bibb* m. second *Mr. Hoffman*.

2. *Mary Frances Bibb* b. in Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 1, 1848, d. Feb. 4, 1901, m. *Charles Henry Leffler* of Smithland, Ky., Nov. 28, 1869. He d. Aug. 4, 1904, in Sanford, Fla.; issue:—

(1) Charles Doyle Leffler, Jr., b. in Smithland, Ky., Aug. 12, 1868, m. Hannah May Martin at Sanford, Fla., Feb. 12, 1891, she d. in Miami May 3, 1930; issue:—

a. *Cornelia Leffler* b. at Sanford, Fla., Sept. 21, 1892, unmarried.

b. *Charles Doyle Leffler* b. Sanford, Fla., May 24, 1896, Annapolis graduate, class of

1918. Served in the World war and afterwards was Communications Officer in London, where he often came in contact with the Duke of Windsor. Was stationed at Pearl Harbor, Honolulu for six years and now stationed in China. He is now Commander in the U. S. Navy. He married Bernice Thompson of Racine, Wis., May, 1929; issue:—

1. May Martin Leffler b. Oct. 24, 1930 in New York City.

(2) Mary Lula Leffler b. Elmore county, Ala., Oct. 17, 1875, m. in Deland, Fla., Oct. 13, 1894, to O. K. Strong of Colbourn, Ontario; issue:—

a. Winnifred Leffler Strong b. in Atlanta, Ga., May 4, 1902, m. Allan Mosley of Ft. Myers, Fla., April 15, 1932.

Charles D. Leffler, Sr., m. the second time to *Bernice Hauser* of Miami, Fla., June 26, 1935. He has served one term as Mayor of Miami and five terms as commissioner. Was bank president and now holds an important position with Gulf Refining Co. He is affectionately called "Uncle Charlie" by almost everyone in Miami.

3. *John Dandridge Bibb* m. first *Ensebia Forman*; issue:—

(1) Lettitia Woodson Bibb m. John B. Mills, d. May 5, 1889; no issue.

John D. Bibb m. second Sarah Speigner; issue:—

(2) Mary Frances Bibb m. Edgar Lee Allen Nov. 21, 1904; issue:—

a. Martha Allen b. Oct. 12, 1905.

b. William Bibb Allen b. June 24, 1907, d. June 26, 1907.

c. Edgar Lee Allen b. Sept. 23, 1903.

d. Sarah Lucy Allen b. July 12, 1915, m. Jacob Maxwell Henderson Oct. 17, 1936.

e. Bibb Allen b. Dec. 25, 1921.

(3) Persis Sarah Bibb m. William Emmett McKinley in 1900; issue:—

a. Persis McKinley b. 1901.

b. William Emmett McKinley b. 1909.

VII JANE HAMILTON SIMS, daughter of Edward and Sarah Sims, b. May 15, 1825, d. Aug. 9, 1869, m. JUDGE WASHINGTON MOODY, b. March 16, 1807, d. March 31, 1879. The marriage was set for Wednesday, but the boat that was to carry the young couple to New Orleans and elsewhere for the wedding journey failed to arrive till Friday. Undaunted by the assurance often repeated that Friday was an unlucky day, the marriage ceremony was performed and a life of unusual good fortune and happiness ensued. Neither party ever regretted entering into the sacred bond on the day of ill omen which proved to them an auspicious one. The issue of this marriage was two children.

1. *Sarah Anna Moody*, d. Aug. 18, 1927, m. Rev. *David Ingram Purser*, a Baptist divine of marked ability and most admirable character. He was pastor of a church in New Orleans during the yellow fever epidemic of 1897. He was urged for the sake of the church to seek safety elsewhere. But he would not leave his flock without a shepherd in their dire necessity, and fearlessly, with a calm mind and willing hand he went among them ministering to their necessities till the fell scourge claimed him as its victim. "Greater love hath no man than this that he lay down his life for another." The issue of this marriage is two sons, David Ingram Purser, Jr., and Frank Moody Purser, and one precious baby girl, Jane Beneta, a "gracious blessing," as her name indicates, who was taken into the Heavenly fold just before her third year was completed. Some times the light streams from Heaven upon these little ones whom the Father means to claim as his own, and they became matured beyond their years in all the graces of body and mind, in a won-

derful manner. Such was the case with the baby "Beneta," and she "was not, for God took her"!

(1) Jane Beneta Purser, b. 1884, d. 1887.

(2) David Ingram Purser, Jr., b. Feb. 17, 1886. He is an Ordained Baptist Minister and at present (1937) is pastor of Woodlawn Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., m. Annie Gay Williamson Dec. 26, 1908; issue:—

a. Sarah Ann Purser b. Greensboro, Ala.,

b. Jack Moody Purser b. Gadsden, Ala., July 14, 1914.

c. David Ingram Purser III b. Gadsden, Ala. Jan. 29, 1917.

d. Annie Gay Purser b. Tuscaloosa, Ala., March 16, 1919, d. April, 1920.

e. Jane Williamson Purser b. Waterloo, Iowa, Dec. 6, 1920.

f. Martha Annie Purser b. Tupelo, Miss., July 1, 1926.

(3) Frank Moody Purser b. Feb. 25, 1889, m. first Maude Elizabeth Palmer of Birmingham. She d. Sept. 6, 1924; issue:—

a. Mary Elizabeth Purser b. March 27, 1916. Frank Moody m. second Anna Augusta Clark Wright of Oxford, Miss., Nov. 2, 1925. He is an ordained minister of the Southern Baptist Denomination, and is at present (1937) pastor of the First Baptist Church, Oxford, Miss.

II. FRANK SIMS MOODY was born and reared in Tuscaloosa, graduated from the University of Alabama and was later president of the First National Bank, Tuscaloosa. He died Feb. 21, 1920. He married MARY MAXWELL, only daughter of Thomas and Susan Charlotte Farley Maxwell; issue:—

(1) Frank Maxwell Moody b. 1877. He is now president of the First National Bank of Tuscaloosa,

Ala. He m. May, 1899, Beverly Hill, the beautiful daughter of Hardy Foster Hill. She died 1906. He m. second Sarah McCorkle, 1911; issue:—

- a.* Sarah Sims Moody b. June 11, 1912, m. Fred Blackman, Jr.
- b.* Frank McCorkle Moody b. Sept. 1915.
- c.* Anna Farley Moody b. June 10, 1918.

(2) Mary Washington Moody b. March 14, 1879, graduated from University of Alabama in 1905, m. Aubrey Boyles in 1907; issue:—

- a.* Mary Farley Moody Boyles b. Nov. 1, 1910, m. James Searcy Snow, M. D., Feb. 12, 1937.

(3) James Moody, died young.

(4) Anna Jane Moody b. Nov. 4, 1882, m. Claude Montgomery Plowman Feb. 2, 1909; no issue.

(5) Washington Moody b. March 22, 1885, d. Dec. 19, 1924, m. Ira Bradfield Aug. 15, 1911; issue:—

- a.* Frank Sims Moody b. Nov. 6, 1916.
- b.* Elizabeth Shortridge Moody b. Nov. 26, 1918. Killed in automobile accident July 3, 1937.

(6) Maxwell Moody, M. D., b. Jan. 25, 1888, m. Jean Kilroy Lahey of Montgomery, Ala., Aug. 17, 1918. She died May 29, 1936; issue:—

- a.* Maxwell Moody, Jr., b. Aug. 7, 1921.

(7) Farley Moody b. Sept. 18, 1891. He died in action while leading his men in the Argonne Forest in France on Oct. 11, 1918.

VIII. SARAH CORNELI, SIMS, daughter of Edward and Sarah Banks Sims, b. Sept. 3, 1828, d. Oct. 3, 1834.

IX. ELVIRA ISABELLA CUNNINGHAM SIMS b. Aug. 3, 1836.

X. FRANCES TENETT SIMS m. BENJAMIN TRIMBLE, a merchant of Wetumpka and Montgomery, Ala., who was born in Covington, Ga., Nov. 26, 1816, d. in Montgomery an., 1882. Frances T. Sims was born in Tuscaloosa, Ala., Aug. 3, 1826, d. Jan. 1896 in Cedartown, Ga. They were married Dec. 4, 1844, in Tuscaloosa; issue:—

1. *Emma Trimble*, died aged four years.
2. *Edward Moses Trimble* m. *Annie Burrell Grigg* of Huguenot ancestry; issue:— two sons, one of whom is Dr. William Moses Trimble, of New York City, m. Katherine Colvin; Edward Moses Trimble, resided in Montgomery, Ala., until his death.
3. *William Trimble* of Montgomery, Ala., m. *Minnie Taylor Calhoun* of Macon, Miss; issue:— two sons, both dead.
4. *Benjamin Trimble, Jr.*, died aged six years.
5. *Sallie Sims Trimble* died in Cedartown, Ga.
6. *Mary Jane Trimble* died in Montgomery Jan. 20, 1871.

RICHARD BANKS, fourth son of Ralph and Rachel Jones Banks, was born October 23, 1794, d. May 6, 1856, m. MARTHA BUTT, widow of George Dawson and the daughter of Jere and Unity Brown Butt, of Columbia county, Georgia.

Richard Banks graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1820. He attained eminence as a physician, surgeon and oculist. For him Banks County, Georgia, was named.

To RICHARD and MARTHA BUTTS BANKS, were born:

I. JOSEPH HENRY BANKS, born in Gainesville, Ga., graduated from the Kentucky Military Institute sharing the first honor; served in the State Senate of Georgia, during Gov. Joseph Brown's administration; and died in the town where he was born, respected and honored by the community. He m. MARY LAVINIA YOUNG, of Hall county; issue:—

*Named for his fathers's friend, Judge J. H. Lumpkin.

1. *Martha Banks*, m. first, *Wm. Lawson Hickman*, of Kentucky; issue:—

(1) *Baylor Hickman*.

She married second *James T. Telford*; no issue.

2. *Lelia Banks*, m. *William Anderson Du Pre*; issue:—

(1) *William Anderson Du Pre II*, b. July 3, 1905, m. *Sue Nichols* April 24, 1929; issue:—

a. *Lelia Banks Du Pre* b. Nov. 14, 1930.

b. *William Anderson Du Pre III*, b. Nov. 19, 1933.

(2) *Rafe Banks Du Pre* b. Sept. 20, 1907, m. *Mildred Lee Stipe* of Decatur, Ga., on Oct. 12, 1937.

3. *Susan Winn Banks* m. *John James Flynt* Nov. 28, 1912; issue:—

(1) *John James Flynt, Jr.*, b. 1914.

4. *Rafe Banks* m. *Alberta Williams* Jan. 14, 1914; issue:—

(1) *Lelia Banks* b. Oct. 17, 1914, m. *Philip Kent Burwell* Aug. 2, 1934; issue:—

a. *Philip Banks Burwell* b. June 17, 1935.

(2) *Mary Lydia Banks* b. Dec. 3, 1916.

(3) *Rafe Banks, Jr.*, b. Nov. 23, 1918.

II. *PHILOCLEA VIRGINIA BANKS*, oldest daughter of Dr. Richard and Martha Butt Banks, died young.

III. *PHILOCLEA LOUISE BANKS* was born Nov. 7, 1835, graduated from the Wesleyan College of Macon, Ga., June, 1852; m. *HENRY MOSES BLACKSHEAR*; issue:—

1. *Arthur Banks Blackshear*, died young.

2. *Zoe Elizabeth Blakshear*, m. *John McHenry* of Madison, Ga.; issue:—

(1) *Zoe Elizabeth McHenry*, m. *John Winn Shin Solser* Aug. 19, 1929; no issue,

- (2) Louisa Marion McHenry m. Daniel Hicky Dec. 19, 1916; issue:—
 a. Daniel Hicky, Jr.
3. *Lucy Martha Blackshear*, m. *William Kollock Mower*, of Atlanta; issue:—
 (1) Willie Mower m. first William Paschol. No issue; m. second, Jordan Woods; issue:—
 a. Louise Elizabeth Woods b. Oct. 10, 1920. Willie Mower m. third Ivan Le Roy Creel; no issue.
 (2) Richard Banks Mower m. Adel Moss. No issue.
 (3) Lucy Mower m. first Richard Pearson; no issue; m. second James Edwin Clancy.
4. *William Emmett Blackshear* b. Feb. 21, 1871, m. *Katherine Leon* Jan. 6, 1898; issue:—
 (1) Leon Blackshear b. Nov. 9, 1898, m. Maude Fox July 1, 1923; issue:—
 a. Richard Banks Blackshear b. Feb. 8, 1930.
 (2) Louise Blackshear, b. Aug. 6, 1900, died Aug. 1905.
 (3) Etta Mae Blackshear b. June 15, 1902.
 (4) Joseph Henry Blackshear b. May 22, 1904, m. Sarah Bishop Nov. 7, 1931; issue:—
 a. Joan Blackshear b. Oct. 5, 1922.
 (5) Helen Feagin Blackshear b. Sept. 26, 1907.

IV. DUNSTAN EDMUND BANKS, second son of Dr. Richard and Martha Butt Banks; m. MRS. HARRIET WILLIAMS SINGLETARY, of North Carolina; no issue.

V. SUSAN WILLINGHAM BANKS, m. first CAPT. WALTER SCOTT BREWSTER, C .S. A., of Charleston, S. C., who died of wounds received in battle of Fredrickburg, Va.; issue:—

1. *Georgia Brewster*, m. *Sammual Wilkes*; issue:—

(1) Marjorie Wilkes m. Mr. Huntley.

SUSAN WILLINGHAM m. second, REV. WESLEY PARKS
PLEDGER; issue:—

1. *Gilmer Banks Pledger* m. *Jennie Ray*; issue:—
 - (1) Ray Brewster Pledger b. July 21, 1889, m. Nellie Grace Collins July 15, 1915; issue:—
 - a. Carol Dean Pledger, b. May 29, 1918.
 - (2) Jennie May Pledger b. Feb. 26, 1891, m. John Wikle Hubbard April 5, 1916; issue:—
 - a. Lucile Hubbard b. Feb. 27, 1917.
 - b. Miriam Francis Hubbard b. Nov. 27, 1918.
 - c. Johnnie Sue Hubbard b. Oct. 11, 1928.
2. *May Foster Pledger* m. *William Freeman*; issue:—
 - (1) May Freeman b. Nov. 10, 1893, m. William Fisher Plane in 1912; issue.—
 - a. Helen Jamison Plane b. Sept. 17, 1915.
 - b. William Fisher Plane b. Sept. 19, 1922.
 - c. Robert Freeman Plane b. Sept. 19, 1929.
 - (2) John Mayfield Freeman b. March 26, 1910; not married.
3. *Porter Pledger*, died young.

SUSAN WILLINGHAM m. third CAPT. WINSLOW PAID
BECKER, C. S. A.; no issue.

VI. FRANCES BANKS, daughter of Dr. Richard and Martha Butt Banks was burned to death at the age of three years.

VII. AMANDA BANKS, died young.

RALPH BANKS, fifth son of Ralph and Rachel Jones Banks, was born April 6, 1796, died April 21, 1871, married ELIZABETH MAXWELL Dec. 22, 1818; issue:—

I RUSSEL BANKS married MARY YARBAROUGH; issue:—

1. *Jane Banks* born Sept. 4, 1894, died July 1, 1911, married *Lewis Terrell*, born Feb. 10, 1866; issue:—

(1) John Terrell, born Feb. 10, 1868, m. *Lizzie King* Dec. 22, 1895; issue:—

a. *Eva Mae Terrell*, b. Feb. 14, 1897.

(2) *Russell Terrell* b. March 5, 1870.

(3) *Sallie Terrell* b. June 18, 1872, m. *Pastell Hall* Dec. 25, 1898; issue:—

a. *Grace Hall* b. Jan. 14, 1900, m. *Eulyrs Prickett* Aug. 25, 1912.

b. *Earline Hall* b. Aug. 25, 1903.

c. *Emily Hall* b. Jan. 15, 1906.

d. *Sarah Will Hall* b. July 10, 1910.

(4) *William Terrell* b. Aug. 3, 1875, m. *Mollie Ayers* Dec. 24, 1900.

(5) *Earnest Terrell* b. Sept. 19, 1878, m. *Emma Gerlman* Aug. 10, 1904; issue:—

a. *Sara Terrell* b. April 9, 1907.

b. *Pearl Terrell* m. *Carl Deal* Dec. 20, 1918; issue:—

1. *Emma Deal* b. May 3, 1920.

(6) *Susie Terrell* b. March 24, 1885.

(7) *Pearl Terrell* b. Sept. 15, 1889.

(8) *Eula Bell Terrell* b. Dec. 10, 1892, d. Oct. 17, 1921.

2. *Sallie Banks* b. Jan. 8, 1858, m. *Allen Acree* Dec. 24, 1877; issue:—

(1) *Arthur Acree* b. May 7, 1879, m. *Julia Andrews* May 10, 1905; issue:—

a. *Buster Acree* b. March 11, 1906.

(2) *Arch Acree* b. Aug. 12, 1882.

(3) *Noah Acree* b. Jan. 13, 1884.

(4) *Oscar Acree* b. March 23, 1890.

(5) *Tom Acree* b. Nov. 15, 1893.

- (6) Allen Acree b. Jan. 30, 1896.
- (7) Latrell Acree b. May 20, 1898.
3. *Nancy Banks* b. Jan. 8, 1860, d. May 10, 1919, m. *Knoz Acree* Oct. 15, 1876; issue:—
- (1) Jim Russ Acree b. July 18, 1877, m. Carrie Crawford Dec. 25, 1902; issue:—
- a. Margaret Acree b. June 5, 1908.
- b. Josephine Acree b. Aug. 30, 1912.
- (2) William Thomas Acree b. Oct. 29, 1879, m. Clara Mays Oct. 20, 1908.
- (3) Mary Catherine Acree b. March 19, 1880, m. Earnest Isbell Dec. 24, 1901; issue:—
- a. Hershall Isbell b. April 7, 1904.
- b. Annett Isbell b. May 18, 1908.
- c. Earnestine Isbel lb. Aug. 21, 1910.
- (4) George Acree b. Oct. 29, 1882.
- (5) Young Acree b. Oct. 30, 1884, m. Ada Wood.
- (6) Ada Acree b. May 7, 1886, m. Arthur Daniels.
- (7) Sallie Acree b. Jan. 15, 1888, m. Noah Thompson.
- (8) Henry Acree b. June 30, 1889, m. Annie Andrews; issue:—
- a. Mozell Acree.
- b. Jack Acree.
- c. John Acree.
- (9) Retha Acree b, April 21, 1891, m. Lach Martin, 1912; issue:—
- a. Wallace Martin.
- b. Dan Martin.
- c. Fay Martin.
- (10) Hershall Acree b. Nov. 17, 1895, m. Cora Verner.

(11) Gladys Acree b. May 15, 1900.

4. *Thomas Marion (Bud) Banks* b. Sept. 6, 1862, m. *Delura Acree* Sept. 3, 1916; issue:—

(1) *Mary Ophelia Banks* b. Sept. 3, 1885, m. *Tom E. Anderson* Sept. 3, 1916; issue:—

- a. *Tom E. Anderson, Jr.*, b. June 16, 1918.
- b. *Bill K. Anderson*, b. April 9, 1921.
- c. *Harry Russell Anderson*, b. Jan. 19, 1923.
- d. *Mary Sue Anderson*, b. Oct. 28, 1925.

(2) *William Groves Banks* b. Sept. 18, 1888, m. *Ethel McClain* May 21, 1916; issue:—

- a. *Georgia Irene Banks* b. March 3, 1917.
- b. *Russell Alvin Banks* b. March 22, 1920.
- c. *Thomas Verner Banks* b. May 11, 1922.
- d. *William Labertine Banks* b. Nov. 13, 1924.
- e. *Rafe Pruitt Banks* b. Jan. 22, 1927.

(3) *Viola Banks* b. May 14, 1890, m. *Joseph Rylee Byrum*; issue:—

- a. *Paul Banks Byrum* b. Sept. 15, 1921.
- b. *Joe Phillips Byrum* b. March 28, 1923.
- c. *Albert Rylee Byrum* b. July 25, 1925.
- d. *Homer Hillman Byrum* b. Jan. 31, 1927.
- e. *Ruth Byrum* b. May 14, 1928.
- f. *Elizabeth Byrum* b. May 14, 1930.

(4) *John Allen Banks* b. Nov. 13, 1891, m. *Susie Williams* Aug. 15, 1924; issue:—

- a. *Josephine Banks* b. March 29, 1926.
- b. *Charles Banks* b. March 26, 1930.
- c. *George Henry Banks* b. July 20, 1936.

(5) *Marion Banks* b. Nov. 13, 1893, m. *Bessie Milligan* Aug. 18, 1920; issue:—

- a. *Marion Banks, Jr.*, b. March 10, 1921.
- b. *Thomas Sidney Banks* b. Jan. 29, 1925.
- c. *Russell Banks* b. Feb. 2, 1926.
- d. *Jerry Knox Banks* b. Jan. 22, 1927.

(6) Alice Banks b. Oct. 15, 1895, m. Alex Terrell March 20, 1915; issue:—

- a. Sara Sue Terrell b. Sept. 1, 1919.
- b. Dora Terrell b. Jan. 1, 1923.
- c. Banks Russell Terrell b. Aug. 25, 1930.
- d. Polly Ann Terrell b. Aug. 25, 1930.

(7) Henry Lee Banks b. Feb. 4, 1898, m. Alice Scott March 20, 1913; issue:—

- a. Robert Lee Banks b. July 10, 1932.
- b. Annett Banks b. Dec. 8, 1934.

(8) Martha Bell (Bossy) Banks b. Jan. 31, 1900, m. Bartow E. King Sept. 20, 1921; issue:—

- a. Mary Lou King b. April 15, 1922.
- b. Peter King b. Jan. 31, 1926.
- c. Bobby King b. 1934.

(9) Gertrude Lura Banks b. Feb. 22, 1902, m. Haynie Prince Aug. 20, 1926.

Thomas Marion (Bud) Banks married second Sara Thomas Adderholt Dec. 30, 1904; issue:—

(10) Berdie Volina b. Sept. 20, 1905, m. Willard Dixon Aug. 8, 1929; issue:—

- a. Thomas Dean Dixon b. July 28, 1930.
- b. Martha Jane Dixon b. March 18, 1932.
- c. Mary Viola Dixon b. Oct. 29, 1933.
- d. John Rudolph Dixon b. Jan. 28, 1936.

II. MARY BANKS m. MEMORY GRUMP.

III. JANE BANKS m. FLEMING MOSS.

IV. RACHEL BANKS b. Dec. 6, 1827, d. May 14, 1910, m. JUDGE AUGUSTUS CLAYTON MOSS Nov. 10, 1846; he died Jan. 5, 1902. To them seven children were born, all dying young save two.

1. Nancy Ella Moss b. July 25, 1859, d. Sept. 1913, m. Dec. 10, 1874 to William Benjamin Mason; issue:—

(1) Augustus Marvin Mason b. May 30, 1876, d. Dec. 19, 1922, m. Minerva Dyar; issue:—

a. William Clayton Mason b. May 10, 1897, m. Ruth Elizabeth Sims, April 30, 1917; issue:—

1. Lois Elizabeth Mason b. May 9, 1918.
2. Ruby Blanche Mason b. Dec. 17, 1919.
3. Sara Ellis Mason b. June 13, 1921.
4. Martha Evelyn Mason b. July 21, 1923.
5. Walter Lee Mason b. Nov. 28, 1928.
6. Luke Augustus Macon b. Feb. 14, 1932.

(2) Dick Moss Mason b. Aug. 8, 1878, m. Anna McDonald; issue:—

a. Roy Mason m. Alice Jeanette Brewer
Issue:—

1. Grace Jeanette b. April 18, 1927.
2. Roy Carolyn b. Aug. 12, 1934.

b. Clyde Mason, not married.

c. Rose Mason, not married.

d. Baby Lola Mason b. Aug. 24, 1905, not married.

e. Joe Moss Mason b. Sept. 12, 1909, not married.

f. Edna Mason b. Feb. 27, 1912, m. Ralph Windom Aaron Oct. 28, 1934; issue:—

1. Otho Swayne Aaron b. July 30, 1936.

g. Earnest Mason b. Oct. 2, 1916, not married.

h. Richard Mason b. Jan. 2, 1919, not married.

i. Thomas Bell Mason b. Dec. 2, 1921, not married.

(3) Mary Rachel Mason b. July 23, 1881, d. July 6, 1914, m. Robert Lee Ash 1898. He died Feb. 29, 1908; issue:—

a. William Mason Ash b. July 5, 1900, m. Elizabeth Ingram March 19, 1926; issue:—

1. William Linley Ash b. June 10, 1927.

2. June Elizabeth Ash b. June 3, 1930.

b. Robert Alvin Ash b. Sept. 5, 1902, m. Pearl Angeline Shubert Oct. 1, 1922; issue:—

1. Mary Alice Ash b. Dec. 8, 1923.

2. Pearl Shubert Ash b. May 28, 1924.

c. Nannie Irene Ash b. Nov. 21, 1906, m. Fred Johnson Dunson Oct. 3, 1926; issue:—

1. Marvin Lee Dunson b. May 23, 1930.

2. Thelma Ruth Dunson b. July 24, 1934.

Mary Rachel Mason Ash m. second Andrew Jackson Hilton June 29, 1910; issue:—

d. Patrick Henry Hilton b. Aug. 31, 1912, m. Conrad Lee Barrett March 11, 1930; issue:—

1. Jack Ellis Hilton b. March 7, 1931.

(4) Grover Clark Mason b. May 31, 1886, m. Merle Perkins, June 29, 1910; issue:—

a. Emma Dixie Mason b. Aug. 11, 1911, m. Olen Gresham Pruitt July 12, 1934.

b. William Logan Mason b. Dec. 22, 1913. Not married.

c. James Harold Mason b. June 24, 1916. Not married.

(5) William Benjamine Mason, Jr., b. Dec. 5, 1891, m. Alice Chambers June 9, 1907; issue:—

- a.* Lillie Mae Mason b. May 3, 1908, m. Orlando Nicholas Dyar Dec. 24, 1922; issue:—
1. Thomas Edgar Dyar b. Sept. 25, 1923.
 2. Doris Angeline Dyar b. Nov. 11, 1928.
 3. William Donald Dyar b. an. 3, 1933.
- b.* William Owen Mason b. Nov. 21, 1910, not married.
- c.* Mary Allene Mason b. July 31, 1913, m. Boyd Cochran Dec. 21, 1935.
- (6) Nannie Ella Mason b. Sept. 9, 1896, m. Walter Lockhard Durham Dec. 28, 1915; issue:—
- a.* Mary Pauline Durham b. Feb. 14, 1921.
- (7) John Harold Mason b. July 4, 1899, m. Carrie Beck Dec. 13, 1923; issue:—
- a.* Mae Evelyn Mason b. Sept. 18, 1924.
 - b.* John Harold Mason, Jr., b. Nov. 27, 1926.
 - c.* Virginia Sue Mason b. Feb. 19, 1928.
 - d.* Robert Swayne Mason b. Nov. 21, 1930.
 - e.* Roger Lewis Mason b. Dec. 13, 1932.
 - f.* Helen Lucille Mason b. Jan. 7, 1934.
2. *Sallie Ruth Moss* b. Sept. 13, 1864, m. *Joel Reed Jones* Dec. 12, 1874; issue:—
- (1) Sadie (Sudie) Jones b. March 10, 1885, m. James Arthur King July 27, 1907; issue:—
- a.* Sallie Mae King b. July 5, 1908, m. Shelor Glynn Harbin Oct. 2, 1933; issue:—
 1. Susan Mildred Harbin b. March 11, 1936.
 - b.* Olive King b. March 14, 1910.
 - c.* Imogen King b. July 5, 1920.
- (2) Nannie Jones b. May 12, 1887, not married.
- (3) Jack Moss Jones b. Aug. 9, 1889, m. Clara Nelms May 3, 1931. No issue.
- (4) Birdie Jones b. April 20, 1899, m. Lowndes William Arnold June 3, 1925; issue:—

- a. Jack Jones Arnold b. Feb. 27, 1926.
- b. Sallie Jane Arnold b. Aug. 8, 1928.
- c. Catherine Arnold b. March 17, 1930.
- d. Thomas Williams Arnold b. March 8, 1931.
- e. Joel Turner Arnold b. July 24, 1936.

V. MARION BANKS m. MARTHA RESSLER; issue:—

1. *Mary E. Banks* b. Feb. 3, 1856, m. *Marion W. Williams* Dec. 10, 1872; issue:—

- (1) Sara J. Williams b. Aug. 25, 1873.
- (2) John J. Williams b. Jan. 1, 1875, m. Lizzie Bents Dec. 14, 1903; issue:—

a. Lela Bents Williams m. Frank Sullivan; issue:—

- 1. Frank Sullivan, Jr.
- b. Mildred Williams m. John Carner.
- c. Charles Williams, not married.

(3) Martha Williams b. March 25, 1876, m. W. J. Zahn; issue:—

- a. Jennings Zahn b. Aug. 3, 1899; issue:—
- 1. Lovis Zahn Hunerkopp b. 1922.

(4) Luther M. Williams, twins, not married, b. Sept. 17, 1877.

(5) Lula M. Williams.: twins b. Sept. 17, 1877, m. Charlie Maner; issue:—

- a. Myrtel Maner m. R. Allman; issue:—
- 1. Charlie Allman.
- 2. Arnold Allman.

b. Eva Maner m. Fred Brasewell July 9, 1916.

- (6) Lela Williams b. Oct. 12, 1879, not married.
- (7) Ed S. Williams b. Dec. 17, 1880, not married.
- (8) Fannie B. Williams b. March 17, 1882, m. Henry Pierce March 15, 1903.

- (9) Charlie Williams b. May 13, 1883.
- (10) Joe A. Williams b. Dec. 9, 1884.
- (11) William H. Williams b. Feb. 19, 1886.
- (12) Lumas H. Williams b. Dec. 10, 1887.
- (13) Ellis M. Williams b. Sept. 17, 1889, m. Warren Whitehead in 1908.

2. *George Rafe Banks* b. Oct. 7, 1867, m. *Mary E. Lester* Feb. 19, 1880; issue:—

(1) Mattie Banks b. Jan. 22, 1882, m. James Thomas Ayers Jan. 10, 1896; issue:—

a. Mildred Louise Ayers b. Nov. 2, 1905, m. Ralph Pratt Taylor Sept. 7, 1935; adopted children by previous marriage:

- 1. Stephen O. Taylor b. Sept. 10, 1922.
- 2. James Edmond Taylor b. July 26, 1926.

b. Marion Ayers b. April 17, 1914, m. Robert Surtleff April 11, 1936.

c. William Rafe Ayers b. May 21, 1916.

d. James Thomas Ayers b. Oct. 3, 1921.

(2) Marion Banks b. July 17, 1884.

George Rafe Banks m. second *Julia D. Waters* Jan. 22, 1888; issue:—

(3) Maude Amanda Banks b. Nov. 8, 1888, d. Oct. 11, 1893.

(4) Ovie Elizabeth Banks b. May 31, 1896, not married.

(5) Howard A. Banks, twins, not married.

(6) Annie Mae Banks b. Oct. 15, 1897, d. April 27, 1898.

3. *James Russell Banks* b. July 18, 1859, m. *Mary Ida Payne*, 1897; issue:—

- (1) Henry Grady Banks, b. Jan. 24, 1898, not married.
- (2) Aubrey Marion Banks b. Jan. 13, 1902, not married.
- (3) Alex Stephens Banks b. June 28, 1903, m. Mary Lou Verner Sept. 9, 1931; issue:—
- a. Imogene Banks b. June 25, 1932.
- (4) Martha Lucile Banks b. July 25, 1907.
4. *Janet Ann Henrietta Banks* b. May 23, 1861, m. *Benjamin McFarlin* Jan. 10, 1884; issue:—
- (1) Grover Cleveland McFarlin m. Lettie Etha Addison Sept. 22, 1912; issue:—
- a. Fred Houston McFarlan b. Aug. 8, 1913, m. Alice Auers Oct. 14, 1935; issue:—
1. Freddie Evonne McFarlin b. June 1, 1936.
- b. James Eben McFarlin b. May 14, 1919, not married.
- c. Ralph Addison McFarlin b. Dec. 30, 1920,
- d. Rubye Faye McFarlin b. Feb. 9, 1928.
- (2) Fitzhugh Lee McFarlin b. Nov. 17, 1886, m. Rossie Bell Denman Feb. 20, 1908; issue:—
- a. Noel Wendall McFarlin b. March 3, 1909, m. Minnie Lee LeCroy Dec. 27, 1921; issue:—
1. Joel Dewitte McFarlin b. Sept 7, 1932.
2. LeCroy Denman McFarlin b. Sept. 10, 1936.
- Fitzhugh Lee McFarlin m. second Flossie Inez Caudell July 5, 1919; issue:—
- b. George Fitzhugh McFarlin, Jr.
- c. Max DeCalb McFarlin b. Dec. 27, 1921.

- d.* Ella Myra McFarlin b. April 25, 1923.
 - e.* Annie Ruth McFarlin b. March 6, 1925.
 - f.* Marion Donald McFarlin b. Aug. 1, 1928.
 - g.* William Dallas McFarlin b. June 28, 1928.
 - h.* Loyd Dessan McFarlin b. Nov. 11, 1930.
 - i.* Mary Elda McFarlin b. Feb. 8, 1933.
 - j.* Ossie Lee McFarlin b. July 9, 1936.
- (3) James Banks McFarlin b. Sept. 16, 1889, not married.
- (4) Mary Gurley McFarlin b. Feb. 8, 1891, m. Davis Cooper Verner Sept. 14, 1914; issue:—
- a.* Janet Louise Verner b. Sept. 12, 1915, m. John Henry Payne Oct. 22, 1931.
 - b.* Emmie Sue Verner b. Jan. 4, 1917.
 - c.* Lester Franklin Verner b. Aug. 19, 1918.
 - d.* Crystal Maxine Verner b. May 11, 1920.
- (5) Nancy Ella McFarlin b. Nov. 17, 1893, not married.
- (6) Henry Woodson Grady McFarlin b. April 17, 1895, m. Beulah Caudell June 1, 1920; issue:—
- a.* Woodfin Lee McFarlin b. Feb. 8, 1921.
 - b.* Myra Elizabeth McFarlin b. Dec. 4, 1923.
 - c.* Mary Agatha McFarlin b. Nov. 28, 1925.
- (7) Lula Vivian McFarlin b. Jan. 17, 1897, m. Plumer D. Wilmont Nov. 19, 1922; issue:—
- a.* Madoline Janett Wilmont b. Sept. 21, 1923.
 - b.* Nellie Ben Wilmont b. Sept. 16, 1925.
 - c.* Plumer Durant Wilmont, Jr., b. Feb. 18, 1931.
- (8) Zadie Faye McFarlin b. Nov. 17, 1898, not married.
5. *Nancy Ella Banks* b. Aug. 6, 1863, d. Dec. 3, 1863.
6. *John Thomas Banks* b. April 12, 1866, m. *Neal Payne* Aug. 8, 1918; issue:—

- (1) Juanita Banks b. May 15, 1919.
 - (2) Gladys Banks b. April 1, 1921.
 - (3) John Lem Banks b. March 15, 1925.
 - (4) Marion Henry Banks b. Dec. 23, 1927.
 - (5) Martha Lee Banks b. Sept. 16, 1929.
7. *Henry Lee Banks* b. Feb. 29, 1868, m. *Rose Moore* Jan. 31, 1909; issue:—
- (1) Clyde Banks b. April 7, 1910, m. *Inez Pritchett* Jan. 30, 1930; issue:—
 - a. *Edna Banks* b. March 28, 1936.
 - (2) Dwight Banks b. Nov. 5, 1912, not married.
 - (3) Hazel Dorsey Banks b. May 21, 1915.
8. *Joseph Marion Banks* b. July 31, 1870, d. 1935, m. *Fannie Means* (about) 1884 and moved to Dallas, Texas; issue:—
- (1) Myrtle Banks.
 - (2) Rafe Banks.
 - (3) Lucile Banks.
 - (4) Robert Banks.
9. *William Jackson Banks* b. Nov. 29, 1872, m. *Maude Elizabeth Means* Dec. 27, 1900; issue:—
- (1) Ruby Mae Banks b. July 6, 1902, m. *Goss Wells* 1919; issue:—
 - a. *Marcia Ruby Wells* b. March 19, 1922.
 - (2) Luther Marion Banks b. Sept. 16, 1903.
 - (3) Rachel Gholdsteine b. May 6, 1905, m. *Burruss Payne* in 1927; issue:—
 - a. *Harold Ross Payne* b. Oct. 8, 1928.
 - b. *Reese Jones Payne* b. Sept. 2, 1936.
 - (4) John Patterson Banks b. Oct. 23, 1906, m. *Azilee Dalrymple* in 1929; issue:—
 - a. *Webb Follin Banks* b. July 8, 1931.

- b.* Fred Coleman Banks b. Aug. 13, 1908, m. Marjorie Groves in 1932; issue:—
1. Freddie Love Banks b. Sept. 18, 1936.
- c.* Charlie Dance Banks b. April 14, 1914.
- d.* William Morris Banks b. April 14, 1919.
- e.* Edith Grace Banks b. Sept. 3, 1921.
- f.* Bessie Ruth Banks b. May 5, 1924.

Ralph Banks alone of his father's large family remained in the vicinity of Elbert county. He lived all his married life in Habersham county, not far from the place of his birth. One who knew him well said: "He lived the life of a devoted Christian, doing good in very way, visiting the sick, relieving the poor and needy, and helping his neighbors by whom he was loved and honored." It can also be said of him, that he had a noble and forgiving nature and was every ready to make peace, and condone the short comings of those who had grievously offended him. Amid the old hills of Habersham, his dust mingles with that of his adored wife, whose name he held too sacred ever to utter after she was taken from him.

JOHN BANKS, sixth son of Ralph and Rachel Jones Banks, was born Oct. 27, 1797, died Sept. 18, 1870, married SARAH WATKINS, daughter of John and Susan Daniel Watkins, of the Broad River settlement, on the 14th of Feb. 1828. He was a successful merchant, planter and banker, accumulating a large fortune much of which was devoted to benevolent purposes. The issue of his marriage with Sarah Watkins was a large and happy family; the eldest son was:

I. JOHN TROUP BANKS b. 1828, d. Nov. 25, 1862, after years of suffering.

II. WILLIS DUNSTON BANKS b: Jan. 15, 1830. He was a captain in the Thirty-ninth Alabama Regiment C. S. A., was mortally wounded at Atlanta July 28, 1864, died Monday, August 1, 1864.

III. GEORGE YOUNG BANKS b. Sept. 16, 1831, d. Dec. 1887, m. SUE C. MITCHELL April 18, 1854; issue:—

1. *John W. Banks* b. Jan. 22, 1855, d. April 12, 1902, m. first *Alpha Ayres*; issue:—

(1) George Banks b. 1880, d. April, 1902.

(2) Emma Sue Banks b. 1882, m. Harry Buchanan.

John Banks m. second *Lula Sander* (b. Nov. 5, 1867, d. April 22, 1935) Oct. 20, 1891; issue:—

(3) Mattie Banks b. June 27, 1893, m. George Ogden Oct. 14, 1919; issue:—

a. George Ogden, Jr., b. Dec. 21, 1921.

b. Mildred Elizabeth Ogden b. Feb. 26, 1924.

c. John Henry Ogden b. Jan. 18, 1932.

(4) William David Banks b. March 15, 1897, m. Willie Blackmon of Oteen, N. C.

2. *Mattie Banks* b. Jan. 3, 1857, m. *Thomas J. Adams*, d. without issue.

3. *Lizzie T. Banks* b. 1859, died after reaching womanhood; had been a life long invalid.

4. *Sarah Willis Banks* b. 1861, d. 1906, m. *George R. Williams*; issue:—

(1) Sue Mitchel Williams m. John Haire Walton Oct. 18, 1905; he d. March, 1935; issue:—

a. Sarah Banks Walton b. 1907, m. Joseph Neel Franklin, 1929; issue:—

1. Sue Banks Franklin b. July 16, 1933.

b. John Haire Walton, Jr., b. 1909, killed in automobile accident Oct. 1933, m. Frances Mathews April, 1933.

c. Britain Williams Walton, b. 1911, unmarried.

d. Margaret Henderson Walton b. 1913.

(2) Thomas Lemuel Williams b. Feb. 12, 1884.

(3) George Redding Williams b. 1889, m. Marie Miller July 6, 1925; issue:—

a. George Redding Williams b. Nov. 28, 1926.

(4) Martha Turner Williams b. 1892, m. Albert Homer Dudley of Seale, Ala.; issue:—

a. Dorothy Banks Dudley b. Sept. 5, 1915, m. Oscar Hundley Thompson of Tuskegee, Ala., Nov. 28, 1933.

b. Albert Homer Dudley b. Aug. 22, 1918.

c. George Williams Dudley b. Aug. 31, 1921.

5. *Eugenia S. Banks* b. Oct. 22, 1863, unmarried, d. in New York.

6. *George Young Banks, Jr.*, b. Aug. 3, 1866, m. *Katherine Bowman*; issue:—

(1) Elizabeth Bowman Banks b. 1902, m. John Uncles, First Lt. U. S. A.; issue:—

a. Marka Uncles.

(2) Katherine R. Banks b. 1904.

(3) Sue Mitchel Banks b. 1905, m. Douglas Roden Oct. 1933. -

(4) Georgia Florence Banks b. 1907, m. Henry Coley, 1932.

7. *Mary Lucy Banks* b. Nov. 22, 1868, d. Nov. 17, 1932.

8. *Sue Mitchel Banks*, died young.

GEORGE YOUNG BANKS, Sr., m. second, DOLLY JETER; issue: one child, *Dorothy Banks*, now living in Atlanta, Ga.

George Y. Banks, father of the above family, was a member of the convention at Montgomery, Ala., which framed the Confederate States Constitution.

IV. DANIEL WEBSTER BANKS, fourth son of John and Sarah Watkins Banks, was born Feb. 24, 1833, was killed while on picket duty near Atlanta Ga., August 11, 1864. He was the last killed of three brothers who fell at their posts in defense of their country, between May 15, 1864 and August 11, 1864. Seven of the sons of John and Sarah Banks served in the C. S. A. army, the two remaining ones being deterred by physical inability.

V. EDWARD SIMS BANKS b. April 15, 1834, d. 1900, m. PAULINE DE LAUNEY Jan. 5, 1859; issue:—

1. *Lucy De Launey Banks* b. Dec. 2, 1859, d. Oct. 30, 1922, m. *Andrew Hillhouse Shepherd*; issue:—

(1) Pauline Shepherd m. Clifton C. Johnson; issue:—

a. Pauline Shepherd Johnson b. July 17, 1906, m. E. A. Feimster, Jr.; issue:—

1. Elise Shepherd Feinster b. Oct. 18, 1932.

b. Andrew Shepherd Johnson b. Aug. 16, 1908.

(2) Edward Trueheart Shepherd b. July 16, 1885.

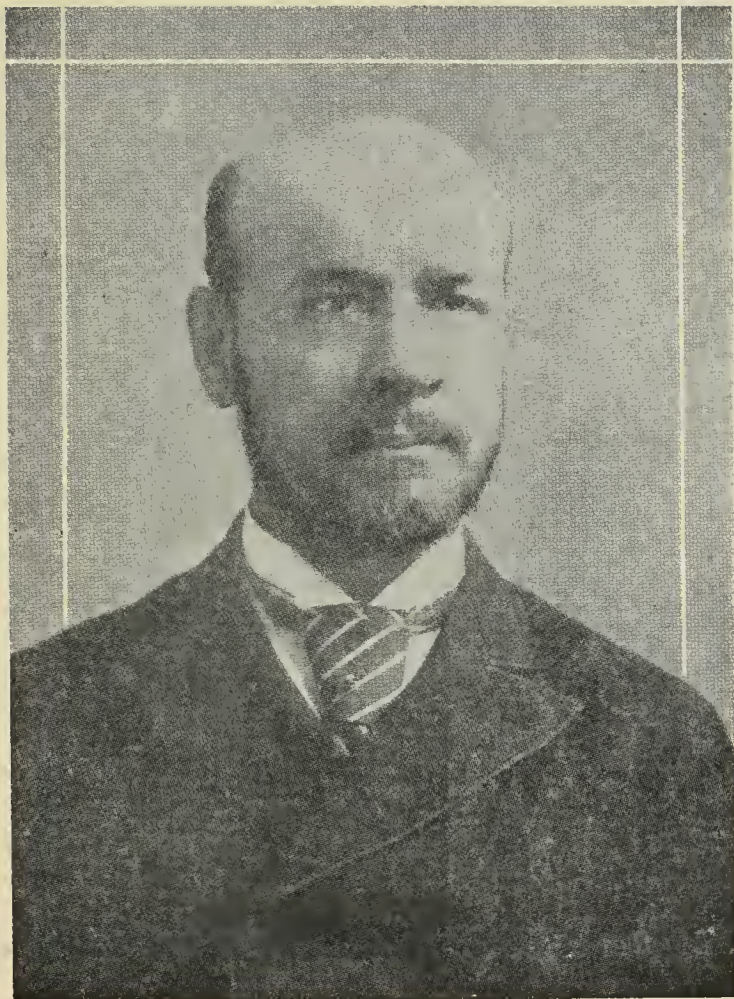
(3) Elise Wynne Shepherd b. March 27, 1890, m. Andrew Prather; issue:—

a. Clarke Prather b. Oct. 24, 1917.

VI. SUSAN MARTHA BANKS, eldest daughter of John and Sarah Watkins, Banks, b. Oct. 29, 1835, d. unmarried June 29, 1893. Hers was a rarely beautiful character. She was universally loved.

VII. ROCKINGHAM GILMER BANKS, b. March 8, 1837, d. Nov. 1899, m. KATE BURNEY July 16, 1861, no issue.

VIII. RICHARD EUGENE BANKS b. April 23, 1838, and was killed in the battle of Resacca Ga., May 15, 1864. He was a Lt. of Company F. Thirty-ninth Regiment, Dea's Brigade, Alabama troops, C. S. A.



ELBERT AUGUSTINE BANKS, M. D.

1840—1902

IX. ELBERT AUGUSTINE BANKS, M. D., "a noble type of his family," says Dr. Graves in his "Alstons and Allstons," and he to whom we are indebted for much of the data concerning the Banks family, was born Jan. 15, 1840, and died, after a life devoted to others, in the house where he was born in Wynnton, Ga., September, 1902.

X. WILLIAM KELLY BANKS, the youngest of nine brothers, was born April 3, 1841, and died in Wynnton, Dec. 10, 1874.

XI. SARAH LUCY BANKS, second daughter of John and Sarah Watkins Banks born November 9, 1842, died February 6, 1928, married EDWARD ELLIS YONGE March 27, 1872. He died Dec. 4, 1919; issue:—

1. *John Banks Yonge* b. June 27, 1874, d. Dec. 18, 1926, m. *Sarah Emmell* Sept., 1911.

2. *Mary Ellis Yonge* b. Jan. 21, 1877, d. July 27, 1909, m. *Myles Harris Gardner* April 25, 1906.

3. *Sarah Watkins Yonge* b. June 15, 1881, m. *Samuel Jordan Slate* June 10, 1908. He died Dec. 11, 1931; issue:—

(1) *Samuel Jordan Slate* b. July 27, 1909.

(2) *Sarah Watkins Slate* b. May 5, 1914.

(3) *Mary Yonge Slate* b. Dec. 28, 1918.

XII. ANNE VIRGINIA JOSEPHINE BANKS b. Sept. 28, 1844, d. July 24, 1906, m. GIDEON JAMES PEACOCK Jan. 28, 1873. He died Dec. 1, 1913 at Mt. Sinai Hospital, New York City; issue:—

1. *Sarah Watkins Peacock* b. Feb. 8, 1874, m. *Samuel Kelly Dimon*; issue:—

(1) *Josephine Banks Dimon* b. Nov. 17, 1896, m. *John J. McKay, Jr.*, of Macon, Ga., Sept. 22, 1921, at family residence old Banks home "*The Cedars*"; issue:—

a. *Josephine Banks McKay*, called "*Jo Banks*," b. April 27, 1923.

- b. Sarah Watkins McKay b. July 3, 1928.
 c. John James McKay III b. April 27, 1932,
 d. May 5, 1932.
- (2) Sara Dimon b. Sept. 2, 1899.
 (3) Samuel Kelly Dimon, Jr., b. June 7, 1901.
 (4) Zilpah Peacock Dimon b. March 2, 1903, m.
 James Elli Averett Oct. 29, 1927 at "*The Cedars*."
 issue:—
- a. Charlie Cole Averett b. April 27, 1933.
 b. James Eli Averett, Jr., b. March 1, 1935.
- (5) James Watkins Dimon b. Aug. 9, 1904.
 (6) Eugene Banks Dimon b. Dec. 25, 1905, d.
 May 15, 1907.
 (7) Jack Banks Dimon b. Aug. 30, 1912, m. Clara
 Mercer on April 26, 1934, at St. Luke Church.
2. *Elberta Peacock* b. April 30, 1877, m. *Robert
 Dougherty Leonard*, her mother's second cousin; issue:—
- (1) Josephine Virginia Leonard b. March 14,
 1901, d. April 18, 1919. She died on Good Friday
 and was buried on Easter Sunday.
 (2) Richard Henry Leonard b. Oct. 30, 1902.
 (3) Sara Rebecca Leonard b. Jan. 1, 1905, m.
 William Grady Causey; issue:—
- a. Sara Claire Causey b. Sept. 25, 1929.
 b. Emily Elberta Causey b. Feb. 13, 1934.
- (4) Matilda Banks Leonard b. Aug. 30, 1907, m.
 Frank Cooper Smith; issue:—
- a. Jean Smith b. Dec. 6, 1927.
 b. Dorothy Smith b. July 4, 1930.
 c. Frank Cooper Smith, Jr., b. July 5, 1936.
- (5) Jamie Peacock Leonard b. Sept. 9, 1909.
 (6) Robert Dougherty Leonard b. Aug. 11, 1912.
 (7) Elberta Peacock Leonard b. June 2, 1915, d.
 Oct. 1923.

- (8) George Banks Leonard b. May 18, 1918.
3. *James Gideon Peacock* b. May 2, 1884, d. June 9, 1930, m. *Glennie Mae Fortson*; issue:—
- (1) John Banks Peacock b. Feb. 2, 1918.
 - (2) Glenn Fortson Peacock b. July 23, 1920.
 - (3) Anne Virginia Peacock b. June 29, 1923.

XIII. *MARY PRISCILLA*, youngest child of John and Sarah Banks, b. 1847, d., aged eight hours.

MARY J. BANKS, second daughter of Ralph and Rachel Jones Banks, was born Aug. 10, 1799, d. Jan. 1864, m. in 18—, first, *DR. ROBERT B. JONES*, of Virginia; issue:— one son, *Elbert B. Jones*, who died in Tuscaloosa in 1845. Dr. Jones settled in Jonesboro, Jefferson county, Alabama, where he died in 182—.

MARY BANKS JONES m. second, in 1823, *JOHN W. NAPIER*, of Marengo county, Ala.; issue:—

- I. *THOMAS BANKS NAPIER* d. 1867.
- II. *RICHARD NAPIER*, died young.
- III. *LEMUEL NAPIER* b. 1831, m. his second cousin, *MARY PALMER READY*; issue:—
 1. *Charles Ready Napier* b. in Choctaw county, Ala., Sept. 3, 1865, d. in Chicago, Ill., Feb. 16, 1934. He m. first *Mrs. Exie Agney* of Freeport, Ill. He m. second *Margaret May Hawks* of Bloomington, Ill.; issue:—
 - a. *Margaret Ready* b. May 22, 1908, m. *William Forest Crouch*.
 - b. *Charlotte Patricia Ready* b. March 17, 1914.
 2. *Sarah Ready Napier* b. in Morgan county, Ala., Nov. 14, 1873, m. *William M. King* of Columbus,

Ga. He died Dec. 11, 1913. *Sarah Ready Napier* m. second *Robert G. Harrison* of Birmingham, Ala.

IV. *KATHERINE R. NAPIER* b. 1833, d. 1846.

V. *JOHN NAPIER* b. 1835, was captured in the battle of Shiloh and died a prisoner of war in St. Louis, Mo., 1862.

VI. *LEONIDAS NAPIER* b. 1838.

VII. *RACHEL MARY NAPIER* b. 1842, d. 1910, m. *F. W. SIDDONS* 1859. It is interesting to know that the "Siddons girls," as the daughters of Mary Napier were called in Selma, Alabama, where they were born and married, are now (1937) three lovely white headed ladies. Isabelle and Mary live a quiet life in Uniontown, Ala., while Estelle lives with her daughter in Cleveland, Tenn.; issue:—

1. *Mary Napier Siddons* m. *Gaston D. Stollenwerck* in 1881. He is dead; issue:—

(1) *Siddons Stollenwerck* m. in 1909 *Elise Rencher*. Lives in Faunsdale, Ala.; issue:—

a. *Mary Belle Stollenwerck*.

(2) *Gaston D. Stollenwerck* m. in 1919 *Louise Forney McCorkle*; issue:—

a. *Louise Forney Stollenwerck* b. 1921.

b. *Mary Gaston Stollenwerck* b. 1928.

2. *Estelle Siddons* m. *Eugene Stollenwerck* in 1881. He died in 1894; issue:—

(1) *Henry A. Stollenwerck* m. *Anna Stevens*. Now living in Brooklyn, N. Y.; issue:—

a. *Eugene Stollenwerck*.

(2) *Mary Gaston Stollenwerck* m. *Rev. Bob Jones*, president of *Bob Jones College*, Cleveland, Tenn.; issue:—

a. *Bob Jones, Jr.*

(3) *Jack Waddell Stollenwerck*. He was drowned in 1922. Unmarried.



LUCRETIA WEBB BANKS
1812—1873

3. *Isabelle Siddons* m. *George D. Scott*; no children.
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DUNSTAN BANKS, seventh son of Ralph and Rachel Jones Banks was born Dec. 10, 1800, d. Sept. 1881, m. LUCRETIA WEBB, daughter of Thomas and Mary Dickens Webb of North Carolina in 1833.

I. MARTHA PARTHENIA BANKS b. 1833, d. 1867, m. DAVIDSON CROSS of Tennessee; no issue.

II. HENRIETTA BANKS m. first GASTON MARTIN; no issue. After his death she married CAPT. DAVID ARMSTRONG, C. S. A., of Tennessee; issue:—

1. *Lucretia Banks Armstrong*, b. —, d. May 30, 1926, m. *Dr. Rufus W. Carroll*. He died April 20, 1918; issue:—

(1) David Irwin Carroll, b. —, d. Oct. 9, 1918.

(2) Eric Neil Carroll, resides in Beaumont, Texas.

(3) Ona Fay Carroll, m. C. J. George May 3, 1917. They reside in Dallas, Texas.

(4) Artie Carroll m. W. H. Perkins, Jr. of Beaumont, Texas; issue:—

a. William Carroll Perkins, b. 1918.

b. Irwin Perkins, b. 1921.

c. Haywood Armstrong Perkins, b. 1923.

d. Wintress Fay Perkins, b. 1925.

e. Eric Neil Perkins, b. 1930.

(5) Ruth Wintress Carroll, unmarried, resides in Beaumont, Texas.

(6) Blewett Smythe Carroll, m. Elizabeth Wier of Beaumont, Texas, June 12, 1936.

2. *Mattie Armstrong m. Seaborn Alonza Driver* of Augustine, Ala., member of an old and distinguished Southern family. She died in 1892; issue:—

(1) Seaborn Alonza Driver, Jr., now living in Augustine, Ala.

3. *Julia Armstrong*, died young.

III. ROBERT WEBB BANKS b. 1843. He graduated from the University of Alabama in 1862, joined the C. S. A., and made a gallant soldier. Amid a storm of shot and shell he planted the Confederate banner on the Federal fortifications at Franklin, Tenn., and escaped from his dangerous position unscathed. Dr. Graves gives in his "Alstons" the stirring tribute to "Sergeant Banks," written for the New York Times, by Dr. M. J. Moses, surgeon of the Thirty-seventh Mississippi Regiment Volunteers C. S. A. The closing lines of the poem are:

"And since that day, when'er I hear
Of heroes from the ranks,
My mind will always head the list
With little Seargeant Banks."

He was but a boy then, but in mid-life he was ready to fight again, and enlisted for the Spanish-American war and was Colonel of the Second Mississippi Regiment. He married ALICE SHERROD, granddaughter of Benj. Sherrod of North Alabama on Nov. 18, 1869; issue:—

1. *Sarah Felix Banks* b. in Columbus, Miss., Nov. 7, 1870, d. in 1913, m. *Charles D. Hill* of Kentucky in 1893; issue:—

a. Charles Banks Hill b. 1894, d. 1904.

2. *Dunstan Banks*, died young.

3. *Lucile Webb Banks* b. in Columbus, Miss., July 29, 1873, now resides in Memphis, Tenn. For many years she contributed illustrated historical articles on "The Old South" to many Southern and Eastern Sunday papers and for more than a decade has been engaged in historical

research, having compiled valuable and beautiful records and has acquired a most unusual history.

4. *Robert Webb Banks, Jr.*, b. April 16, 1875. He served in the Spanish-American war and during the World War was a field secretary for the Red Cross. He has patented a varied number of useful articles and at present (1937) has four patents pending.

5. *James Oliver Banks* b. July 18, 1876, m. April 11, 1904 *Mary Trigg* of Arkadelphia, Arkansas; issue:—

(1) *James Oliver Banks II* b. Dec. 13, 1908 at Arkadelphia, m. July 21, 1933, *Irene Frances Balmat* of Conway, Ark.; issue:—

a. *James Oliver Banks III* b. Sept. 1, 1935 at Little Rock, Arkansas.

(2) *Sherrod Daily Banks* b. June 12, 1910, in Arkadelphia, m. *Rita Gustafson* of Denver, Colo., on March 20, 1935.

6. *Daughter*, died young.

7. *Alice Sherrod Banks*, b. Sept. 9, 1884, m. *Milton George Odeneal* June 4, 1911. Now living in Memphis, Tenn.

IV. The fourth child of Dunstan and Lucretia Webb Banks, LUCRETIA, was a noble woman who devoted her life to others, first giving her young years to the care of an invalid mother and aged father, and her later years to the care of the orphaned children of her sisters. "She bears the marks of Christ in her body." She died Feb. 28, 1907.

V. JULIA REBECCA BANKS b. 1847, d. 1894, m. JOHN B. DILLAHUNTY, descendant of a French family, the *De la Honte*; issue:—

1. *Dunstan Banks Dillahunty* b. 1875, d. 1897.

2. *Mattie Banks Dillahunty* b. 1877, m. *Harold H. Knight* of Birmingham, Ala.; issue:—



PRISCILLA BANKS BUTT
1802—1853

- (1) Harold Banks Knight b. Dec. 9, 1909. He is now (1937) assistant Traffic Manager of the Good-year plant at Gadsden, Ala.
- (2) Dorothy Grace Knight b. Aug. 13, 1905; died young.
- (3) Julian Virginia Knight b. Jan. 24, 1908, m. Jerry Vance Thomas; issue:—
- a. Martha Virginia Thomas b. Sept. 21, 1930.
- b. Carolyn Joy Thomas b. Aug. 11, 1934.
- (4) Robert Lee Knight b. March 17, 1901, died young.
- (5) Martha Maybelle Knight b. June 18, 1913, resides with her mother in Miami, Fla.
3. *Lucy Webb Dillahunty* m. *Wilbur P. Morey* Feb. 15, 1911. He died in Wedonia, Penna., May, 1937; issue:—
- (1) Lillian Marks Morey b. 1918, d. 1930.
- (2) Sarah Elizabeth Morey.
- (3) Lucretia Banks Morey.
4. *John B. Dillahunty*, now living in Youngstown, Ohio, unmarried.
5. *Julian Dillahunty* m. *Walton C. Pitts* of Birmingham, Ala. Resides in Transfer, Penna. No issue.
6. *Lillian Dillahunty* m. *David J. Jones* of Hubbard, Ohio; issue:—
- (1) David J. Jones, Jr.
- (2) Daniel Jones.
- (3) Wilbur Jones.
- (4) Margaret Lillian Jones.

PRISCILLA BANKS, third daughter of Ralph and Rachel Banks, was born in Elbert county, Ga., Sept. 3, 1802, died in Wynnton, near Columbus, Ga., Feb. 2, 1853; married CAPTAIN

MOSES BUTT, who had served in the Indian wars, July 28, 1822; issue:—

I. FRANCES RACHEL BUTT, died young.

II. JOHN HENRY BUTT, b. Nov. 1, 1824, m. JOHNGELINE CELESTE WINTER, daughter of John Gala Winter, Oct. 8, 1859. No issue. Died in Montgomery, Ala., in July, 1883.

III. RICHARD LEMUEL BUTT, twin brother to John Henry Butt, was born Nov. 1, 1824. He graduated from the University of New York and received his medical degree March, 1846. He was a skilled physician and surgeon. He possessed much personal magnetism, and drew about himself a large circle of friends. He was thrice married, first to ELIZABETH COX LEONARD, daughter of Col. Van and Jeannette Harvie Leonard; issue:

1. *Frances Priscilla Butt*, b. 1847, d. 1900, m. first *W. C. McCarty*; issue: one child, died young. She married second *W. E. Miller*, no issue. She married third *Mr. Tucker*; no issue.

2. *Mary Virginia Butt* b. June 9, 1852, d. May 8, 1934, Emerson, Manitoba, Canada, buried in Las Vegas, N. M.; m. *Michael James Woods* Oct. 7, 1874. He died July 1, 1885 at Las Vegas, N. M.; issue:

(1) *James Paxton Woods*, b. Oct. 31, 1879, Hot Springs, Ark., d. Nov. 18, 1898, Las Vegas, N. M.

(2) *Helen Maurice Woods* b. Sept. 5, 1884, Las Vegas, N. M., m. *Frank Rutherford Plunkett* Feb. 19, 1910. He died Nov. 21, 1925 in Brandon, Manitoba, Canada, buried at Eagle Grove, Iowa; issue:—

a. *Virginia Garrard Plunkett* b. Nov. 17, 1916, Fort William, Ontario, Canada, m. *E. Vernon Manning* Nov. 3, 1934.

b. *Jean Aubrey Plunkett* b. Aug. 11, 1918.

3. *Jeanette Leonard Butt* b. March 5, 1853 in Talbotton, Ga., d. Aug. 8, 1887, m. *Gilbert Wesley Johnson* April 10, 1870. He d. Jan. 5, 1889; issue:—



RICHARD BANKS, M. D.
1794—1856

(1) Mary Elizabeth Johnson b. and d. in Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 22, 1871.

(2) James Eldridge Johnson b. March 5, 1872, d. —, m. Eliza Allen Watts of Montgomery, Ala. She d. Dec. 7, 1899; issue:—

a. Byron Johnson, died young.

b. James Eldridge Johnson II b. June 25, 1897, d. Aug. 27, 1926 in Ashville, N. C., m. Myrtle Brown; issue:—

1. James Eldridge Johnson III b. Sept. 12, 1926.

c. Gilbert Dwight Johnson b. Jan. 22, 1875. Now living in Montgomery, Ala., unmarried.

d. Nettie Marie Johnson b. Jan. 20, 1881, d. March 6, 1903, m. Neatward Ellis of Union Springs, Ala.; no issue.

e. Richard Lemuel Johnson b. July 15, 1887, d. July 24, 1887.

4. *Sarah Elizabeth Butt* b. 1854, d. Jan. 1891, m. *William Edmond Love* (b. 1855, d. 1915) Dec. 5, 1874; issue:—

(1) Emily Love b. Jan. 13, 1875, d. Jan. 9, 1920, m. first Erwin Turner Jones of Raleigh, N. C. (d. 1905) in 1904, m. second W. H. Baird of Baird, Miss., in 1914; no issue.

(2) Elizabeth Leonard Love b. 1876, d. 1912, m. Maxwell Preston Patteson of Memphis, Tenn., in 1894; issue:

a. Infant daughter b. 1896, d. 1896.

b. Maxwell Preston Patteson b. 1897, d. 1899.

c. Elizabeth Leonard Patteson b. 1900, m. William H. Baird in 1921.

(3) Mary Banks Love b. Sept. 12, 1878, m. Harry Wilson Hennegin of Little Rock, Ark., Oct. 14, 1908; issue:—

a. Elizabeth Lane Hennegin b. Feb. 20, 1911, m. James William Smithers, Jr., of New Orleans, La., June 1, 1933; issue:—

1. Harriet May Smithers b. Oct. 24 1934.

(4) William King Love b. Feb. 9, 1880, m. Alberta Carruthers of Memphis June 4, 1907; issue:—

a. William King Love, Jr., b. June 1, 1911, m. Elizabeth Firth of Scarsdale, N. Y., June 30, 1936.

b. Carruthers Love b. Sept. 21, 1912.

c. Jane Love b. Jan. 29, 1914, m. Robert Maynard Holt on May 7, 1937.

d. Lillian Love b. Nov. 8, 1918.

(5) Thomas Lemuel Love b. Dec. 5, 1882, m. Mary Elizabeth Pogue of Waco, Texas, May 31, 1910.

(6) Celeste Winter Love b. Aug. 5, 1884, m. Leslie Allen Thornton of Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 3, 1905; issue:—

a. Mary Elizabeth Thornton b. Nov. 10, 1910, m. Eugene Joseph Johnson, Jr., of Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 22, 1932; issue:—

1. Eugene Joseph Johnson III b. May 22, 1937.

(7) Van Garrard Love b. June 13, 1891, m. June 7, 1916 Harriet Gleaves Mason of Nashville, Tenn., issue:—

a. Van Garrard Love, Jr., b. Jan. 15, 1920.

b. Gleaves Mason Love b. Feb. 1, 1924.

5. *Richard Lemuel Butt*, eldest son of Dr. Richard L. and Elizabeth Leonard Butt, was born in 1857, m. *Mary E. Jordan* May 19, 1881; issue:—

(1) Richard Lemuel Butt, Jr., b. April 22, 1882, in Midway, Ala. He m. first Lucie Rebecca Browder of Montgomery, Ala. She d. April 15, 1917; issue:—

a. Lillian Browder Butt b. Feb. 27, 1909, in Atlanta, Ga.

b. Richard Lemuel Butt b. Nov. 26, 1910, m. Jeffy Pearl York of Bolton, Ga., June 1, 1935.

c. Mary Elizabeth Butt b. March 25, 1912.

Richard Lemuel Butt m. second Fay Rice Slaughter May 12, 1920; issue:—

a. D. Fay Butt b. Sept. 5, 1921.

(2) Arthur Jordan Butt b. March 28, 1885 at Midway, Ala., m. Mary Roberta Roberts of Montgomery, Ala., April 12, 1912; issue:—

a. Arthur Jordan Butt, Jr., b. March 27, 1914, in Pensacola, Fla.

b. Katie Shephard Butt b. Dec. 12, 1917, in Montgomery, Ala.

(3) Howard Eldridge Butt b. April 5, 1888 at Midway, Ala., m. first Maude Howe of Montgomery, Ala., April, 1909; issue:—

a. Anne Celeste Butt b. Oct. 5, 1910.

b. Howard Eldridge Butt b. Sept. 6, 1912.

Howard Eldridge Butt m. second Sarah B. Ware.

DR. RICHARD LEMUEL BUTT m. second MRS. PATTIE JACKSON GAMEWELL; issue: one child, died young.

DR. RICHARD L. BUTT m. third MRS. MARY VANDIVER HENDERSON. He died Dec. 18, 1901, having reached his seventy-eighth year.

IV. SARAH ALABAMA BUTT b. April 5, 1830, d. Nov. 1882, m. DR. HARVEY KING Dec. 2, 1847; issue:—

1. *William Moses King* b. Oct. 6, 1848, m. first, his third cousin, *Marietta King*; issue:—

(1) William Harvey King.

(2) Salome King.

William M. King m. second, his cousin, *Sarah Ready Napier*; no issue.

2. *Anna Hunter King* b. Feb. 1850, m. *Dr. Joseph Martin Pickett* Sept. 1872; issue:—

(1) Annie King Pickett, died young.

(2) Willie Pickett, died young.

(3) Edward Pickett.

(4) Margaret Pickett m. Lieut. Henry Wright, U. S. N.; issue:—

a. Joseph Pickett Wright.

(5) Joseph Martin Pickett, Jr.

(6) Pauline Pickett.

(7) Minnie Harvey Pickett m. William Pierce Chilton Nov. 16, 1904; issue: one infant, died young.

3. *Richard Henry King*, died young.

4. *Harvey King*, died young.

5. *Sarah Harvey King* m. *William C. Torbet*; issue: one son, Edgar C. Torbet. She died Nov. 1905.

V. MARY VIRGINIA BUTT b. April 25, 1832, d. Sept. 20, 1854, m. DANIEL BUTLER BIRD of Florida, Dec. 11, 1850; issues:—

1. *Daniel Butt Bird* b. Dec. 11, 1851, d. Sept. 1917, m. *Mary E. Denham*, of Scotch ancestry, April 10, 1873; issue:—

(1) Daniel Banks Bird b. Aug. 21, 1874, m. Monticello, Fla., m. Isabella F. Leck April 29, 1903; issue:—

a. Daniel Bailey Bird b. July 21, 1905, m. Virginia Maury March, 1924; issue:—

1. Mildred Maury Bird.

2. Mary Denham Bird.

- (2) John Denham Bird b. Feb. 25, 1876, m. Isabella C. Stout July 14, 1904; issue:—
- a. Mary Isabel Bird b. April 26, 1905, m. Claude Wolfe Sept. 18, 1926; issue:—
 1. Virginia Birdy Wolfe.
 2. Claude Wolfe II.
- (3) Mary Isabel Bird b. Dec. 14, 1878 m. Thomas W. Winton June 8, 1904; issue:—
- a. Mary Denham Winton b. March, 1905, d. March, 1906.
- (4) Livie Chaires Bird b. May 22, 1881, m. Nov. 1904 John Hainey Flautt; issue:—
- a. Ellen Salonie Flautt b. June, 1905.
 - b. John Hainey Flautt, Jr., m. Odell Stewart Dec. 24, 1935.
 - c. Meredith Flautt.
 - d. Daniel Bird Flautt m. Elizabeth Smith July, 1932.
 - e. Rose Elizabeth Flautt m. Robert Neil Sept. 1933; issue:—
 1. Robert Neil, Jr., b. July, 1934.
 - f. Mary Caroline Flautt m. Davis Long Jan. 1934.
- (5) Carrie Ellen Bird b. Oct. 6, 1883, m. John Wyatt England Dec. 10, 1902; issue:—
- a. Mary Elizabeth England b. 1905, d. Aug. 1908.
 - b. John Alfred England b. 1907.
 - c. Edmund England b. Sept. 1910.
 - d. Margaret Denham England b. 1914.
2. *Sarah Priscilla (Lila) Bird* m. *Grisby Thomas Long*; issue:—
- (1) Willis Julian Long b. Aug. 27, 1871, at Hurtsboro, Ala., m. first Lena Bethune. She died June, 1893; issue:—

a. Julian Bird Long b. Dec. 22, 1892, at Birmingham, Ala.

Willis Julian Long m. second Clara Annie Jane Dobbs July 1, 1894, at Longview, Texas. He served as a freight conductor for twenty-four years, then owned and operated a dairy farm, the largest in Gregg county, Texas, until his death Jan. 2, 1933. To this second union were born six children.

b. Tom Ashley Long b. April 26, 1895 at Longview, Texas, m. Irma Ream Dec. 16, 1916; issue:—

1. Thomas Julian Long b. Oct. 29, 1919 at Longview, Texas.

2. Richard Ream Long b. Aug. 29, 1924 at Longview, Texas.

c. Mary Elizabeth Long b. Feb. 10, 1897 at Longview, m. first Robert Deakle Feb. 12, 1918. He was killed overseas in World war. She m. second Jake Alwood Oct. 18, 1922, m. third S. H. Bass Sept. 11, 1924, m. fourth S. G. Dunning Nov. 2, 1926.

d. Willis Colquitte Long b. July 24, 1900, at Longview, Texas, m. Marguerite Kline May 8, 1923, at Los Angeles, Calif.; issue:—

1. Willis Colquitte Long, Jr., b. Feb. 13, 1924, at Longview, Texas.

2. Ada Jane Long b. June 19, 1926.

3. Laura Louise Long b. Feb. 21, 1930.

e. Lilla Laura Long b. Sept. 28, 1903, m. Aug. 18, 1931 W. R. Hughes of Marshall, Texas.

f. Jim McKenzie Long b. Feb. 13, 1907, m. first Sarah Richkie May 8, 1924, m. second Novell Lockheart, m. third Irene Taylor July



GEORGIA BUTT YOUNG
1834—1911

13, 1927, m. fourth, Margie Cotton Moore
Nov. 1931.

g. Clara Eugenia Long b. Sept. 25, 1910,
m. Joe Mas Culver Sept. 19, 1925, at Long-
view, Texas.

(2) Laura Sophia Long b. 1872, m. George L.
Jennings of Baltimore March 16, 1892; issue:—

a. John Pratt Jennings m. Jessie Gibbs; no
issue.

Laura Sophia Long Jennings m. second Hugh C.
Smith; no issue:

(3) Kate Dilworth Long b. 1874, m. Aaron
Grigsby Oct. 26, 1890, d. 1892; issue:—

a. Henry Milton Grigsby b. 1892.

(4) Grigsby Thomas Long, Jr., m. Mary Bell
Mills of St. Louis, Mo.; issue:—

a. Florence Louise Long m. George Davis.

(5) James McKenzie Long m. Penny Ballinger
Pearce.

(6) Daisye Bird Long m. Richard Newell Poin-
dexter of Virginia Nov. 15, 1905; issue:—

a. Daisye Lee Poindexter m. Zed Hawkins;
issue:—

1. Daisye Lee Hawkins.

2. Cora Lee Poindexter Hawkins.

VI. GEORGIA PRISCILLA BUTT b. July 22, 1834 d. April 21,
1911, in Columbus, Miss., m. THOMAS ERSKINE YOUNG, son of
George and Lucy Watkins Young of Waverly, Miss., in 1855.
He died July, 1869; issue:—

1. *Lilla Banks Young*, d. Feb. 8, 1917, m. *Thomas
Blewett Franklin* Dec. 1876; issue:—

(1) Lilla Young Franklin m. Henry Merrill
Pratt of Prattville, Ala., April, 1905; issue:—

- a. Merrill Pratt m. Millard Fillmore Thomas of New York.
- b. Lilla Young Pratt.
- (2) Sidney Cornell Franklin, a child of brilliant promise, died Dec. 27, 1891.
- (3) Infant daughter b. and d. 1893.
2. *Virginia Watkins Young* m. *Edward Randolph Hopkins*; issue:—
- (1) Charles Beverly Hopkins m. Iva Veltman; issue:—
- a. Charles Beverly Hopkins II.
- b. Elbert Erskine Hopkins.
- (2) Edward Erskine Hopkins.
- (3) Annie Cabot Hopkins m. Elbert A. Hamilton Nov. 11, 1911.
- (4) Georgia Young Hopkins.
3. *Lucy Woodsen Young* m. *Dr. Charles Cecil Stockard*, deceased; issue:—
- (1) John Rupert Stockard, died young.
- (2) Charles Cecil Stockard II, M. D., m. Goldie Robertson; issue:—
- a. Cecil Robinson Stockard m. Betty Hicks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Gardner Hicks, on June 22, 1935; issue:—
1. Lucy Elizabeth Stockard.
- b. Frank Robinson Stockard b. 1920, d. 1922.
- (3) Lucy Vaughan Stockard m. A. B. White, son of John and Minnie White, Oct. 28, 1914.
4. *Sarah Vallie Young* d. March 29, 1930.
5. *Anna Alyda Young* d. Jan. 19, 1919, m. *Major Henry Marsden Waddell*, Jan. 11, 1892. He died Jan. 20, 1908; issue:—
- (1) Henry Marsden Waddell.
- (2) Hugh Browning Waddell, First Lieutenant U. S. A.

6. *Moselle Butt Young*, d. 1869, age two years.
7. *Thomas Erskine Young* m. *John Sidney White*; issue:—
- (1) *Erskine Vallie Young White* m. *Edward Archibald*, deceased; issue:—
 - a. *Edward Archibald*.
 - (2) *Sidney Erskine Young White*, deceased.

VII. MOSES EDWARD BUTT, D. D., was born Oct. 31, 1836, student at Henry and Emory College, Virginia. He died in Childersburg, Ala., Feb. 14, 1920. He married first HENRIETTA ALLEN, daughter of John W. Allen; issue:—

1. *Johnnie Allen Butt*. She died in 1912, m. in 1884 *Dr. Albert Philip George*; issue:—
 - (1) *Minnie Mozelle George* b. 1885, m. in 1911 *William Jennings Milliken*, now living in San Francisco, Calif.; issue:—
 - a. *William Jennings Milliken* b. 1912.
 - b. *Dorothy Allen Milliken* b. 1914.
 - c. *Mozelle Kathleen Milliken* b. 1916.
 - d. *George Robert Milliken* b. 1918.
 - e. *Henrietta Nancy Milliken* b. 1920.
 - (2) *Kathleen Allen George* b. 1888, m. 1916 *Gustav Richard Stahl*; issue:—
 - a. *Kathleen Stahl* b. 1918.
 - b. *Robin Elaine Stahl* b. 1923.
2. *Edward Moses Butt* m. *Sallie Cunningham*; no issue.

DR. MOSES EDWARD BUTT m. second his second cousin, *JERUSHA READY*, daughter of Aaron and Jerusha Sims Ready; issue:—

3. *Amelia Pattie Butt* m. *Everett Aycock*. She died in Little Rock, Ark., Aug. 6, 1928; issue:—
 - (1) *John Moses Aycock* m. *Allie Borroughs* Nov. 1, 1905.

- (2) Everett Ready Aycock.
- (3) Allan George Aycock m. Katherine Latimer of Harrisburg, Ark.; issue:—
- a. Allan George Aycock, Jr.
 - b. Katherine Latimer Aycock.
4. *Clarence Ready Butt*, died young.
5. *Ellen Ready Butt* m. *William Bolen Tate*; issue:—
- (1) Moses Ready Tate b. March 1902, m. Leone Lawless in Tuscaloosa, Ala., Sept. 20, 1925; issue:
 - a. William Tate b. July 1, 1930.
 - b. Jean Elizabeth Tate b. Sept. 27, 1935.
 - (2) William Eldridge Tate b. Dec. 22, 1903, d. May 15, 1930.
 - (3) Jerusha Ready Tate b. Nov. 6, 1906, m. J. H. Snyder of Birmingham, Ala., July 19, 1934.
 - (4) Mary Ellen Tate b. 1908, m. Rev. James E. Harris May 6, 1936.
 - (5) Mildred Amelia Banks Tate b. June 15, 1912, m. Baxter P. Woodall Sept. 6, 1936.

VIII. WILLIS BANKS BUTT b. May 13, 1839, d. Jan. 4, 1899, m. JULIA G. TREUTLEN in 1863; no issue.

IX. JAMES ELDRIDGE BUTT, youngest child of Moses and Priscilla Banks Butt, was born Dec. 2, 1841. He was graduated from Chapel Hill, North Carolina., June, 1861, sharing the first honor. Directly on his return to his home at Wynnton, a suburb of Columbus, Ga., he joined the C. S. A. and was made a lieutenant in Capt. Hatch Cook's company, the "Columbus Minute Men." He served his country gallantly in the army of Virginia till Sept. 1864, when he was wounded in the trenches before Petersburg, and died in a hospital in Richmond soon after. It was said of him, "He faithfully served his friends, his country and his God, and laid down his life with a name unsullied, honored and loved by all who knew him."

HENRY BANKS, eighth son of Ralph and Rachel Jones Banks, was born Nov. 2, 1804, died Sept. 15, 1846, m. JUDITH OLIVER, daughter of James and Lucinda Clark Oliver in 1830; issue:—

I. LEMUEL BANKS b. 1831 d. 1843.

II. LUCY ANN BANKS b. 1834, d. Feb. 22, 1913, m. ROBERT WILKINSON; issue:—

1. *Thomas Wilkinson* b. July, 1854, m. *Eva Bowen*, they died without issue.

2. *Henry Banks Wilkinson* d. Jan. 27, 1932, m. *Sallie Johnston*, she died April 11, 1911. Issue:—

(1) *Lucy Banks Wilkinson* b. in Hernando, Miss., Dec. 6, 1881, m. *William Dresser Edwards* of Southbridge, Mass., in Memphis Jan. 3, 1903; issue:—

a. *William Dresser Edwards II* b. in Berkeley, Calif., Nov. 2, 1906, m. *Mildred Maclin* of Ripley, Tenn., Aug. 10, 1935.

b. *Henry Banks Edwards* b. in Portland, Oregon, April 6, 1914.

c. *Robert Wilkinson Edwards* b. in Portland, Orgeon, March 16, 1912.

(2) *Rebecca Wilkinson* m. *James Alfred Langley* of Westboro, Mass., Feb. 1, 1913. Their home is Chattanooga, Tenn.; issue:—

a. *James Alfred Langley II* b. Nov. 5, 1913.

(3) *Cornelia Wilkinson* m. *James Gleeson Murphy* of Detroit Oct. 1908; issue:—

a. *James Glesson Murphy II* b. Jan. 4, 1910, m. *Martha Holman* May 6, 1933; issue:—

1. *Ann Gleeson Murphy* b. Aug. 23, 1936.

- b. Stephen James Murphy b. Jan. 14, 1914 in Detroit. Married Lois Jane Riley of Ohio county, Kentucky, June 3, 1933, no issue.
3. *Robert Wilkinson* b. Sept. 1859 d. Jan. 1931, m. *Concordia Brown White*, daughter of Col. Tom White of Hernando, Miss., and great grand daughter of Col. Frederick Brown of Warren county, Ga.; issue:—
- (1) Robert Wilkinson II.
 - (2) Thomas White Wilkinson.
 - (3) Barbara White Wilkinson.
4. *Lucy Ann Wilkinson*, eldest daughter of Robert and Lucy Banks Wilkinson, d. in 1928. —
5. *Charles Meriweather Wilkinson* b. Nov. 1862, m. *Catherine Aubrey Taylor*; issue:—
- (1) Sally Wilkinson b. June 1893, d. Feb. 1896.
 - (2) Aubrey Wilkinson b. April 12, 1896, m. Henry F. P. Gorman May 12, 1923; issue:—
 - a. Virginia Gray Gorman b. March 6, 1924.
 - (3) Edward Taylor Wilkinson m. Anne Bowie of Natchez, Miss., Feb. 1926; issue:—
 - a. Charles Meriweather Wilkinson b. Jan. 29, 1927.
 - b. Allen Hugh Wilkinson b. Aug. 28, 1929.
 - c. Anne Bowie Wilkinson b. July 4, 1933.
 - (4) Banks Wilkinson m. Noma Moore of Everton, Ark., Jan. 1926; issue:—
 - a. Patrick Taylor Wilkinson b. Jan. 23, 1927.
 - b. Thomas Moore Wilkinson b. Sept. 13, 1928.
 - c. Henry Banks Wilkinson b. Dec. 29, 1935.
6. *Edward Taylor Wilkinson* b. Dec. 1864, m. *Glenn Howell*; issue:—
- (1) Charles Howells Wilkinson b. 1894, m. Anna Frances Elder of Cockrum, Miss., May 24, 1925. Their home is Hughes, Ark.; issue:—

a. Charles Howells Wilkinson II b. in Hernando, Miss., April 8, 1926.

(2) Edward Taylor Wilkinson b. in Hernando, Miss., Aug. 11, 1897, d. in Albuquerque, N. M., Dec. 12, 1922.

(3) Kathleen Wilkinson b. in Hernando, Jan. 24, 1901, m. James Nelson Clay, Jr., of Oakland, Tenn., Oct. 14, 1925; issue:—

a. Jane Wilkinson Clay b. in Memphis Jan. 16, 1927.

b. James Nelson Clay III b. July 13, 1929.

(4) William Glenn Wilkinson b. in Hernando March 30, 1906, m. Susan Harris Jan. 12, 1930; issue:—

a. Edward Harris Wilkinson, b. Jan. 16, 1932.

b. Susan Johnston Wilkinson b. Aug. 23, 1933.

III. RALPH BANKS, son of Henry and Judith Oliver Banks. b. 1838, d. 1855.

IV. CHARLES MERIWEATHER BANKS b. 1840, d. of typhoid fever at Pensacola, Fla., Aug. 9, 1861. He was a member of the ninth Mississippi Regiment C. S. A., Col. Tom White commanding.

V. JOEL BANKS b. 1845, d. 1850.

VI. SALLY SIMS BANKS b. Feb. 5, 1843, d. April 3, 1909, m. HENRY MINOR SCALES, a lawyer of Memphis, Tenn., June 12 1866. He d. Aug. 8, 1868; issue:—

1. *Lucy Banks Scales* b. May 1, 1867, d. Oct. 25, 1878 in Oxford, Miss.

2. *Henry Minor Scales, Jr.*, b. March 13, 1869, d. Dec. 15, 1918, in Oklahoma City, Okla., m. *Lily Houston Watkins* Nov. 21, 1907; issue:—



LEMUEL BANKS
1870—1936

- (1) Lillias Watkins Scales b. Feb. 1, 1909, m. George Frederick Emery Nov. 21, 1936.
- (2) Louise Banks Scales b. Jan. 23, 1914.

LEMUEL BANKS, ninth son of Ralph and Rachel Jones Banks, was born May 26, 1806, died September 10, 1854, m. LOUISA AMERICA TAIT (b. Aug. 31, 1811) Dec. 24, 1835; issue:—

I. SAMUEL RALPH BANKS b. 1834, d. 1855, m. first EMILY YARBOROUGH June 1858, who died 1875; issue:—

1. *Lemuel Banks* b. 1861, d. 1863.
2. *Charles Banks* b. 1863, d. 1877.
3. *Lemuel Banks* b. 1865, d. 1879.
4. *Thomas Rafe Banks* b. 1866, d. 1869.

SAMUEL RALPH BANKS SR., m. second MISS CAVINS Nov. 1878, she died in 1879; no issue.

II. GEORGE THOMAS BANKS, son of Lemuel and Louisa Tait Banks, b. Sept. 11, 1836, d. Dec. 18, 1914, m. SALLIE LOVE (b. 1848, d. Dec. 1934) June 1866; issue:—

1. *Lemuel Banks* b. March 16, 1870, d. Aug. 26, 1936, m. first Dec. 2, 1891 *Lillian Fitzgerald*, his third cousin, daughter of Bishop Oscar P. Fitzgerald and his wife, Sarah Banks Fitzgerald. She was a woman of rare intellectual and personal gifts and was the first of her sex to be graduated from Vanderbilt University. She died without issue May, 1902.

Lemuel Banks m. second *Mrs. Estelle Steinbrecher Gildart*; issue:—

- (1) George Thomas Banks b. Aug. 1, 1906.
- (2) Mary Love Banks b. Nov. 7, 1907, m. Clayton Harris Buchanan Nov. 27, 1935; issue:—
 - a. Mary Emily Buchanan b. April 4, 1937, in Memphis, Tenn.
- (3) Lemuel Banks b. June 22, 1910, m. Stockton Voorhees of Washington, D. C., on Aug. 1, 1937.

- (4) Emily Louise Banks b. Nov. 2, 1912.
- (5) William Henry Banks b. Jan. 5, 1914.
2. *William Love Banks* b. Sept. 1, 1821, m. *Lucy Heartsill* in 1891. She died Aug. 23, 1919; issue:—
- (1) George Heartsill Banks b. Feb. 15, 1893, m. Gertrude Brodrick July 17, 1917; issue:—
- a. David Francis Banks b. Feb. 19, 1919.
 - b. William Love Banks b. Nov. 3, 1920.
 - c. Barbara Alice Banks b. June 23, 1922.
 - d. Edward Brodrick Banks b. March 6, 1926.
 - e. Robert Hamill Banks b. Feb. 20, 1936.
- (2) King Lemuel Banks b. July 4, 1895, m. Hazel Davies April 15, 1917; issue:—
- a. Margaret Emily Banks b. May 6, 1918.
 - b. Louanna Banks b. July 22, 1919.
 - c. Ruth Banks b. May 30, 1921.
 - d. Carol Banks b. March 19, 1924.
 - e. Charlotte Banks b. Dec. 8, 1930.
- (3) David Francis Banks d. Feb. 17, 1919.
- (4) Sallie Love Banks b. Jan. 1, 1901, m. Harry Leroy Bickel of Racine, Wis., on July 14, 1928; issue:—
- a. John Harold Bickel b. Sept. 24, 1932.
3. *George Thomas Banks, Jr.*, m. *Mrs. Maggie Wells Wall*; issue:—
- (1) George Marion Banks m. Virginia Nesbit, 1928.
- (2) Ralph T. Banks b. June 24, 1912.

III. CHARLES HARDY BANKS, son of Lemuel and Louisa Tait Banks, b. 1838, m. MURTICE FREEMAN Nov. 1866; issue:—

1. *George Thomas Banks* b. Sept. 1867, d. 1870.
2. *Myra Tait Banks* b. 1869, d. Sept. 23, 1934, m. *James P. Brown* in 1887. He died July, 1899; issue:—

(1) Myrtie May Brown b. 1888, d. Oct. 13, 1935, m. George Henry Pilkington Sept. 8, 1909; issue:—

a. George Brown Pilkington b. June 23, 1910, m. Virginia Dale Kirkpatrick on April 9, 1935.

b. Charles Hardy Pilkington b. Sept. 27, 1911.

c. John Ware Pilkington b. Jan. 27, 1916.

d. James Dean Pilkington b. May 3, 1923.

(2) Pattie Louise Brown b. 1890 m. Davis Shall Plummer Nov. 24, 1915.

(3) Corinne Banks Brown b. Dec. 20, 1895, m. Levy Hardaway June 3, 1914, issue:—

a. Joy Tait Hardaway b. March 2, 1919.

b. Louise Penn Hardaway b. April 2, 1927.

(4) Jamie Penn Brown b. Feb. 5, 1900, m. John Bellamy Jan. 18, 1922; issue:—

a. Myra Banks Bellamy died young.

b. John Henry Bellamy b. 1927.

c. William Duncan Bellamy b. Dec. 4, 1929.

(5) James P. Brown, Jr., died young.

3. *Belle Watkins Banks*, daughter of Charles H. and Murtice F. Banks, m. *Harry Boswell Ake* in 1891. Issue:—

(1) Dora Banks Ake b. May, 1893, m. Malcolm Pender Nov. 30, 1913; issue:—

a. Elizabeth Ann Pender b. Oct. 1, 1914.

b. Anna Herbert Pender b. Nov. 24, 1915.

Dora Ake m. second Francis Robert Brian July 12, 1924.

(2) Myra Elizabeth Ake b. Nov. 1894, m. Aage Fredericks; issue:—

a. James Costner Fredericks.

Myra Ake m. second William Ivy Rankin. Two children were born to this marriage.

(3) Harry Boswell Ake, Jr., b. 1897. He married and has one daughter. He died several years ago.

4. *Daisy O'Dell Banks* m. *William David Newbern* Nov. 12, 1902; issue:—

(1) Charles Banks Newbern b. Sept. 23, 1905, m. Mary Frances Harding Dec. 28, 1929.

(2) Dollie Banks Newbern.

5. *Henry Banks* b. 1877, d. 1881.

IV. JANE WATKINS BANKS, daughter of Lemuel and Louisa Tait Banks, b. 1840, d. 1845.

V. RICHARD MCPHERSON BANKS, son of Lemuel and Louisa Tait Banks, b. Aug. 11, 1843, d. Feb. 21, 1935, m. in 1867 first BETTY BOURDON CAMPBELL (d. 1881); issue:—

1. *Richard McPherson Banks, Jr.*, b. Nov. 1868, m. *Louise Boone* Jan. 28, 1896; issue:—

(1) Richard McPherson Banks III, b. June, 1897.

(2) Lady Louise Banks b. Jan. 1, 1900.

(3) George Banks b. March 17, 1910, m. Louise Vaughn July 2, 1930; issue:—

a. Julia Louise Banks b. May 26, 1935.

2. *George Thomas Banks* b. March 8, 1872, d. Nov. 29, 1909, m. *Mildred Bell* (b. Aug. 6, 1872) Jan. 1892 by Rev. N. C. Bacon, Hernando, Miss.; issue:—

(1) Minor White Banks b. March 5, 1899.

(2) Mildred Farrington Banks b. Dec. 23, 1902, m. Lewis Bond Morrow Sept. 19, 1923; issue:—

a. Lewis Bond Morrow, Jr., b. Nov. 4, 1924.

b. Minor Meriweather Morrow b. April 5, 1930.

(3) Nell Concord Banks b. Jan. 12, 1905, m. P. A. Gates, Jr., Feb. 21, 1928.

(4) Elizabeth Campbell Banks b. Dec. 25, 1907, m. William E. Gerber Dec. 28, 1930. He died Feb. 14, 1934; issue:

a. William E. Gerber, Jr., b. Dec. 3, 1931.

3. *Nicholas Campbell Banks* b. June, 1876, m. *Callie Wiseman*; issue:—

(1) Richard Nicholas Banks b. March 1, 1902, m. Ruth Rippy March 1, 1931.

4. *Betty Bourdon Banks* b. 1880, m. *George Oliver Slocumb* July 13, 1909. He died Feb. 22, 1930.

Richard McPherson Banks m. second *Mrs. Ida Caruthers Campbell* Jan. 2, 1885; issue.

5. *William Harvey Banks* b. 1885, m. *Lu Lee Bowdre* (b. 1889) Sept. 7, 1919; issue:—

(1) Ida Caruthers Banks b. Jan. 7, 1912, m. Dr. Leonard Davidson Wright (b. Oct. 15, 1909) Jan. 2, 1934; issue:—

a. Leonard D. Wright, Jr., b. Oct. 26, 1934.

b. Harvey Banks Wright b. May 23, 1936.

(2) Albert Bowdre Banks b. Nov. 30, 1913.

(3) Dorothy Harvey Banks b. March 6, 1916.

(4) Lu Lee Bell Banks b. Jan. 22, 1918.

6. *Charles Rafe Banks* b. March, 1892, m. *Mrs. Mamie Goertes* Jan. 3, 1933; no issue.

VI. HENRY BANKS, son of Lemuel and Louisa Tait Banks, b. Nov. 5, 1846, d. May 17, 1904, m. SALLIE DOCKERY July 30, 1890; issue:—

1. *Lem Banks* b. June 12, 1891, died young.

2. *Henry Banks, Jr.*, b. June 8, 1893, m. *Willie Evelyn Andrews* Jan. 31, 1917; issue:—

(1) Sally Jane Banks b. Sept. 3, 1918, d. Sept. 6, 1919.

(2) Martha Elizabeth Banks b. Dec. 27, 1919, d. Sept. 10, 1924.

(3) Evelyn Banks b. Sept. 30, 1921.

(4) Frances Dockery Banks b. May 14, 1926.

3. *Love Dockery Banks* b. April 18, 1893, m. *Mary Elizabeth Haller* June 2, 1921; issue:—

(1) Mary Frances Banks b. Sept. 8, 1924.

(2) Sally Dockery Banks b. Feb. 15, 1928.

VII. MARY BAKER BANKS b. Nov. 13, 1849, d. Oct. 14, 1874, m. JORDAN PAYNE; no issue. She was a woman of rare loveliness of person and character.

VIII. LEMUEL BANKS, youngest child of Lemuel and Louisa Tait Banks, b. June, 1852, d. July, 1853. The following year his father died and his mother subsequently married Charles Merriweather, whose first wife was Mildred Oliver Banks, widow of James Banks, a cousin of Lemuel Banks.

ELBERT BANKS, tenth son of Ralph and Rachel Jones Banks, was born January 8, 1810, d. Oct. 8, 1817, aged 7 years and 9 months, the only one of his family dying before being advanced in years.

MARION BANKS, last child of Ralph and Rachel Jones Banks was born in Elbert county, Ga., on the "Coldwater" plantation, where each of the children of his parents was born, on the 23rd of June, 1813. He lived a bachelor and died in Tuscaloosa, Ala., in 1886, at the home he shared with his mother till her death in 1851.

NECROLOGY

Thomas Banks, father of Ralph, died June 28, 1789.

Ralph Banks died Oct. 24, 1823.

Rachel Jones Banks, his wife, died July 11, 1851.

Son Elbert Banks died Oct. 8, 1817.

Son Thomas Banks died July 21, 1835.

Son Henry Banks died Sept. 15, 1846.

Son Willis Banks died Sept. 19, 1852.

Daughter Priscilla Butt died Feb. 2, 1853.
 Son Lemuel Banks died Sept. 10, 1854.
 Son Richard Banks died May 6, 1756.
 Daughter Mary Jones Banks died Dec. 10, 1854.
 Son James Jones Banks died Dec. 10, 1858.
 Son John Banks died Sept. 18, 1870.
 Son Ralph Banks died June 2, 1871.
 Daughter Sally Sims died Oct. 19, 1874.
 Son Dunstan Banks died Sept. 10, 1881.
 Son Marion Banks died Jan. 16, 1886.

SALLY CHANDLER BANKS, only daughter of Thomas and Sarah Chandler, married JOSEPH BLACKWELL Dec. 24, 1771, in Granville county, North Carolina; issue:—

DUNSTAN BLACKWELL b. April 7, 1775, d. Nov. 5, 1843. Unmarried.

JOSEPH BLACKWELL (b. Mar. 13, 1756; d. May 6, 1851), m. ELIZABETH McGEHEE (b. 1789, d. 1872); issue, six sons and five daughters:—

I. JAMES BLACKWELL, m. MILLIE CLARK. Had large family of whom nothing can be ascertained.

II. DUNSTAN BLACKWELL, m. first, RACHEL MOSS; issue, one son. He m. second, LAURA ALLEN; had issue.

III. THOMAS BLACKWELL m. first, AZABIAH PRUITT; m. second, ADA GRIFFIN, had issue. He died 1899.

IV. LAWRENCE BLACKWELL, m. first, ADEMIA PRUETT; m. second, KATE GRIFFIN. He died 1900.

V. MADISON BLACKWELL, m. SALLIE PARHAM; had issue.

VI. LLEWELLYN BLACKWELL, m. first, LIZZIE GANTT; Issue: one daughter; m. second, MISS COSBY; no issue.

VII. ELIZA BLACKWELL, eldest daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth McGhee Blackwell, m. WILLIAM WHITE; had issue.

VIII. SARAH BLACKWELL, m. JEFFERSON BOWMAN; issue; one son, a bright boy who died at the age of twelve. For him the mother unceasingly grieved till her own death in 1898.

IX. CORNELIA JANE BLACKWELL, m. first, DR. EDWIN JONES; issue:—

1. *Robert Hester Jones* b. Dec. 1, 1854, m. *Eliza Jane* _____; issue:—

(1) Robert Hester Jones, Jr., b. 1885, March—.

(2) Mary Estelle Jones, m. John Price; issue:—

a. Mary Estelle Price b. 1904.

(3) Lillian Jones.

(4) Edwin Oscar Jones b. 1892, June—.

2. *Edwin Allen Jones, M.D.*, b. Aug. 6, 1859, m. *Mary Jane Ferges*; issue:—

(1) William Ferges Jones m. Maude Christian, a beautiful blond though of Indian extraction; issue:—

a. Loraine, b. 1905.

(2) Cornelia J. Jones m. John Howard; issue:—

a. Homer Edwin Howard b. 1903.

b. Mamie Florence Howard b. 1905.

(3) Geneva G. Jones m. Wilton Davis.

CORNELIA JANE BLACKWELL JONES m. second REV. W. A. FLORENCE; no issue.

X. MARY BLACKWELL m. her cousin, SAMUEL MCGHEE, had issue.

XI. CLAUDIA CAROLINE BLACKWELL, youngest child of Joseph and Elizabeth McGehee Blackwell, died unmarried in 1867.

RALPH BLACKWELL, third son of Joseph and Sarah Elizabeth Banks Blackwell, died unmarried.

BANKS BACKWELL m. ELIZABETH CLARK, a widow; issue: LUCINDA MELISA BLACKWELL m. THOMAS RUCKER ALEXANDER, issue: *Dunstan Banks Alexander*, who married *Orrie Alexander*, issue: three sons and three daughters who live in Elberton. LUCINDA MELISSA and THOMAS ALEXANDER had four other children, who died unmarried.

PARK BLACKWELL, fourth son of Joseph and Sally Chandler Blackwell, m. ELIZABETH MURRAY of South Carolina in 1823 in Elbert county, Georgia; issue:—

I. JAMES BLACKWELL m. MISS GLYMPH of South Carolina. Issue unknown.

II. ISABELLA THOMAS BLACKWELL (1832-1909) m. first, SINGLETON ALLEN; second, WILLIAM CLARK; third, JOHN JAMES in 1869 in Elberton Georgia; issue:—

1. *Isabella James* b. 1870, m. *Benjamin Henry Kay* Jan. 4, 1887 at Anderson, S. C.; issue:—

(1) Herbert Kay.

(2) Wallace Kay.

(3) Elizabeth Parke Kay, m. James Harris Landrum Oct. 15, 1911 at Elberton Ga.; issue:—

a. *Isabella Kay Landrum*, m. A. H. A. Williams III, June 27, 1937, Granville county, North Carolina.

(4) Katherine Kay.

(5) Ralph Thomas Kay.

2. Julia James.

III. MARY BLACKWELL m. THOMAS W. THOMAS; issue: one daughter who m. *Mr. Tate*.

IV. CORA BLACKWELL.

V. JOSEPH BLACKWELL.

ELIZABETH BLACKWELL m. first —— WILLISON; issue: two daughters:

I. SALLIE CHANDLER WILLISON.

II. BETTIE BLACKWELL WILLISON.

ELIZABETH BLACKWELL WILLISON m. second
 — MIDDLETON; issue:—

I. NANCY MIDDLETON m. COL. THOS. HEARD; reared a large family.

II. LAWRENCE MIDDLETON m. in middle life. From an accident received in boyhood became blind.

DUNSTAN BANKS, second son of Thomas and Betty White Banks, b. May 26, 1763. He died unmarried.

The name *Dunstan* occurs here for the first time in the Banks lineage. It has been thought possibly that it was a corruption of Tunstall, a name often used previously in the Banks family, but never subsequently. Dunstan is found in a number of the later families.

WILLIAM BANKS, third son of Thomas and Betty White Banks, was born Feb. 2, 1766; d. Dec. 27, 1820, m. ANNIE HENDERSON, b. 1771, d. 1838. Their home was between Vann's creek and the Savannah river near the village of Ruckersville. In the cemetery of this place their remains lie side by side. They reared a family of eleven children, all of whom married, and had large families. It is much regretted that more complete data could not be secured. Through the kindness of Mrs. Mattie Burch, a grand daughter of William and Anna Henderson Banks, Judge J. J. Burch, of Elberton, Ga., and others, the following record has been procured.

JAMES BANKS eldest son of William and Annie H. Banks, m. CHARITY AIKEN. Of him, the late Mrs. Lou Banks Stephens said, "He was a good and highly esteemed citizen of Elbert county and died of paralysis in mid-life. He had sons and daughters, some of whom lived in Monroe county, but not any trace of them can be found."

THOMAS BANKS, m. HESTER ANN WILMOT; issue: three daughters, handsome and attractive women of whom nothing was known after the war. Thomas Banks was not happy in his domestic life and went to California during the gold excitement in '49, and was never again heard of, though it was said he was lost at sea. (Mrs. Stephens.)

WILLIAM BANKS m. MISS BOWMAN; issue:—

- I. MRS. ENGLISH, lived in Milner, Ga.
- II. MRS. WALKER, lived in Louisiana.
- III. MRS. LEARY, lived in Floyd county, Ga.

There were other daughters of whom nothing is known, and five sons—one lived in Senoy and two in Jackson, others not known.

JOHN BANKS b. 1799, d. June 14, 1846, m. SARAH B. CLARK 1802, d. Oct. 6, 1884; issue:—

- I. REBECCA BANKS m. DAVID RICHARDSON; issue:—
 1. *J. B. Richardson.*
 2. *Sarah C. Richardson.*
- II. MARY D. BANKS m. LEWIS BLANDENBERG; issue:—
 1. *Ella B. Blandenburg.*
 2. *John L. Blandenburg.*
 3. *Luther Blandenburg.*
 4. *Lucy Blandenburg.*
 5. *Emma Blandenburg.*
 6. *Sarah Blandenburg.*
- III. MARTHA G. BANKS m. first JAMES MCCURRY; issue:
 1. *Sarah E. McCurry.*
 2. *Molly L. McCurry.*

MARTHA C. BANKS m. second W. C. HANSON; issue:—

1. *Eulalia S. Hanson.*
2. *Jennie V. Hanson.*
3. *Mattie H. Hanson.*
4. *Annie W. Hanson.*

IV. WILLIAM C. BANKS m. first MARY McCLENDON;
m. second MARY STRICKLAND; issue:—

1. *Henry Banks.*
2. *Cary Banks.*
3. *Sarah C. Banks.*
4. *Lizzie Banks.*
5. *Mary Lou Banks.*
6. *Mattie Banks.*
7. *Georgia E. Banks.*
8. *Ida Banks.*
9. *Annie Banks.*

V. WILLIS P. BANKS m., had children, died.

VI. LUCY B. BANKS m. T. J. TAYLOR, issue:

1. *John Taylor.*
2. *Sarah R. Taylor.*
3. *Richard Taylor.*
4. *Augustus Taylor.*
5. *Georgia Taylor.*
6. *Thomas Taylor.*
7. *David Taylor.*
8. *Lucy Taylor.*

VII. RACHEL E. BANKS married; had issue, died.

VIII. J. S. BANKS, married, had issue.

IX. HENRY H. BANKS, died unmarried.

X. JOHN L. BANKS, m. LOU C. STRICKLAND, issue:

1. *Mary Banks.*
2. *John L. Banks.*
3. *Sarah Lou Banks.*
4. *Charles Banks.*
5. *Oscar Banks.*
6. *Robert Banks.*
7. *Mattie Lizzie Banks.*
8. *Eugene Banks.*
9. *Vivian Banks.*
10. *Emma G. Banks.*
11. *Willis Banks.*

It has been impossible to verify the above data concerning the family of John Banks, son of William and Annie Henderson Banks. It was found among the papers of Dr. E. A. Banks and accurately copied. Nothing further is known of this family, or who furnished the data.

WILLIAM R. BANKS m. ELIZABETH BOWMAN;
issue:—

I. WILLIAM JEFFERSON BANKS m. MARY ELIZABETH WILLIAMS; issue:—

1. *Sarah Banks* m. ——— *Odom*.
2. *George Washington Banks*.
3. *Henry Jethro Banks*.
4. *James Andrew Banks*.

II. THOMAS BANKS m. MISS ROOKS.

III. SANK BANKS m. MISS WEAVER.

IV. ZACHARIAH BANKS.

V. SALLIE BANKS m. D. WALKER.

VI. ELIZABETH BANKS m. JACE ENGLISH.

VII. MOLLIE BANKS m. THOMAS LEARY.

VIII. MATTIE BANKS m. WILLIAM BARKLEY.

IX. DUCK BANKS m. DR. PALMER.

POLLY BANKS, eldest daughter of William and Annie Henderson Banks, m. THOMAS DAVIS. Had several children, no further record given.

ELIZABETH BANKS b. Feb. 6, 1796, d. Dec. 11, 1852, m. PETER ALEXANDER, son of William and Frances Rucker Alexander of Virginia. He was b. June 22, 1783, d. May 15, 1856; issue:—

I. WILLIAM B. ALEXANDER m. WILLIE BOWMAN; issue: one son who died, leaving one son who lives in or near Little Rock, Arkansas.

II. THOMAS RUCKER ALEXANDER m. first, LUCIANDA MELISSA CLARK BLACKWELL, daughter of Banks Blackwell, issue: several children, only one, *Dunstan Banks Blackwell*, had issue: he married *Onie Alexander*, and had six children, all unmarried and living in Elberton, Georgia.

THOMAS R. ALEXANDER m. second, MARIA HUBBARD, had several children.

III. LEONIDAS B. ALEXANDER m. ELIZABETH DAVIS of Monroe county, Ga. Had issue, of whom nothing is known.

IV. PETER W. ALEXANDER m. MARIA THERESA SHORTER (b. 1840, d. 1918) daughter of James Shorter of Columbus, Ga., grand neice of Judge Eli Shorter and neice of Gov. John Gill Shorter of Alabama. M. in 1870; issue:—

1. *Sarah Shorter Alexander* b. 1872, m. *John H. Allen*; no issue. Now living in Greenwich, Conn.

2. *George Shorter Alexander* b. 1874, d. 1928, m. *Nonnie Pope Wishett*; no children.

3. *Paul W. Alexander* b. 1876, m. *Dora H. Bressle*; issue:—

(1) Paul W. Alexander, Jr., b. 1913.

(2) Theresa Shorter Alexander b. 1915.

(3) Edward R. Alexander b. 1918.

(4) Dora H. Alexander b. 1919.

(5) Mary Alden Alexander b. 1921.

V. JAMES H. ALEXANDER m. MISS BOWERY, no issue. He was wounded in battle during the war between the states and died in Richmond, Va.

VI. JOHN BANKS ALEXANDER, M. D., b. Oct. 29, 1826, d. Oct. 16, 18—; unmarried, in Arkansas.

VII. WILLIS S. ALEXANDER, M. D., died unmarried in Arkansas.

VIII. MARY E. ALEXANDER m. JOSEPH ARMOND; issue:—

1. *Julian Armond*, m., had issue.
2. *T. C. Armond*, unmarried.
3. *E. A. Armond*, m.; issue: three children.
4. *Annie B. Armond*, unmarried. Taught at Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga., in 1932.

IX. *MATTIE F. ALEXANDER* m. *THOMAS C. BURCH*; issue: eight children, viz:

1. *John L. Burch* m. *Sallie Shields*; issue: several children. They live in Texas.
2. *Minnie T. Burch* m. *Dr. J. M. Carlton*, of South Carolina; issue: one son and two daughters.
3. *James J. Burch* m. *Miss Bussey*; issue: one daughter. They live in Lincoln county, Ga.
4. *Alexander W. Burch*, M. D., unmarried.
5. *Thomas C. Burch*, unmarried.
6. *Henry L. Burch*, unmarried.
7. *William L. Burch*, unmarried.
8. *Belle Banks Burch*, unmarried.

SALLIE BANKS, daughter of *William* and *Annie H. Banks*, m. *WILLIS ALEXANDER*; issue: several children.

NANCY BANKS, m. *THOMAS WOOLDRIGE*; no issue.

ANN BANKS m. *WILLIAM N. BOWEN*; issue:—

1. *WILLIAM BOWEN*, who married first *MISS VARNER*, of Tuskegee, Ala.; had issue; second, *MISS KATHERINE WELBORN*.

ELIZA BANKS, b. 1813, m. *WILLIAM BRYSON* 1833 (Moved to Mississippi in 1839.) Issue: *Mrs. Nannie Wilkerson* and others.

MARTHA BANKS, m. JOHN HUDSON; Issue: several children.

JAMES BANKS, fourth son of Thomas and Betty White Banks, was born August 4, 1770; d. —; m. Charity Alston, daughter of James Alston and his wife, Grizel Yancey Alston. Issue:—

JAMES ALSTON BANKS, m. MILDRED OLIVER, daughter of James and Lucy Clark Oliver; issue: one son, William C. Banks, a lawyer of Darien, Ga. He died without issue. Mildred Oliver Banks subsequently married Charles Meriwether, who married second, Louisa Tate Banks, widow of Lemuel Banks.

NATHANIEL BANKS, son of James and Charity Alston Banks, b. 19th of January, 1799; d. 3rd of August, 1843; m. Caroline Frances Hughes, daughter of Thomas and Mary Hughes, b. Spetember 2, 1805; d. January 30, 1843. Issue:

I. THOMAS LEONIDAS BANKS b. 1829; d. 1881; m. SARAH ELEANOR ARNOLD, b. 1835; d. 1919. Issue:—

1. *Ida Banks* b. 1851; d. 1897; m. *Jacob B. Sims*. Issue:—

(1) Thomas Banks Sims, b. 1871; m. Jennie B. Jones. Issue:—

a. Frank Sims b. 1899.

b. Banks Sims b. 1903.

(2) George Redding Sims b. 1873; d. 1901; m. Edna Blackwell. Issue:—

a. George Redding Sims, Jr.

(3) William J. Sims b. 1875, m. Susie Richardson. Issue:—

a. William J. Sims b. 1918.

b. Sue Sims b. 1918. (Twins)

(4) Leola G. Sims m. Dr. G. P. Bullard. No Issue.

- (5) Sallie E Sims.
- (6) Sam R. Sims b. 1881, m. Jessie Kate Jackson.
Issue:—
- a. Jessie Lee Sims.
 - b. Frances Sims.
 - c. Ida Sims.
- (7) Ella John Sims m. Lee Bohannon. Issue:—
- a. Sarah Bohannon.
 - b. Ella Bohannon.
- (8) J. B. Sims b. 1889.
- (9) Fannie Sims b. 1892, m. Ben Couch. Issue:
- a. Vivian Couch.
 - b. J. B. Couch.
 - c. Frances Couch.
- (10) Marvin Sims b. 1896, d. 1896.

2. Nathaniel Overton Banks, son of Thomas L. and Sarah Arnold Banks, b. 1853, d. 1909, m. *Theopa Bobo*.
Issue:—

- (1) Thomas Bobo Banks, b. 1880, d. 1936, m. Bessie Cotton. Issue:—
- a. Elizabeth Banks, b. 1904, m. William Frank Jarrell. Issue:—
 - (a) Elizabeth Jarrell b. 1932.
 - (b) William Frank Jarrell, Jr. b. October, 1936.
- (2) Lucile Banks, m. George Snead. No Issue.
- (3) William Nathaniel Banks, b. 1884, m. Evelyn Wright. He is president of the Cotton Manufacturers' Association of Georgia (1937). Is head of the Grantville, Ga., Mills and the McIntosh Mills of Newman, Ga. Issue:—
- a. William Nathaniel Banks, Jr., 1923.
- (4) Edwin S. Banks b. 1886, m. Tommie White.
Issue:—

- a.* Frances Virginia Banks b. 1912.
b. Alice Banks.
 (5) Mary Frances Banks.
 (6) Minella Banks.
 (7) Donald Banks, b. 1894, m. Janice Johnson.
 Issue:—
 a. Donald Banks, Jr., b. 1924.
 b. Mary Ellen Banks.
 (8) Ethel Banks, b. 1897, m. Warren Mitchel, Jr., b. 1925.
3. *Lucy Banks*, daughter of Thomas L. and Sarah Arnold Banks, b. 1855; d. 1856.
4. *William A. Banks*, b. 1858; d. 1858.
5. *Mary Frances Banks*, b. 1860; d. 1900; m. *Olin S. Peacock*, who d. 1885. No Issue.
6. *Sarah Eleanor Banks*, b. 1862; d. 1905; m. *John R. Sims*. No Issue.
7. *Mina Antionette Banks*, b. 1864; m. *Ira Palmus Bradley*; Issue:—
 (1) Mina Bradley, b. and d. 1886.
 (2) Thomas Banks Bradley, b. 1899.
8. *Thomas Charles Banks* b. 1866; d. 1923; m. *Jessie McWhorter*; issue:—
 (1) Nathaniel McWhorter Banks b. 1891; m. Marion Robinson: issue;
 a. Thomas Robinson Banks b. July 13, 1913·
 m. Mary Lyle Shipley in 1935.
 b. Nathaniel Marvin Banks b. 1915; d. 1916.
 c. Marion Banks b. March 22, 1920.
 (2) Jessie Len Banks b. 1894, m. Edwin Goodhue; no issue. Now living in Gadsden, Ala.
 (3) Horace G. Banks b. 1896, m. Elsie DuPre; issue:—

- a.* Elsie Leigh Banks b. 1920.
- b.* Jane McWhorter Banks b. 1924.
- c.* Thomas DuPre Banks b. 1930.
- (4) Thomas C. Banks b. 1900, m. Kathryn Hughes; issue:—
 - a.* Julia Ann Banks b. 1925.
 - b.* Jessie Lynn Banks b. 1937.
- (5) Samuel Alston Banks b. 1907, m. Mary Gatewood Pulliam; issue:—
 - a.* Samuel Alston Banks, Jr., b. 1928.
- 9. *Lillie Banks* b. 1869, d. 1871.
- 10. *Samuel Banks* b. 1872, d. Oct. 11, 1919, m. *Irene Murph*; issue:—
 - (1) Virginia Banks b. Dec. 7, 1906, m. J. O. St. John, M. D., in 1935.
 - (2) Samuel Banks, Jr. b. 1910.
- 11. *Enoch Marvin Banks* b. 1877.

II. MARY E. BANKS, daughter of Nathaniel and Caroline Hughes Banks m. CHARLES ARNOLD. They moved to Louisiana and died, leaving no issue.

III. CAROLINA FRANCES BANKS, daughter of Nathaniel and Caroline Hughes Banks, m. WILLIAM GLENN ARNOLD; issue:—

- 1. *Susan Gertrude Arnold* b. Oct. 3, 1850, d. Dec. 11, 1927, m. *William Appleton Post* b. Dec. 22, 1848, d. Mar 19, 1925, in Grantville, Ga., July 1, 1869; issue:—
 - (1) William Glenn Post b. Nov. 22, 1871, d. Nov. 8, 1932, m. Rosa Kate Muse; issue:
 - a.* William Glenn Post, Jr., b. April 23, 1897 at Newnan, Ga., m. Florence Dean Crump April 30, 1929.
 - b.* Daniel Muse Post b. Dec. 21, 1901 at Newnan Ga., m. Harriette Calhoun Ivie Sept. 20, 1923; issue:—

1. Daniel Muse Post b. July 13, 1924 at Murfreesboro, Tenn.
 - c. Allen William Post b. Dec. 3, 1906, m. Mary Chastaine Cook Dec. 27, 1934.
 - (2) Gertrude Arnold Post b. March 6, 1875, d. March 27, 1936.
2. *Thomas Edwin Arnold* d. in 1908.
3. *Glen Arnold* m. *Fannie C. Moreland*; issue:—
 - (1) William Glenn Arnold d.
 - (2) Jennie Banks Arnold.
 - (3) Robert Arnold, d.
 - (4) Lucille Arnold.
 - (5) Charles Arnold
4. *Dollie Caroline Arnold* m. *James A. Parks*; issue:—
 - (1) Tiny Clair Parks m. Owen Henley. They live in Nashville, Tennessee.
 - (2) Susie Parks m. Albert Hill. They live in Greenville, Georgia.
5. *Lila A. Arnold* m. *Walter W. Wisdom*; issue:—
 - (1) Dena Wisdom now living in Atlanta, Ga.
 - (2) Walter W. Wisdom, Jr., deceased.
 - (3) Thomas C. Wisdom, deceased.
6. *William G. Arnold* b. Oct. 6, 1862, d. Sept. 26, 1911, m. *Emily Stanford*. She died April 26, 1913; issue:—
 - (1) Stanford Arnold m. Virginia Brasch; issue:—
 - a. Virginia Arnold.
 - (2) Caroline Frances Arnold.
 - (3) Mary Roberts Arnold m. Rufus Brown Askew; no children.
 - (4) William Glenn Arnold m. Louise Gibson; issue:—

- a. Sarah Jane Arnold.
- b. William Glenn Arnold, Jr.
- c. Sanders Gibson Arnold.
- d. Edward Ryan Arnold.

(5) Emily Stanford Arnold m. Clarence Askew Perry; issue:—

- a. Mary Francis Perry.
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GRIZEL (Gilly) YANCY BANKS daughter of James and Charity Alston Banks, b. about 1802, m. BEDFORD HARPER; issue:—

I. WILLIAM JAMES HARPER m. FANNIE DORROUGH; issue:—

- 1. *Richard Harper.*
- 2. *Annie Harper.*
- 3. *William Harper m. Genevieve Dean.*
- 4. *Lizzie Harper m. — Denby.*
- 5. *Thomas Harper m. Mattie Moon.*
- 6. *Sallie Harper.*
- 7. *Alston Calhoun Harper.*

II. CHARITY HARPER d. unmarried.

III. MARTHA ELEANOR HARPER m. GEORGE ERSKINE HEARD; issue:—

- 1. *Bedford Harper Heard m. Ida Lanier McCalla.*
 - 2. *Thomas Jefferson Heard m. Widie Soudidge.*
 - 3. *Emma Banks Heard m. Nathaniel Gholson Long, M. D.*
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HANNAH K. BANKS, daughter of James and Charity Alston Banks, m. FLORENCE McCARTY OLIVER b. March 10, 1809; issue:—

I. JAMES McCARTY OLIVER, who married, had one son, *Earnest Oliver*, who m. *Nannie Williamson*. They live in La-Fayette, Ala.

II. SAMUEL CLARK OLIVER m. MILDRED MCGHEE, had issue. Samuel Clark Oliver of Talladega, Ala., is a grandson.

FRANCIS ASBURY BANKS, son of James and Charity Alston Banks m. SIDNEY SKIDMORE; had issue.

MARTHA BANKS m. THOMAS CRAWFORD; issue:

I. ELIZABETH CRAWFORD m. ——— REESE of Madison, Ga.; issue.

1. *Augustus Reese* and seven daughters, one of whom m. *Dr. Stovale* and one m. ——— *Foster*. Martha Banks and Thomas Crawford had other children besides the above, of whom nothing is known.

EMILY SARAH BANKS, daughter of James and Charity Alston Banks m. COL. DORROUGH; left no issue:

JOHN BANKS, fifth son of Thomas and Betty White Banks, was born April 7, 1774, d. 1838, m. first SUSAN DRIVER; issue:—

REBECCA BANKS b. April 11 1804, d. 1870, m. first JAMES JONES, issue:—

I. MARY E. JONES b. July 22, 1833, m. ——— HICKMAN; issue:—

1. *Augustus Hickman*.
2. *Lula Hickman* m. ——— *Williams* of Graysville, Ga.
3. *Georgia Hickman*.
4. *James Hickman*.

REBECCA BANKS m. second JAMES EDMONSON, b. Jan. 1798, March, 1826; issue:—

II. JOHN L. EDMONSON b. Dec. 1826, d. 1901, m. first SARAH BUCHANAN Jan. 4, 1849, she died in 1850; he m. second

KATE I. SELLECK in 1855, she died in 1866; he m. third E. M. SELLECK in 1867; issue:—

1. *Lawrence Ludlow Edmonson*, d.
2. *Sarah Elizabeth Edmonson* m. ——— *Heartsill*; issue: (1) Cleveland Heartsill, d., (2) Will Heartsill, d., (3) Ike Heartsill, (4) John Heartsill, (5) Mary Heartsill.
3. *Rebecca Banks Edmonson* m. ——— *Rembert*; issue: (1) Annie Lou Rembert, (2) James D. Rembert, (3) Nettie Rembert, (4) John Rembert, (5) Manton Rembert, d.
4. *James P. Edmonson*.
5. *John L. Edmonson, Jr.*, m. ——— ———; issue: (1) Annie Edmonson, d.; (2) Nettie Edmonson, m. ——— *Erskine*, issue: Lucia; (3) Kate P. Edmonson, (4) Maude Edmonson, m. ——— *Gudger*, issue: Mary Frances, Mattie Lowry, John Patton, Robert M.; (5) Eula Evelyn Edmonson, (6) Selleck Edmonson, d., (7) May Morris Edmonson m. ——— *Johnson*, issue: Dimple Johnson, Bert Johnson, Virginia Johnson; (8) Samuel Carter Edmonson, (9) Virginia Mae Edmonson.

III. SUSAN L. EDMONSON b. Feb. 1829, d. 1868, m. SAMUEL M. STREET Dec. 3, 1851; issue:—

1. *James Street*, d.
2. *Samuel Street, Jr.*, m. ———; issue: (1) Clara Street, (2) Murley Street, d., (3) Fred Street, d., (4) Mamie Street, (5) Dixie Street.
3. *Clara Street*, d.
4. *George Street*, d.

IV. SARAH H. EDMONSON b. July, 1831, d. Dec. 31, 1870, m. first JOHN H. MOFFETT; m. second L. L. EDMONSON Nov., 1862; issue:—

1. *Rebecca Edmonson*.
2. *Tom Edmonson*, d.
3. *Lawrence Ludlow Edmonson*, d.

V. HARRIET W. EDMONSON b. Feb. 22, 1834, d. 1887, m. W. A. ANDERSON Oct. 1855; issue:—

1. *Sallie L. Anderson* m. ——— *Irwin*; issue: (1) William, (2) Robert, (3) Callie, (4) Fannie, d., (5) T. B., (6) Jesse, (7) Hattie, (8) John.
2. *Robert Anderson* m. ———; issue: Foster Anderson.

VI. AMANDA C. EDMONSON b. May, 1837, d. 1895, m. B. E. NEWTON in 1864; issue:—

1. *Basil Newton* m. ———; issue: (1) Nona (2) Mary (3) Audrey, (4) Basil, (5) Ben, d.
2. *Tom Newton*, d.
3. *Eloise Newton*.

VII. VIRGINIA M. EDMONSON b. May 8, 1839, m. SAMUEL E. FIELD Oct. 1865.

VIII. GEORGIA R. EDMONSON b. Feb. 1842, d. Nov. 1880, m. CHARLES T. KEENY Dec. 1862; issue:—

1. *Virginia Keeny*.
2. *Tom Polk Keeny*.
3. *Herbert Keeny*.

IX. THOMAS POLK EDMONSON b. Sept. 1843. He was killed in action near Cosawattie river, Murray county, Ga., April 3, 1865. He was a Colonel in the Confederate States Army.

X. JAMES F. EDMONSON b. Sept. 13, 1846, d. Nov. 1846.

XI. WILLIAM A. EDMONSON b. Dec. 1847, d. 1889; issue:

1. *Tom Edmondson*, d.
2. *Sam Edmondson*.
2. *Nora Edmondson*.
3. *Bertie Edmondson* m. ——— *Perkins*; issue: (1) Ruth.
5. *Katie Edmondson* m. ——— *Hall*; issue: (1) Esther Hall.
6. *John L. Edmondson, Jr.*, m. ———; issue: (1) Katherine.

WILLIAM ASBURY BANKS, son of John Banks and Susan Tate, b. Dec. 26, 1812, d. June, 1875, m. MRS. MARTHA BATTLE BRYAN, widow of Needham Bryan and daughter of Rev. Thomas Battle, Dec. 20, 1840; issue:—

I. JOHN WILLIAM BANKS b. Nov. 25, 1843, d. July, 1891, m. ELLA WOODRUFF of Columbus, Ga.; issue:—

1. *Lyra Banks* m. *R. A. Hobbs*; issue:—

(1) Mildred Hobbs.

(2) Dorothy Hobbs.

(3) Robert Asbury Hobbs.

2. *Willa Banks*.

3. *Alma Banks*.

4. *Woodruff Banks*.

5. *Bertha Banks*, died young.

6. *Lem Banks*.

II. CALVIN WILLIAM BATTLE BANKS b. Jan. 30, 1846, d. May, 1871, unmarried.

III. LOUISA MARION BANKS b. Feb. 2, 1848, m. JOHN M. MCGINTY Dec. 13, 1866; issue—

(1) Berta, (2) Bessie, (3) Sadie, (4) Hollis, (5) Nellie McGinty. None living except Bessie.

2. *George Banks McGinty* m. *Marion Sawtelle* of Washington, D. C., where they reside. No issue.

IV. JAMES ASBURY BANKS b. March 14, 1850, d. June, 1892, m. LULIA K. ASBURY, daughter of President Asbury—long time president of the Monroe Female Academy at Forsyth, Ga.—Dec. 1874; issue:—

1. *Mattie Lou Banks*.

2. *Clifford Banks*.

3. *James Banks*.

4. *Bessie Banks*.

5. *Richard Banks*.

V. ROBERT HENRY BANKS b. Jan. 1854, m. LOULA ASKIN; issue:—

1. *Katie Banks* m. *Fletcher Carter*, issue: (1) Kathleen.
2. *Annie B. Banks*.
3. *Lacy Banks*.
4. *Birdie Banks*.
5. *Bessie Banks*, died young.
6. *Robert Banks*.

VI. GEORGE THOMAS BANKS b. 1858, unmarried.

JOHN HUDSON BANKS, son of John Banks and Susan Tate b. in Elbert county, Ga., in 1815, d. Feb. 22, 1884, m. first CLARA F. JACKSON (b. Jan. 11, 1820, d. May, 24, 1855), Dec. 11, 1838; issue:—

I. MARTHA L. BANKS b. Oct. 14, 1839, d. June 22, 1840.

II. WILLIAM H. BANKS b. Sept. 6, 1841, killed while charging a battery at the battle near Griswoldville, Ga., Nov. 22, 1864, died without having married.

III. SUSAN CLARA BANKS b. April 2, 1844, d. Oct. 11, 1905, m. May 1, 1862 NATHAN JONES (b. Sept. 9, 1823, d. March 26, 1866); issue:—

1. *William Cransby Jones* b. June 17, 1863, m. *Cora McGinty* March 5, 1890; issue: (1) Paul Jones b. July 20, 1892, (2) Marie Jones b. Jan. 27, 1895.

2. *Nattie Lee Jones* b. Oct. 5, 1866, d. 1903 m. *Benjamin B. McCowen* June 9, 1887; issue: (1) Thomas Benjamin McCowen, b. Jan. 1, 1889, (2) Roy Nathan McCowen, b. Sept. 20, 1890, (3) Nellie Grace McCowen b. Sept. 15, 1892, d. Aug. 8, 1895, (4) Esther McCowen, b. April 21, 1895, d. Sept. 18, 1895.

SUSAN CLARA BANKS JONES m. second JOHN JONES Oct. 2, 1870; issue:—

3. *Lela E. Jones* b. Dec. 1871, d. July 10, 1873.

4. *Jettie Clara Jones* b. July 3, 1874, m. *H. M. Timon* of Ruston, La.

5. *Pearl Jones* b. Jan. 20, 1876 m. *Cape A. Holmes*,
Nov. 11, 1896; issue:—

(1) *Clara Elizabeth Holmes*.

6. *John Hudson Jones*, b. Sept. 17, 1879.

IV. *SARAH A. BANKS*, daughter of *John and Clara Jackson Banks*, b. July 27, 1846, d. July 27, 1846.

V. *EMMA ELIZABETH BANKS* b. May 15, 1852, m. *HENRY N. FEAGON* of *Houston county, Ga.*, Dec. 19, 1882; issue:—

1. *Susie Feagan* b. Dec. 2, 1883, d. May 23, 1885.

2. *John Banks Feagan* b. June 6, 1886.

3. *Clara Feagan* b. Nov. 17, 1888.

4. *Robert Cox Feagan* b. April 4, 1892.

VI. *FRANCIS J. BANKS* b. May 11, 1855, d. June 13, 1855.

JOHN HUDSON BANKS m. second *ELIZA JONES*
Nov. 1856. She died 1896; no issue. They lived in *Culloden, Ga.*

SARAH A. BANKS b. Feb. 2, 1819, d. April 26, 1881, m.
JAMES R. HOLLEY March 16, 1837; issue:—

I. *WILLIAM HOLLEY* b. Jan. 1838, d. 1839.

II. *JOHN BANKS HOLLEY* b. Aug. 3, 1840, m. first *SALLIE M. CARTER*, m. second *LIZZIE J. MERRIT*; issue:—

1. *Rosalin Holley* b. 1873.

2. *Mary Lou Holley* b. 1873.

3. *Julia Banks Holley* b. 1880.

4. *James W. Holley* b. 1881.

5. *Sarah J. Holley* b. 1883.

6. *Minnie W. Holley* b. 1885.

7. *James Howell Holley* b. Dec. 25, 1887.

8. *Vera Holley* b. May 1889.

9. *George B. Holley* b. 1894.

III. JAMES HOLLEY, third son of James and Sarah Banks Holley, b. 1852, m. ABBIE COVINGTON in 1881; issue:—

1. *Banks Holley* b. 1885.
2. *Susan Holley* b. 1888.
3. *Sallie R. Holley* b. 1890.
4. *James O. Holley* b. 1892, d. March, 1893.
5. *Roland Holley* b. Dec. 1894.

IV. SUSAN C. HOLLEY, daughter of James and Sarah Banks Holley, b. 1842, d. 1859.

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RALPH BANKS

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A writer in a Georgia medical journal, July, 1885, in a sketch of Dr. Richard Banks, introduces his subject by the following allusions to Ralph Banks, father of Richard, and founder with his brothers, of the Georgia family of that name.

"The eastern portion of the State of Georgia bordering on the Savannah river was quickly settled up after the Revolutionary War by hardy, industrious and enterprising emigrants from Virginia and North Carolina. They left the impress of their characters and civilization upon the earlier commonwealth, and from their descendants have come many of the most distinguished citizens of the Empire State of the South.

"Amongst the new comers was Ralph Banks, who emigrated from North Carolina, and settled in Elbert county. Beside the usual motive to removal, the hope of bettering his fortune and laying for his children the foundation for future prosperity, Ralph Banks had another object.

"His venerable father had become infatuated by the charms of a youthful maiden of the Old North State, Susannah Hunt by name. The son, believing absence conquers love, placed hundreds of miles of unbroken forest between the lovers. But his scheme proved unavailing; the aged Adonis after a short sojourn in Georgia returned to North Carolina, and married the pretty Susannah, and founded another family of Banks, who still flourish in the far west.

"Ralph Banks was an intelligent, successful and prosperous Georgia farmer; cultivating tobacco as a principal crop and marketing the hogshead in which it was compressed at Augusta, until the cotton gin furnished him a more profitable staple. His high moral character and genial manners attracted to his home many visitors. His house became the resting place of the early Methodist ministers.

"Bishop Asbury in his journal mentions in a visit to Elbert, that he stopped with Ralph Banks whose handsome, healthy wife,

thirty six years old, was the mother of twelve children—later two others were added. From those sprang some of the leading families in Georgia. Every one of the ten sons attained distinction, several of them acquired great wealth, and all of them preserved their Methodist connection.

“Their descendants today are numerous and influential in the State.”

The writer of the above, Dr. Westmoreland, the distinguished surgeon of Atlanta, then proceeds with his sketch of Dr. Richard Banks which is given elsewhere.

Dr. George C. Smith in his history of “Georgia and Georgia People,” says:

“The home of Ralph Banks still stands in Elbert County, where it was built by his own carpenters more than seventy-five years ago. It has fourteen large rooms in the two stories above the ground and cellars beneath. The inventory of his estate, (still to be found in the Court House records of Elberton), show scores of slaves, thousands of acres of land, horses, sheep, cattle, goats, wheat, barley, corn, oats, and alas! good Methodist as he was, one-hundred gallons of peach brandy sundry barrels of hard cider and a barrel of wine. On the estate all the clothing was woven by hand; the leather made by his own tanners and the shoes by his own shoe makers, etc. The picture just drawn belongs to the wealthy class, but these were by no means the majority of the people.

By way of palliating the greivous mistake of a Methodist in good standing holding so large an amount of intoxicants, Dr. Smith adds: “In the early part of the century stills were on most large plantations and the apples and peaches produced in great quantities were turned into brandy which was to be drunk moderately and thankfully; sometimes asking a blessing from heaven, ‘on this good creature now provided.’ No one was considered genuinely hospitable unless he passes the decanter which was found on every sideboard. Everybody drank in those days except a few very strict Methodist.

It was the 20th of December, 1785, that Ralph Banks with his father, Thomas Banks, and probably his brothers, arrived in

Elbert County, Georgia. They came from Granville County, North Carolina, and brought with them their slaves, stock, tools and other belongings. The fertile region lying between the Savannah and Broad rivers offered a desirable location and here, twelve miles from Elberton on the Big Cold Water Creek, Ralph Banks established himself. His neighbors were a fine class of people who came from Virginia and North Carolina, bringing with them no small amount of wealth and the culture that characterized the older colonies. Among these were the Alstons, Tait, Merriwethers, Olivers, Watkins and others who intermarried with the Banks family. At that period the State of Georgia had a vast area of unpeopled territory. To induce and encourage emigration head rights of land grants of from two to five hundred acres was given to each new comer, and to each person who had in any way served in the Revolutionary War. It is probable Ralph Banks purchased his Broad river lands, but his name is found among those granted head rights in Franklin County, whether as a "new comer" or as a soldier of the line cannot be ascertained. There is a tradition that he served in the army of the Revolution, but it is not proven by the war archives of North Carolina, or Washington, though these are acknowledged to be very imperfect. Three years after coming to Georgia, Ralph Banks was married to Rachel Jones, daughter of Captain James Jones, of Wake County, North Carolina. Then began the happy, successful life that led to large prosperity.

Major Marion Banks, youngest son of Ralph Banks, said of his father's administrative ability; "That he ruled his home, his church and his neighborhood. His manner toward his children and servants, was stern to a degree that inspired them with such awe that a word was sufficient to control them. He did not need to resort to the rod to punish them."

Only one instance is given of a slave being whipped, and that was when one of them, a young boy, was caught in the minister's house at night, probably intent on some petty theft. Major Banks said his father used to put silver and gold coins in all sorts of places about the house, leaving them for an indefinite time, and

these were never disturbed. In this manner he sought to teach the servants the commandment, "Thou shall not steal."

There were no drones in the Ralph Banks hive. Every child had duties to perform. When not at school, or otherwise employed, the sons took practical lessons in agriculture, and were expected to be as laboriously engaged as the slaves, and subject to the same authority—the negro foreman. No slighting of work, no dereliction in duty was allowed; if either fell short of the mark of excellency it must be the slave, not the white boy.

The daughters also had their specified departments of household duties, and were expected to meet every requiremnt demanded by the position.

Though possessed of a large landed estate and carrying on simultaneously three of four distinct plantations, Ralph Banks never employed an overseer or manager, other than the negro foremen, who were directly amendable to the master for the correct conduct of affairs on the various places. Some of the sons, after reaching manhood, were assigned to headship jointly with the foreman on the more distant plantations but this was to give them practical knowledge of the business rather than to secure any advantage by their presence. Ralph Banks was an eminently successful man in all he undertook.

It is told of one Banks, whose idenity cannot be established, that returning from the Revolutionary War, in which he had risen from a private to a captaincy, he found himself not only without money, but also unable to find work. A neighbor wanted a ditch cut. Young Banks took the job, and while engaged upon it a gentleman passing expressed surprise that so bright a man as this Capt. Banks would be so humbly employed. "It is the only work I could find," said the captain. "Come to my place and I'll give you better," said the gentleman.

Capt. Banks accepted the proposition offered him, which was the cultivation of a certain bit of land. The ground was carefully prepared, planted in tobacco and thoroughly cultivated. With his own hands the crop was gathered and prepared for market. All tobacco in bulk was at that time sold at auction at some of the

centers of trade. Thither Capt. Banks took his hogshead, and so superior was the quality of his product that the highest price was paid for it. With the proceeds of this crop, a body of land and one slave were bought, and thus was laid the basis of an enormous fortune subsequently acquired. It is not known who this Banks was but he possessed the same characteristics, thrift, industry and good judgement that led Ralph Banks also to amass a large fortune. After providing for his ten older children, all of whom were married at the time of his death, in 1823, he left a valuable estate to his wife and three children who were minors. His will and a summary of the estate are given elsewhere in this book.

Some writer, speaking of the estate of Ralph Banks, says: "Money cannot now buy the luxuries and comforts this princely old man enjoyed every day." Another, an old neighbor, alluding to his thrift and far-sightedness, said: "Ralph Banks always had grain to sell and money to loan."

In summing up the character of Ralph Banks, as gathered from various sources, it is evident that he was a fine specimen of the quondam Georgia gentleman, industrious, honorable, judicious, upright, successful somewhat autocratic perhaps toward those over whom he had or assumed authority, yet genial, hospitable, honored and esteemed; a man among men who made his mark on his community in his day, and who has transmitted to his posterity a large measure of those characteristics that make the good citizen, the good neighbor, the good friend, and the good father.

RACHEL JONES BANKS

By GEORGIA BUTT YOUNG

After Ralph Banks had made him a home in Georgia he went back to the Old North State to get him a wife. Possibly she was waiting for him, for he had been three years away, having gone to Georgia in 1785, and now on Thursday, November 27, 1788, he was married to Rachel, the handsome daughter of Capt. James Jones. She was nineteen and he a good eleven years older. Doubtless the excellent judgment he always showed in business affairs was also brought to bear on this, the most important step of a man's life, for she proved a help-meet indeed, and was in every sense fitted for the duties and responsibilities that devolved upon her. In many respects the husband and wife were alike; both were industrious and thrifty, both were firm and resolute, but the firmness of the man was tempered by justice, that of the woman by tenderness. Hers was a sympathetic nature, and her heart and hand were ever open to the cry of the needy and "Him that had no helper." The hospitable door stood open wide to the wayfarer, and the guest of high or low degree was made welcome to a bountiful board and a spotless bed. Long after she and her husband were dust and ashes her generous entertainment of the chance traveler who could find no place to spend the night was gratefully remembered.

That home was one of spotless cleanliness. The ten sons, with their sometimes muddy boots, were not allowed to trespass upon the newly scrubbed and polished floors, and if the diningroom had been made specially fine for an expected guest the boys must needs take their meals in the kitchen. But here also neatness and order reigned. The floors were freshly scoured every few days; the "sixteen dollar's worth" (the amount given in the inventory) of pewter shown like burnished silver, and the "forty-six dollar's worth of Castings" (inventory) were pure as soap and water could make them.

Rachel Banks had need to be industrious, for in less than eighteen years after her marriage there were twelve children to be cared for. "A stitch in time" was one of her mottoes, and her

sons said she was always examining their buttons to find a loose one, which, when found, with quick thread and needle was steadily anchored. "Whatsoever your hands find to do, do it with all your might," she would quote and then demonstrate her doctrine by her practice. "My mother always ran from house to kitchen and from kitchen to house" said one of her sons. Her duties as mother and mistress of so large a family were manifold. At that time there was no ready-made clothing, no sewing machines, no labor-saving appliances, not even a cotton factory in all that region to lighten the burden of domestic life.

Dr. Smith, in his "Georgia and Georgia people," gives this graphic picture of the house-wife of that day.

"They had culture, but it had not come from books; they had the simple genial manners learned from their old Virginia mothers. They knew all kinds of domestic work; they could weave and knit, and, if need by, cook and wash; but they had too much to do to attend to these homely duties themselves. They saw to the welfare of the negroes, especially the ailing women and little children. They knew the virtues of boneset, catnip, and sage; they could dress a blister or make a poultice, or bind a bandage with the skill of a physician. These matrons led busy lives; to see after the kitchen and flower garden, to the making of clothing for children and negroes, to go to week-day meetings and to get ready for camp-meetings, to spread a generous table every day, especially when Brother Pierce, or Brother Mercer, or Dr. Cunningham came—kept them constantly busy."

Dr. Smith concludes his picture with this quiet bit of humor.

"They ruled their households with a kindly rule, and the old squires bowed submissively to their mandates."

The women of today, the twentieth century, cannot fully appreciate the exactions of domestic life a hundred years ago. The duties of the household did not end with the close of day, but were resumed by candle light. There was no cotton gin to tear the fleecy staple from its fast mooring to the seed, this had to be done by careful, painstaking human fingers, and was a work assigned to the women, white and colored, of the family.

If there was no cotton seeding to be done there was always sewing and knitting for the children and for the slaves that kept the women busy till nine o'clock, the accepted bed-time. In the present-day sense there were no amusements for these plain, practical Georgia folk; no operas, no theaters, no receptions, no luncheons, no clubs. The wildest dissipation was a state dinner at a neighbor's house, when the board groaned with rich viands—the guests groaning afterwards, doubtless—and dusky butlers and damsels darted about with trays piled high with fresh relays; or some unpretentious evening gathering of the young people, where rollicking games or simple country dances formed the staple of entertainment.

Rachel Jones came of fine old colonial stock, her ancestors on both sides and for generations being people of prominence and wealth. She was the daughter of Capt. James Jones and Charity Alston Jones. Capt. James Jones was a member of the Provincial Congress of North Carolina in 1776, made Captain of Third Company, First Regiment Light Horse Cavalry of North Carolina April 22, 1776, and in 1777 served in the State Senate. He was the son of Shugan Jones, son of Edmund and Abigail Shugan, who Dr. Groves quotes as being "the first white woman to cross the Shocco river, and how well qualified to act her part is clearly manifested in the character and record of her numerous descendants.

The mother of Rachel Banks was Charity Alston (born January 19, 1743), daughter of Solomon Alston and Ann Hinton. Solomon Alston was the son of John Alston and Mary Clark, and this John Alston was son of John Alston, who married Dorothy Temple, daughter of Sir Thomas Temple, whose ancestry is traced back to Ethelfreida, a daughter of Alfred the Great, and so through the Saxon kings of England to Harderic, 90 B. C. Both Solomon Alston, the grandfather and John Alston, the great grandfather of Rachel Banks, served in various civil and military capacities during the colonial period, as may be seen in Wheeler's "History of North Carolina" and the "Colonial History" of North Carolina. Ann Hinton, wife of Solomon Alston and grandmother

of Rachel Banks, was the daughter of Col. John Hinton, a man of prominence and widely spread colony. Previous to 1730 he settled on the Neuse river, five miles from Raleigh. He was a member of the Provisional Congress at Hillsboro in 1775. In 1771 he commanded a detachment from Wake county under Gov. Tryon. In 1773 he was made Colonel of Militia for Wake County, and in 1775 Colonel of the North Carolina militia. The same year he was on the Committee of Safety for Hillsboro; in 1776 was member of the Provincial Congress. He died in 1784.

This long line of ancestry, combining Alston, Hinton and Jones, had never a more worthy descendant than Racheal Jones Banks. Her sense of justice and right, her womanly modesty and innate refinement, her large hearted generosity, her continued thoughtfulness for the poor and destitute, her tender sympathy for the sad and lowly raised her high in the esteem of all who knew her. In the quiet old cemetery at Tuscaloosa, Ala., in which town she spent the last twenty or more of her four score years, is a simple box tomb, on the slab of which is inscribed: "Rachel Jones Banks, born in Wake County, North Carolina, May 6th, 1769; died in Tuscaloosa, Ala., July 11th, 1851. May her children and friends follow her example."

JAMES JONES BANKS

By BISHOP C. P. FITZGERALD

He was a notable man. He was notable for the strong points in his personality, not for titles and honors sought. He was a strong man in every part and not anywhere out of proportion. He belonged to that class of citizens who are the bone and sinew of the state. His name was registered on the roll of Christian men who made the working force of the militant church. His character answered to the inspired description of the man whose name is written on the book of remembrance in which is to be found the names of those who meet where the people of the Lord assemble who always speak for him when testimony is in order.

He was one of the men who could always be counted on as on the Lord's side whenever and wherever there was a conflict between the opposing forces of good and evil. His benignity was as sweet as autumnal or spring sunshine. The steadiness of his character was as the solid masonry of a fortress, wisely planned and builded well.

His beneficence was as noiseless as the dew and as steady as the flow of a spring among the hills. He was a Bible Christian and belonged to the Methodist branch of the church of God. The Banks family to which he belonged has in no part of its history been lacking in the force and persistence that are the chief factors in the lives of the successful man. The Banks have written their names in the topography, professional life and military records of successive generations.

The Methodist theology engrafted on the sturdy orthodoxy of a sterner creed suited him. He was converted when he was eight years old. His whole life was formed on Christian principles and his character moulded by Christian influences. In his measure he was a boy Christian at this early period of his life. His spirit was graciously irenic. Toward other evangelical Christian bodies he was uniformly and warmly fraternal and neighborly. On the Lord's day when there was no service in his own church he would be found in his seat in a sister church where worship was held. The great things wherein all evangelical denominations agree were precious to his faith; the little things wherein they differ were of small concern unto him.

For all legitimate denominational service he could be depended on to the extent of his ability; for any expression, or exhibition of bigotry in any form, he had no sympathy and gave no place.

In his family he was a patriarch who ruled in righteousness and affection. To his wife and children, and children's children his affection was a joy. To his colored servants, under the old regime he was just, and he won their respect and confidence as a Christian and master. He was the Christian head of a family. He was a Christian master. He was a Christian neighbor. He was a

Christian citizen. This is not saying too much of this man of God, of fruitful life and precious memory.

From his Alabama home at a ripe old age he went up to the home prepared for the faithful in the City of God.

Nashville, Tennessee.

RICHARD BANKS, M. D.

Born October 23, 1794; Died May 6, 1856

The following sketch of Dr. Banks was published in the Atlanta Medical Surgical Journal of July, 1885. After a preliminary account of the family from which he came the writer, says:

“One of these ten brothers, Richard Banks, the subject of this sketch was born at the paternal homestead in Elbert County, Georgia, in 1794.

After such preliminary training as the schools in the vicinity afforded he was transferred to Athens, the seat of the State University and there pursued his classical studies in the class with which graduated Hon. Joseph Henry Lumpkin of the Supreme Court, of Georgia.

“Having selected medicine as a profession he studied it diligently and successfully, under private instruction.

“He then matriculated in the University of Pennsylvania, and after a pupilage of two years he graduated M. D. in 1820. After another year's residence in the hospital he returned to Georgia and established himself in practice at the village of Ruckersville in his native county.

“With his fine opportunity, his thorough preparation, his sturdy intellect, his talent for original observation, his cool courage in adopting and executing the conclusions of his judgment, mingled astonishment and regret are excited at his not having chosen a wider theatre for the growth and display of his extraordinary powers.

“His innate modesty, his scorn of all the little arts of the charlatan sometimes employed to attract notice, his aversion to every appearance of a desire to court notoriety doubtless influenced his determination.

“In the obscure village, remote from any large town as an humble country doctor, he achieved an enviable distinction worthy of lasting commemoration.

“As a practioner of medicine his fame spread rapidly and widely. All over the upper part of Gerogia and South Carolina his counsel was sought by physicians, and the city and the country is still filled with the traditions of his skill and beneficence.

“Unhappily nothing but tradition remains of his intuitive perceptions of the exact essence of disease, and of his wondrous powers to stay its progress.

“Medical journals in the South were then unknown, and the busy doctor had little time and less inclination to make a permanent record of his experience. As an operative surgeon he early gained in the South the highest rank, and stood for many years without an equal.

“Fresh from the lessons of the adroit surgeons, who then controlled the hospitals of Philadelphia, reliant on his own common sense and personal tact, he felt competent to perform any needed operation, and taking the whole of surgery for his province, he shrank not from even the most difficult. Dr. Banks made no notes of his cases and never, it is believed published an account of any of them. They were of vast numbers, and of every possible variety. No one within an hundred miles of his residence thought of applying to anyone else if his assistance was possible. The loss of so vast a volume of experience is a public calamity.

“A single case related by a non-professional eye-witness follows in his own words: “It was a child three or four years old; the upper lip and roof of his mouth were cleft open so far back there was no bridge to the nose, and you could see far down its throat. It was hideous to look at. In those days anesthetics were not used. Dr. Spaulding and some one else held the child during the operation. I was as much impressed at the time with the

heroism of the child's mother as she held it on her lap as I was by the doctor's coolness and steadiness of hand. I recollect the inner edges of the opening were scarified; the bones of the upper jaw were divided with an instrument like pair of scissors; the parts were forced together by a strong ligature. The point of the nose projected considerably; this was scarified and turned down to form a bridge for the nose and held down either with thread or adhesive strips. I saw the child some weeks after when it was brought for the doctor to see it. The mouth was almost natural, looked like the child had only had a fall and the wound had healed. The bridge did not adhere at first at the bottom; again it was scarified and held by stitches. When I last saw it, it was a good looking child, wholly unlike the unfortunate that had been operated on.

"Dr. Spalding wrote a history of the case for publication, but Dr. Banks would not consent to it, laughingly saying he could not bear to see himself in print, specially in the florid style Dr. Spalding had employed.

"Dr. Banks had a horror of notoriety, and seldom spoke, even to the nearest friends, of the extent and success of his business. It is known, however, that every surgical disease brought to his notice elicited his prompt attention, and when the instruments in use or accessible were inadequate he possessed inventive skill enough to devise and have made others better suited to his purpose.

"One of his earlier triumphs was the successful removal of the parotid gland at a time when the most eminent surgeons of this and other countries were hotly contending the possibility. The details of this operation are all lost except he dislocated the inferior maxillary articulation to facilitate it.

"The operations that gave him greatest celebrity from their frequency and success were those for cataracts and stone in the bladder. For many years he was the only surgeon in a large extent of country who attempted either, and patients from great distances sought him. How many operations for cataract he performed is not known, nor the per cent of recovery, the number of both seems large, but cannot be verified, but it is certain he was generally successful.

“He once stated to a friend he had performed lithotomy sixty four times. How many were subsequently added cannot be ascertained.

“Dr. Banks’ manner of making both these capital operations was different from methods now experienced. He never removed a cataract by extraction, but always by couching or absorption. These he thought better, inasmuch as in case of failure the operation could be repeated; whereas a failure in extraction resulted in permanent loss of vision, this was before the discovery of anaesthesia.

“Lithotomy he always performed with the gorget. Newer instruments now used by the most skillful surgeons give no better results than were secured by Dr. Banks’ adroit hands.

“In reviewing Dr. Banks’ professional career with the unfavorable surroundings of a country doctor we are filled with admiration at his magnificent success, and share the regrets of a personal friend that his characteristic modesty prevented his removal to some large city where his skill and learning would have made for him a world-wide reputation; but like his near neighbor, Dr. Crawford Long, he did not seem to comprehend the great importance of what he did for mankind.

“In 1832, Dr. Banks moved to Gainesville, in Hall County, where most of his professional triumphs were achieved, and where he resided till his death in 1856.

“The Cherokee Indians lived in the territory near by. At one time small-pox prevailed among them. Dr. Banks was commissioned by the Federal Government to convey them the knowledge of vaccination.

“This duty he faithfully performed, and gave them also the benefit of his surgical skill. He greatly enjoyed the wonder of these simple people at the restoration to sight of many that had been blind for years. The “Great Medicine Man” they thought possessed of superhuman power and superhuman benefice. In 1830, at the age of thirty-six, Dr. Banks married the widow of George A. Dawson, a nephew of Senator Dawson. As Miss Martha Butt she was the most admired belle of Warren county.

She was only in her twenty-first year at the time of her second marriage. Twenty-five years of married life, and the like period in widowhood she spent in Gainesville. She was perhaps the best known and the most highly esteemed woman in upper Georgia. Her remains are fitly buried by the side of her husband in the Methodist church yard, the church of their choice and of their affections.

“Dr. Banks acquired and enjoyed an ample fortune. His prudence, judgment and good sense were as remarkable in the conduct of his pecuniary as in his professional business, enabling him to leave to his family a fine estate.

“In honor of his memory the General Assembly of the State of Georgia gave to a subdivision of her territory the name of “Banks” county.

“As an incident of general interest it may be added that the first and most beautiful of the diamonds of Georgia, was from a gold mine owned by Dr. Banks. It was sent to both London and Paris to be valued and was pronounced a gem of the first water, and valued at \$350. It is now owned by Mrs. Sue Becker, the youngest child of Dr. Banks, who in her girlhood was called the ‘Diamond of Hall’ county.* She still wears the gem, and retains enough of its sparkling qualities to show the appropriateness of the soubriquet, though she has generously shared with her beautiful daughters much of its brilliancy.”

No sketch of Dr. Banks however admirable, would be complete without an allusion to his religious life. One writing of him says. “Dr. Banks was truly a great man. Dr. Willis Westmoreland who took the highest rank as a surgeon said: “when a young man, before the days of railroads, he rode horseback a hundred miles to sit at the feet of Dr. Banks, like Paul at the feet of Gamaliel, to receive knowledge.” Dr. Banks, Dr. Westmoreland thought, was a half century, or more in advance of his profession, and though a master surgeon who could cut the flesh or saw the bone unmoved by the flow of blood, or complaint of

*This diamond is now in the possession of Mrs. Rafe Banks of Gainesville, Ga.

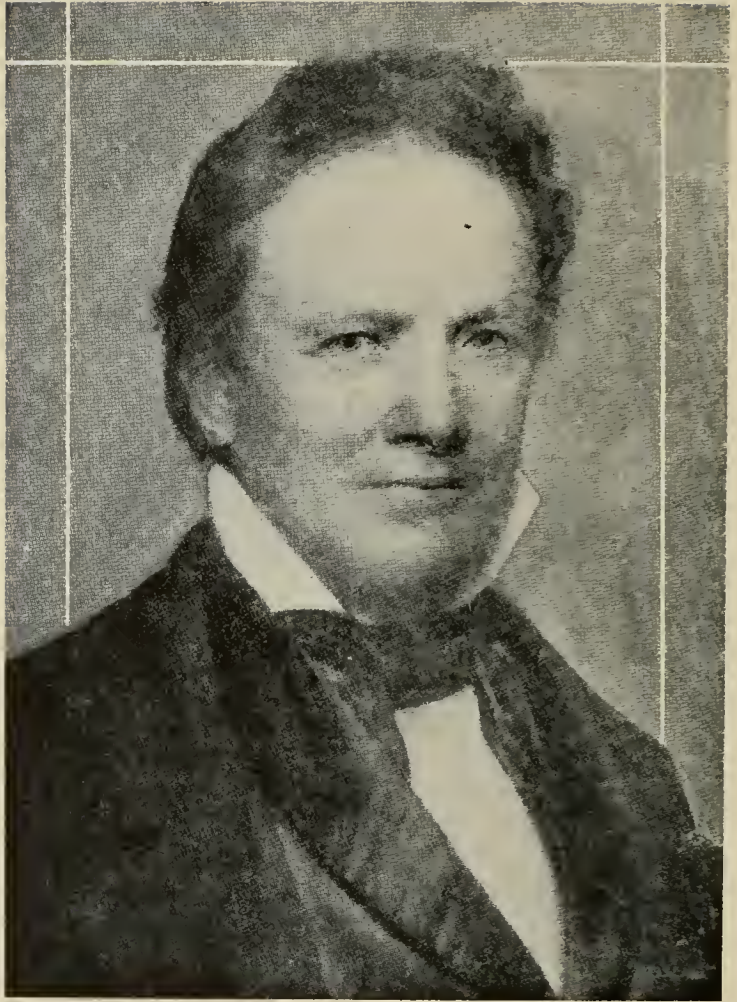
sufferer, yet, so mixed was his emotional nature, that no appeal of the sad and sorrowing ever went unheeded. He felt the deepest sympathy for an erring fellow mortal, and when circumstances demanded as a class leader, that he report the waywardness of a member he was ever careful to put the case in its most favorable light, speaking most of the good and condoning the evil as far as possible. He was a devout and humble christian, and in times when special services were held in his church he never allowed business to come between him and his duty, and would always be found talking, or praying with penitents, and striving to lead them to accept Christ. To be about his Master's business was more to him than any earthly thing. His broad acres and spacious home, with all its elegant appointments, his wide-extended reputation, the honor and esteem in which he was held did not lift him above his lowest neighbor; to these he was father, brother, friend. The state of Georgia honored itself in naming a county in his honor."

JOHN BANKS
of Columbus, Ga.

John Banks, son of Ralph and Rachel Jones Banks, was born in Elbert County, Ga., Octoebr 27, 1797. His parents moved from North Carolina to Georgia about the year 1785, and settled twelve miles north of Elberton, on "Cold Water Creek," where Ralph Banks died in October, 1823, at the age of sixty-six years, having been from early life a member of the Methodist church.

John was the seventh child, being one of fourteen children born to the parents, and all of them but one grew up to maturity. In his school days he came under he teachings of James McDowell and others, and later he had for preceptor Alexander Speer, and under him he read law, and was admitted to the bar, and begun the practice of law in Ruckersville, Ga.

The Indians in February, 1818, had become hostile, and some of them committed numerous murders and depredations upon the whites. A few of the young men of martial spirit, including John Banks, volunteered to raise the quota of men called for from Elbert county, it being two companies of infanry. John Ashley



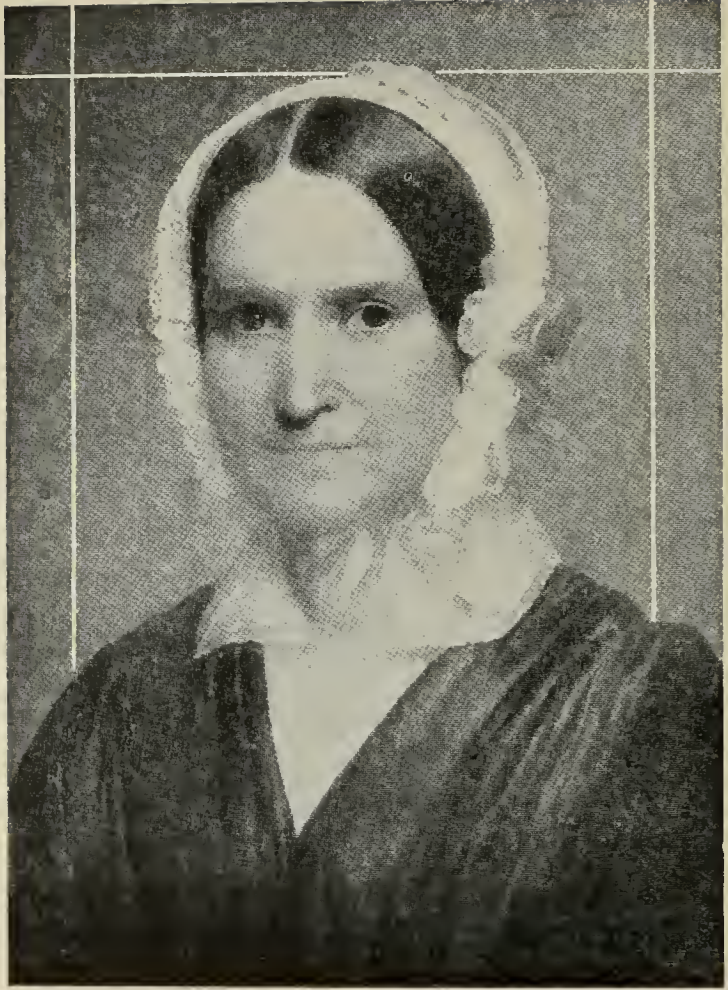
JOHN BANKS
1797—1870

was made captain of one company and Capt. Mann of the other, and in the latter company John Banks was made first lieutenant. Soon the forces convened at Elberton and moved southward by various marches, encountering many thrilling experiences, skirmishes and hardships till St. Marks, Fla., was reached. After leaving here an important skirmish, made with small loss to the whites, resulted in considerable to the indians and the capture of numerous prisoners, among them a white woman and child that had been in captivity over a year. Finally the close of the campaign brought the surviving heroes to their homes in Elbert County again.

In 1821 he embarked in the mercantile business and became interested later in several commercial enterprises, with varying success. February 14, 1828, he married Sarah Watkins, of Elbert county, a woman eminently worthy of the homage he ever so chivalrously rendered her. Soon after he located in Lexington, Ga., and lived there occupied mainly in commercial pursuits, till 1836. During this year, having sold out his interests in Lexington, he moved to Columbus, Ga., and settled in Wynnton, a suburb of this young and thriving city. Here, in that day, were large opportunities for a man such as he, with quick business eye, broad mind and keen judgment, to make investments that the future would greatly enhance in value, and these he used largely and with great advantage.

The result was a rapid accumulation of means, ample to meet the needs of his family of twelve children and supply his large household with abundant comforts and such luxuries as were obtainable in those times.

Educational advantages he highly appreciated, and with Chambers, Leonard, Flewellen, Wynn and others a movement was perfected setting apart about four acres of land for use as an academy for girls and not far from this location about six were provided to be held in perpetuity by trustees for an academy for boys. The lots selected were beautiful sites for the purpose in view, and attest the wisdom of these early settlers of Wynnton to this day.



SARAH WATKINS BANKS
1803—1884

Col. Banks further signified his estimate in this respect by giving all his children the best advantages to be obtained by a collegiate course, except in the case of two, perhaps, who for some reason or other did not go through college.

The war, beginning in 1861, was greatly against his judgment, but when entered upon, he gave generously for its support in sons and substance. The close of the war, attended with such prostration all over the South, brought him much loss of property in slaves and other depreciated values.

Paralysis impaired his physical and mental powers, leaving his last years, in a measure, under a cloud. September 17, 1870, the end of his useful life came, and he peacefully passed away.

Few men perhaps, were more tender than he in the home circle, and as a neighbor he was ever kind and friendly. In dealing with fellowmen his honesty was apparent, even in the least transaction.

His religious convictions were strong and controlling, and his love for his church—the Methodist—was great, prompting ever an earnest liberality for promoting its enterprises and securing its advancement.

How imperfect is the conveyance by this recital of an adequate conception of the impressive personality, the grandeur of character, and robust, noble manhood, of the subject of this memoir, but he has gone. The savor of a good man's life, however, lingers long upon the earth, to bless the world and help humanity, even after he has joined the innumerable company, passed over to the intinite beyond.—G. J. Peacock.

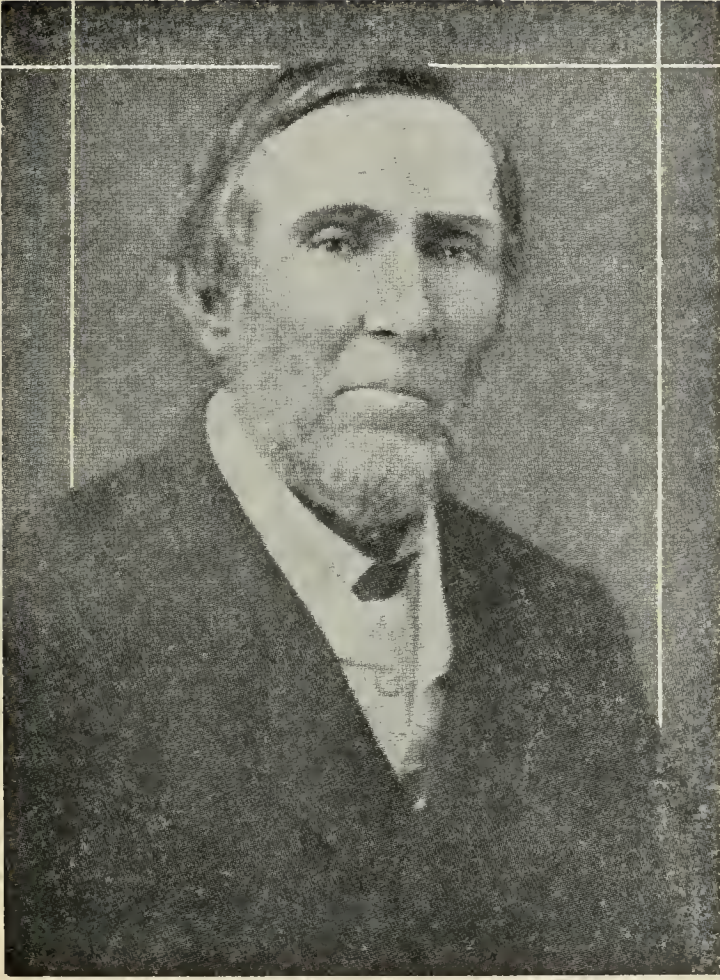
To the above admirable portraiture, may be added the words of William H. Chambers, at the time of Col. Banks' death.

“He was blest with a long life, crowned with large success and great domestic happiness, unbroken till in the cause of his country he gave up those noble sons, who were brought back to him one by one from the battlefield. Then the father's heart gave way, and the strength of the strong man was broken. He could only bow his head in bitter grief and mourn for his loved and lost.”

Another writer, P. W. Alexander, enumerates some of the business enterprises that occupied the life of Col. Banks. "He was in early life engaged in the grocery business in Augusta, Georgia, in the firm of Banks & Baird, he was one of the managers of the Planter's and Mechanic's Bank, of Columbus, Ga., much of his life was devoted to banking; he was owner, with John E. Dawson of the Howard Cotton Mill, and carried on an extensive plantation. Not less than \$50,000 of his wealth was given unostentatiously to charitable purposes."

The home life of John and Sarah Watkins Banks was singularly beautiful and happy. He was the lover-husband to his latest hour. His wife could do no wrong, and to him her beauty was fadeless. He thought "Sally's black eyes" brighter than Golconda's rarest jewels. It was his pride and delight to surround her with every comfort and luxury a well filled purse could supply. To this end his elegant home in Wynnton, built about 1836, and still standing in pristine strength and stateliness, was fitted up with everything that could contribute to the welfare and pleasure of his large family. As has been said by another never was woman more worthy of the homage of a loyal heart. She had been a beauty and belle in her girlhood, but admiration and the world's applause never robbed her sweet modesty of its bloom; she was gentleness and goodness personified. Between the children and their parents there was the finest camaraderie. It can be said without fear of contradiction, the most intimate visitor failed to detect a note of discord in this happy household. For thirty-six years there was in this family only joy and sunshine, flecked sometimes perhaps, by the shadow of a silver lined cloud, but at last the storm broke, and relentlessly tore from the earthly moorings one and another and another.

In the beautiful "City of the Dead" in Columbus, Ga., there rises from a broad square, a tall monument of Italian marble from the heights of which an Angel of Mercy gazes pityingly down upon the white slabs that mark the resting places of John and Sarah Watkins Banks, and their nine sons and one daughter.
—Georgia B. Young.



DUNSTAN BANKS
1800—1881

DUNSTON BANKS

BY LUCILE WEBB BANKS

My grandfather, Dunston Banks, was noted for his devotion and indulgence to his wife and daughters. He was, of course, devoted to my father, the only son. His home was exquisite in its elegant furnishings all of which I remember. On the parlor floor was a dark red velvet carpet bordered with roses and in the center was a matching floral design. The lace and satin draperies hung from heavy gilt cornices and were caught back with heavy cords which held gilt grapes and leaves. The heavy damask curtains were crimson and old gold brocade lined with canary silk. Between windows was a tall pier glass with heavy gilt frame and over the high old-fashioned wood mantel was another gilt framed mirror. The furniture was lovely rosewood upholstered in crimson satin damask. I remember on the parlor table stood the most beautiful silver epergne. It was like a small silver tree holding in its outstretched branches shallow cut glass bowls. My father told me his father at one time sent \$3000 to New Orleans to be melted, the silver used in fashioning the "family silver."

I well remember that on the sideboard stretched eighteen solid silver (delicately fashioned handhammered) goblets. In front of this array was a very beautiful Bohemian punch bowl. Papa said his mother had eighteen silver napkin rings, eighteen silver salt cellars, Sheffield trays and silver service, besides silver candle sticks and Sheffield covered dishes. The beautiful old china had a wide sage green border with a center decoration of a cluster of mixed garden flowers. The dining room furniture was mahogany. In my childhood I had in my room a gorgeous old set of mahogany with the four poster bed, big wardrobe and heavy marble top dresser. After we left Columbus, Miss., the house, unoccupied, caught fire and the old set burned because firemen could not unlock the bolted bed and the wardrobe was too big to get through the door. In the fire we lost many lovely heirlooms.

Dunston Banks was considered a wealthy man and a large landowner. He was deeply religious and my father said,

charitable and just in all his dealings. He looked well to the health and comfort of a large number of slaves and house servants.

My grandmother was famous as a housekeeper. Older citizens of Columbus told me that she gave elegant dinners and entertained lavishly until her health failed. Grandmother was most charitable and during the war gave generously of her time and means to nursing sick soldiers and the poor of Columbus. In her home life she was the personification of the perfect wife and mother. My father adored his mother.

Of my parents homelife it too was ideal. I never heard either my father or mother say a harsh word to each other. My father, like his father, was devoted to his family and denied his children nothing within his power to give them. My mother was educated at the old Nashville Female Institute, one of the fashionable girls schools of the south before the war. She was one of the most cultured women I ever knew. She was considered as beautiful in person as in character.

Our home—well just “free hearted hospitality” was always the order of the day. For eight years we lived in Jackson, Miss., and throughout that time our home from one year’s end to the other was thronged with young people. During sessions of the legislature we children had the joy of meeting many of the state’s most outstanding men, a number of whom knew and loved my father which meant my lovely mother had her hands full as the wives of father’s friends were her friends too.

Memphis, Tenn., 1937.

HENRY AND LEMUEL BANKS

These two brothers were minors at the time of their father’s death in 1823, Henry being nineteen years old and Lem seventeen. To them was devised the Beaver-dam plantation on the Savannah river, with all its farming implements, stock of all kinds and some twenty-eight slaves. Never were brothers more devoted or more congenial. For many years they continued partners in the Beaver-dam property, and then Lem felt it best to follow his father-in-law, Gen’l James Tait, to Mississippi, which at that time was the

“wild and woolly west.” The brothers could not long be separated and in 1839 Henry, led by his own inclination as well as his brother’s importunities, resolved also to go west. His elegant home in Lexington, Ga., was sold to Gov. George R. Gilmer and his river plantation was also disposed of. Then he took up the long journey to join his brother Lem, who had already purchased a house and lands for him. The distance from Oglethorpe county Ga., to De Soto county, Mississippi was only some five hundred miles, but it took an entire month to complete the journey. One who witnessed the picturesque scene as the caravan wended its way Westward says, ‘It was an imposing and interesting spectacle. First came ‘my lady’ with three young children and maid in the family carriage; which was followed by numbers of ‘white topped’ canvass covered wagons bearing the negro women and children, and the furniture and household stuff. After these came the men and boys driving the herd of cattle and droves of hogs. The slaves were all comfortably clad and well shod, and made a happy-go-lucky crew careless of tomorrow and satisfied with today. Riding on horseback and overlooking his possessions was the husband, father and master, Henry Banks. His watchful eye was over all, providing for their comfort, seeing that neither human or brute should suffer want or discomfort in the long journey. Wherever night found them there they camped usually near a stream of water or a pioneer’s cabin where the wife and children might lodge. The ruddy glow of the camp-fire against the blackness of night, the moving figures of those feeding the tired animals, the sizzling of frying bacon, the bubbling and boiling of big coffee pots sending out rich aroma on the sweet night air, the lusty pones of corn hoe cakes, these and many others details have been remembered for nearly seventy years, by one who was of the travellers in that memorable journey. It has been said that Henry and Lem Banks, never differed except on one point.

Henry was an intense Democrat, while Lem belonged to the Whigs, that conservative party to which most of his family and their connection adhered. Henry took great delight in political

matters, and threw himself ardently into every campaign. Never seeking office himself, feeling he had a kingdom of his own in his family and slaves, he helped his friends most effectively in their aspirations. He was much in demand as a stump-speaker and the services he so freely rendered were highly valued. In the heated campaign of '44 when the "Great Harry of the West" was pitted against James K. Polk, a Democratic mass meeting was held in Hernando, Mississippi. Jefferson Davis and other prominent men of the Democratic party were the speakers of the occasion. At the conclusion of their speeches there was a call for "Banks, Banks" from every side. Mr. Banks hesitated to take the stand after such a brilliant array of talent till his admirers bore him to the platform. Their enthusiasm gave him confidence and he made a masterly speech which was pronounced by competent judges the finest delivered that day. Had he chosen to devote himself to a political life he could have had any office in the power of his fellow citizens to confer. He had all the necessary elements of a politician in his make up, genial, whole souled, jovial, full of humor, clear headed and a leader of men. "He counted his friends by the number of his acquaintances."

When he had completed his commodious and elegant house near Hernando he proposed a "warming." He requested his wife to have a feast prepared for the entertainment of his friends.

When the appointed day came, much to the disgust of the lady of the house and her servants, who heartily scorned "poor white trash" these came trooping in from all parts of the country and were the only guests of the occasion.

Hearts that were not used to gladness were made happy by this distinction, while none enjoyed the day more than the kindly host, whose benevolence to his fellowman knew no limit. Though Henry and Lem Banks differed on political matters they were a unit when it came to those weightier things that pertain to the salvation of the soul and the uplifting of humanity. They not only professed religion, but practiced its ennobling principles in their daily lives. Like the patriarchs of old the family altar had an abiding place in their homes, and the incense of prayer and

praise went up morning and evening, from parents and children and servants. The wealth that was poured into the laps of these godly men they recognized as the Lord's gift, and gladly they gave back to Him of His own, contributing liberally to every demand of the church and of humanity.

The call came to Henry Banks in mid-life and was a sudden one, but he was prepared to meet it, calmly he spoke the parting words. Commending his wife and children to the care of his brother-in-law and adding, almost with his latest breath, "see that my servants are always made comfortable."

A few years later his beloved brother, Lem Banks, the companion of his boyhood and of his manhood, followed him to the Land of Rest.—G. B. Y.

MARION BANKS (Bachelor)

By FRANK S. MOODY

On the Huntsville road half a mile east of the city of Tuscaloosa, and adjoining the lands of the University of Alabama, was situated the homestead of Marion Banks. The premises contained five or six acres. The residence, which was a small one-story house, and built of brick in front and in the rear of wood, stood about one hundred yards from the road. Twenty or thirty steps in front of the house was a paling fence, and in front of the fence was a lawn which extended to the road. Two rows of cedars lined the walk which led from the fence to the house. The building was doubtless erected by Marion Banks between 1824 and 1830, and was owned and occupied by him for more than fifty years. During this occupancy the cedars and the absence of children and all merriment gave the house a rather sombre aspect.

Marion Banks was born in Georgia in 1813. Of his early life we know but little. For a year or two he attended the University of Georgia. When the University of Alabama was opened in 1831 he attended that institution, and he was there graduated in 1833, being one of its first graduates. When a young man he must have been a fine specimen of physical

manhood. He was six feet and two or three inches tall, broad-shouldered, well proportioned and as straight as an Indian. We can imagine that when he was twenty years of age he was just such a man as a football team of the present day would select for their "center rush." He was a director of the State Bank at Tuscaloosa in 1841. During that year he was elected a member of the General Assembly of Alabama, and he was re-elected in 1843. In 1851 he was again elected to that body. He was a trustee of the University of Alabama from 1870 to 1884, when he resigned. In the early history of the State, when there were so many conflicts with Indians and so much talk of war, the militia of the State was an important body. Mr. Banks was a member of this branch of the public service, and rose to the rank of Major.

"Uncle Marion," as I always called him, was one of the most innocent men that I ever knew. This innocence, however, did not grow out of a lack of force. He had opinions and preferences, and of both he was tenacious. But he had not any desire to do harm or injustice to anybody. The positions which he held show that he was a useful man and had fine capacity. But he did not lead a strenuous life. Though possessing some of the qualities of leadership, he cared but little for notoriety or fame. He had good property for those times, and during his early and middle life he desired to see his means increase, but he did not worry himself about making money. He liked repose better than action. His manners were quiet and dignified. He did not hunt up new acquaintances, and he was a little shy in the presence of strangers. But in a small company of friends he was free to talk, and sometimes almost jolly. He had a sense of humor and a good knowledge of human nature. It is said that when a candidate for the Legislature he was once addressing a number of his constituents not noted for their intelligence. "Fellow citizens," he said, "I an't got much larnin. But when I knows a thing I knows it as good as anybody." He was a man of domestic tastes and did not seem to care much for travel. He was fond of reading the papers, and he kept well up with the politics and movements of the times.

In some respects he was peculiar, if not remarkable. He never married. But this was not caused by a lack of appreciation of woman. It grew out of bashfulness and timidity. He admired woman from afar. His honest face, intelligent mind and sympathetic heart would have made him an attractive beau. But he seemed to dread the presence of the gentler sex. I have heard my father, who was his contemporary, say that if Major Banks was about to meet one or two young ladies on the street he would immediately cross to the other side in order that he might escape the battery of their eyes. On one occasion he ventured to ask the latter to take him to call on a young lady who lived at the house where my father was boarding. With much apprehension he ventured to call on the young lady. Thinking that it would be pleasant for several young people to be at the house on the occasion when Major Banks and my father were to call, my father asked his friend, the owner, and the host of the occasion, to invite several young people to the house at that time. When Major Banks and my father entered the room the former was surprised at finding that others were there. He was so much embarrassed that he dropped into a chair not far from the door. There he sat in a sort of tremor for half an hour, and said almost nothing. At last he concluded that he could stand it no longer, and broke the silence by saying, "Moody, let's go." This dread of ladies' society was almost a disease. He seemed to be afraid of his lady relatives, even though they were married. I think that he loved my mother as much as he loved any lady in town except his sister. But he rarely came to my father's house except when my mother was away from town. His habits were temperate, and his manner of living was regular and systematic. In the morning he would go to town in his buggy. He generally drove a mule, and of mules he seemed to be a good judge. About noon he returned home. In the afternoon he would go to town again and return about sundown. After supper he read the papers and retired at a reasonable hour. He was a good liver. But there was never much conviviality at his home. He was scrupulously honest and upright. It would be hard to find a man who was more so. He was plain and sincere, and disliked sham and pretense. When I was a boy

here was in Tuscaloosa a large and handsome livery stable which fronted on Main Street. In the front of this stable men would sometimes stop on their way to town and sit and talk and watch the horses. Uncle Marion stopped there on one occasion with a friend. After a while a certain man came up and joined in the conversation—a man whose character Uncle Marion did not respect. Presently Uncle Marion suggested to his friend that they move on, and when they had gone a little distance he told his friend that he did not care to stay there and pretend to be friendly with the man whom he did not like. After leading the life above described for several decades Uncle Marion was at length caught in the meshes of love. Poor old man! He had the disease, and he had it as bad as a boy of sixteen. During the latter part of his life he would sometimes go off in the summer to the springs. On one of these occasions he met a lady who seemed to fascinate him completely. They played ten-pins together, they took walks, and they sat on the gallery. How he ever got into conversation with her, or ventured to assist her up the steps, or sit by her side, nobody knows. But when he came home after one of these trips the new state of the Major's heart became known all over Tuscaloosa. He could not keep it. What young man could? What old man could bear such a transformation in secret? It was interesting to hear Uncle Marion describe the many attractions of this wonderful woman. She was so "sensible," so "discreet," so "prudent," and so everything that he admired in woman. It was whispered in Tuscaloosa that "Barkis" was probably "willin'." Uncle Marion's relatives advised him to marry. He loved like a youth. But, unlike a youth, he took time to consider. He deliberated over the matter for a year or more. To the advice of his friends he gave this peculiar and herioc reply: "A man should not make a fool of himself twice. I acted a fool once by not marrying when I was young, and I should not act the fool again by marrying when I am old." So he lived and died a bachelor. The benevolence of Uncle Marion was one of his chief characteristics. It had much of the quality that does not let the left hand know what the "right hand doeth."

His heart was full of sympathy for the unfortunate. His slaves had been the object of his tender care. His indulgence to them may make it doubtful whether they were a profitable investment. He had a plantation fifteen or twenty miles from Tuscaloosa, comprising some two thousand acres of land. When he came to make his will a few years before his death he devised to his old faithful house servant a life estate in his house in town. To eight or ten of his old slaves who were heads of families he gave his entire plantation. It is of interest to note that in his will he intrusted to Harvey, who was a full-blooded negro and had been his foreman, the duty of dividing the plantation among these families. It seems that Harvey discharged his duty with so much equity and fairness that no dispute arose about the matter of the division.

The peacefulness of these old negroes and their respect for the white people among whom they lived reflect credit upon the teachings of their old master.

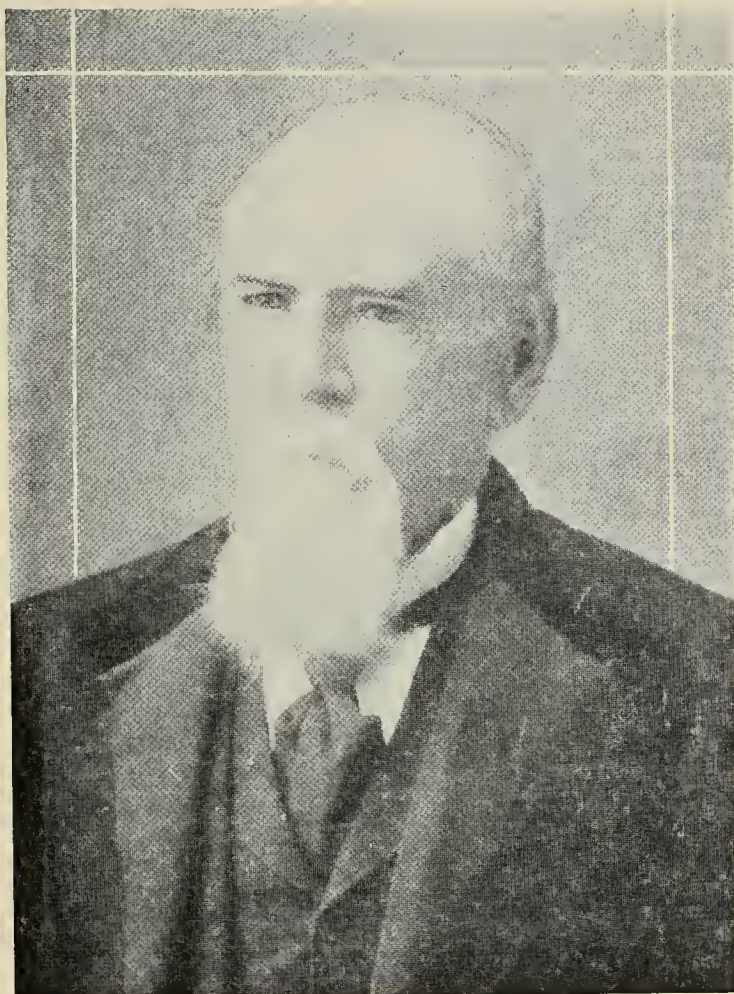
Major Banks died suddenly at his home on January 16, 1886, regretted by all the people of Tuscaloosa.

Tuscaloosa, Ala., March 3, 1906.

JAMES OLIVER BANKS

"An honest man's the noblest work of God" was formerly an oft-repeated quotation. We hear less of it in these degenerate days, when men in high as well as low places are filling their coffers with ill-gotten gain, when riches are wrung from the sweat of the poor man's brow, and from the tears of the widow and orphan. Yet the good are not all dead, and there are many thousand men throughout this broad land who stand unimpeachable, whose escutcheons are untarnished and whose names are unsullied. Such an one was James Oliver Banks who passed into the Great Beyond November 10, 1904.

He was one of the two children of Willis and Mary Gray Banks that attained maturity. He was reared in Alabama's "Druid City," Tuscaloosa, when it was the capital of the state



JAMES OLIVER BANKS
1829—1904

and the seat of culture, refinement and religion. The inherent nobility of his nature was fostered by the best influences, and he came to manhood under the most auspicious circumstances. He was graduated from the University with the class of '49, and soon after went to Philadelphia and matriculated as a student of medicine in Jefferson College. It was not his purpose to practice the profession of medicine, but he took his degree that he might be fitted to ameliorate the condition of the sick and suffering on his plantations, where medical attention was difficult to secure.

Soon after his return from Philadelphia his father died, leaving him a large estate. Most young men of his years—barely twenty-three—under the circumstances would have plunged into a life of dissipation and reckless extravagance. James Banks showed no such tendency. He first found him a good wife—which is always a gift “from the Lord”—and then settled down with her to make a happy home.

He purchased a handsome house with extensive grounds, and equipped his establishment with every needed comfort and such luxuries as were obtainable. No man was ever more tender and faithful as a husband, or more loving and indulgent as a father. In his business life he was the synonym of all that was upright and honorable. Though strong in his convictions, he never obtruded them upon others, but with characteristic liberality allowed every man the right to his own opinions. For more than fifty years he led a blameless life before his fellow-townsmen in Columbus, Miss., and when he went from their midst they could but say a good and true man has gone from us, a Chevalier Bayard, *sans peur et sans reproche*.

During the war between the States James O. Banks rendered faithful service. He was made Captain of a company that had been equipped by his brother-in-law, Gen. Jephtha V. Harris. The company first went out with Gen. Wither's Alabama Brigade, but subsequently became Company I of the Forty-third Mississippi Regiment, of which, in 1863, he was made Colonel, having risen step by step to that rank.

Col. Banks was in a number of engagements during the war. His command was first stationed at Pensacola; after the burning of the Navy Yard, by order of the Confederate Government, it was ordered to North Mississippi. Then began his active soldier life. He took part in the battles of Corinth, Chickasaw Bayou, Franklin, that almost bloodiest battle of the war; was in the seige of Vicksburg, took part in the engagements around Atlanta, and was with his command at Goldsboro, N. C., at the time of Lee's surrender.

In mid-life Col. Banks, with calm deliberation and a thorough conviction that he had chosen what was best for him, assumed the sacred vows of the Protestant Episcopal Church, remaining in its communion to the end and liberally aiding in the support of its and many other benevolent institutions.—G. B. Y.

EDWARD SIMS

In 1812, Sally, eldest daughter of Ralph and Rachel Banks, came to Alabama as the bride of Edward Sims. This stalwart Virginian was born in the "mother of states and statesmen," May 25th, 1783. Subsequently his parents moved to Caswell county, N. C., and from thence he went to Elbert county, Georgia. Mr. W. C. Smith in his reminiscenses says: "Mr. Sims was a man of large frame, robust in health and constantly accustomed to horse-back exercise. He knew no fatigue, and would travel day and night if necessary in the prosecution of his business.

"Mr. Sims was one of the earliest settlers of Tuskalooza, and in 1822 with David Scott opened up a large mercantile business in that town. This firm built the brick storehouse afterwards known as the "Bee-Hive." Mr. Sims also embarked extensively in land purchases. He built a handsome brick residence near Tuskalooza, which was the pleasant resort of the young and gay society of the day. The Methodist Church never had a more devoted member, and he made earnest efforts to bring the church and its institutions, including its male and female academies, into prosperity. He built a brick house and gave it to the Methodist

Church, for an academy. It was known as the 'Sims Female Academy.' He also united with others in building a beautiful edifice known as the 'Tuskaloosa Female Academy.' Later he again opened his liberal hand in the cause of education and energetically pushed to completion, 'The Methodist Female Academy and Boarding School.' Mr. Sims died August 4, 1840, at which time he was regarded a man of great wealth.

Of his wife Sally Banks Sims, Judge Moody, her son-in-law, says: "She was a woman of rare good sense, judgment, dignity, and piety and I owe her a debt of gratitude I can never repay, for providing me with a wife so beautiful in character as Jane Sims." Of this lovely woman it was said, if she had a fault it was that "of erring on the side of mercy, till she lost sight of justice to herself"—a woman of "tenderest sympathy for others, and ever modest and serene." This daughter, Mrs. Moody, was one of several children reared by Edward and Sarah Sims, and to these the best social, educational, and religious advantages were accorded.

The parents had the supreme satisfaction of seeing their children develop into noble maturity, as the sun-kissed bud unfolds into the fragrance and beauty of the perfect flower.

Edward and Sarah Sims were largely instrumental in building the first brick Methodist Church in Tuscaloosa, Ala. It is still a beautiful and well preserved structure. One of its stained glass windows is dedicated to the memory of "Edward Sims and his wife Sarah Banks Sims." Under the white lily that forms its central ornament is inscribed: "Blessed are the pure in heart."

LUCY BANKS YONGE

OF COLUMBUS, GA.

Lucy Banks Yonge, my grandmother, died in the winter of 1928. Nine years is a long time but I remember her as if it were yesterday. In fact I think time has sharpened the image I will always carry in my heart.



LUCY BANKS YONGE
1842—1928

Grandmother was in her seventies when I became old enough to distinguish her as an individual. She was eighty-six when she died (my junior year in college). Over a period of a decade or more she was the most sympathetic and understanding confidant that a boy ever had. She never lost her touch with youth. My boyhood friends were equally devoted to "Miss Lucy" as they affectionately called her.

She was a small woman. Her iron grey hair was parted neatly in the middle. Her eyes blinked with undimmed luster from behind gold rimmed glasses. She always wore black dresses and often used a light woolen shawl tossed around her shoulders.

Her life was simple and pleasant. Yet I know grandmother enjoyed living. She was up early, often made her own fire in the winter months and ate breakfast with the family. After breakfast grandmother would read the Bible for at least a half hour before starting on the days duties. It was a small brown volume with well thumbed pages and book mark of bright red silk. Yet grandmother did not go to church. She was essentially a religious person without being concerned with denominations. I know she was a Methodist yet that to me is unimportant. If ever a Christian lived on this earth she was one.

After dinner, this was before the day of lunch, grandmother had a nap, went for a walk, occasionally went to town, and then read her book and the daily newspaper. She never lost interest in current events and would discuss political and economic movements with great understanding and insight.

But supper was always the favorite meal of the day. There was much discussion and laughter. Then she would retire to a great rocking chair either in the sitting room or on the front porch depending on the season. Often she would read to me or tell amusing and interesting stories of the war between the States when Sherman's raiders were terrifying the countryside.

Though broadened by travel and wide reading grandmother was loyal to the Confederacy and always felt that the South was defeated by sheer force of numbers alone. Her father, a comparatively wealthy man before 1860, was ruined financially by

the war and during those long years from Lee's surrender to the turn of the century she endured hardships and deprivation that would have embittered forever a less generous person.

A typical daughter of the old south, she was born in Columbus, Georgia, November 9, 1842, the eleventh child of John and Sarah A. Watkins Banks, pioneer local citizens. She was educated at Patapsco Institute of Baltimore, Maryland, graduating in June, 1859, returning home at the outbreak of the war. She had nine brothers, three of whom were killed while serving in the Confederate Army.

On March 27, 1872, Sarah Lucy Banks married Edward Willis Yonge of Geneva, Alabama. Mr. Yonge served as Captain in the Confederate Army and shared the ideals and beliefs of his wife. They had a long and happy life. Mr. Yonge preceded his wife to the grave by nine years. They had three children, John Banks Yonge, Mary Ellis Yonge, and Sarah Watkins Yonge.

Sam J. Slate, Jr.
1937

LEMUEL BANKS

BY WILLIAM STONE FITZGERALD

In the records of the Banks family and connection, surely the character and career of Lera Banks deserve special mention, on at least three counts.

Mr. Banks, in the first place, was for many years one of the most prominent figures in the business life of the city of Memphis, especially in the cotton industry, and the agricultural interests of the Memphis territory in general. On his own plantations, in Mississippi and Arkansas, he was a large planter of cotton, and he was always a close student of the problems that faced the industry. Perhaps no man in the city of Memphis was more frequently asked for advice in these matters, and no one's decisions were more generally accepted. He repeatedly held office in the agricultural organizations connected with the city Chamber of Commerce, and

was a trusted adviser in the organization and conduct of the Tri-State Fair. Doubtless Mr. Bank's most important contribution to the prosperity of the city and its agricultural territory was his pioneer work on a large scale in the diversification of crops, and his constant and effective efforts in spreading the diversification gospel. The Banks and Danner farm in Arkansas, a twenty-five thousand acre plantation, was for many years the accepted model of the diversification program. Mr. Banks business interests extended also to other fields, including wholesale groceries, banking, and a steamboat line on the Mississippi.

In the second place, Mr. Banks was extraordinarily interested in life, in people, in plain folks. What people thought, said, did—and why—were matters of perennial interest to him. He had a mind that was both philosophical and judicial. He had one of the largest and best-selected private libraries in the city, and was a broad and yet discriminating reader. His memory was tenacious and his mind was encyclopedic. He was an intensely interested observer of life, and a most interesting commentator thereon.

Lastly, and more especially of interest to those for whom this Banks record has been prepared, Lem Banks had probably a more active and affectionate interest in the Banks clan, collectively and individually, than anyone else of the connection. He knew more Bankses personally; he knew their family history; he knew their geographical distribution. He travelled extensively throughout the South in order to meet and make friendly connection with those of the Banks name or blood. And many of these, as well as many a man who had no such personal or family claim upon Lem Banks, received generously of his advice, his time, his active efforts to advance their interests or comfort, and his financial aid. In the city that he loved, in many a family circle, in many an individual heart, the death of Lem Banks left a vacancy that can never be filled.

Durham, N. C., 1937

EDUCATION IN THE FAMILY

BY GEORGIA BUTT YOUNG

The education to be derived from books does not seem to have occupied a very large place in the mind of Ralph Banks.

He had not been lacking in advantages himself, but to what extent can only be judged by his penmanship and the conduct of his affairs. He wrote a clear, bold hand and certainly carried on his business affairs in an admirable manner. It seems singular, almost unpardonable, that he allowed but two of his sons collegiate training, though amply able to provide the best advantages for each of his large family. His fourth son, Richard, was sent, first, to the University of Georgia and, later to the University of Pennsylvania, where he received his medical degree, and his youngest son, Marion, was a graduate of the University of Alabama. Probably the shrewd father of this large family discerned in his children different capacities; some he supposed fitted by nature for a professional life, while in others he discerned the strong trading instinct that would lead to mercantile and commercial success, and others still would find, as he had done, the fullest fruitage in the independent and comfortable life of a planter.

One Tarnover Rucker had the school training of the older sons, and he must have been a superior teacher, or they very apt scholars. Certainly the foundation was well laid, for these pupils of his came to be men of fine intelligence and some of them of large culture. Alexander Speer and James McDowell also had a hand in teaching these "young ideas how to shoot." After all, it is not the teacher, or the school, but the boy himself that is the determining factor in an education. The greatest men America has produced had not half the advantages provided by Ralph Banks for his children.

However, as the years went by, and the country became more settled, better schools were established and in these of the villages of Elberton, Petersburg and Ruckersville the children of Ralph Banks obtained as good educations, other than collegiate, as were to be had in those times.

The daughters shared with their brothers whatever advantages these schools afforded, and their acquirements were by no means indifferent. They wrote neatly and legibly, and were thoroughly drilled in spelling, reading, geography, Murray's grammar, Johnson's dictionary and arithmetic to the rule of three, this being considered a fitting boundary to their mathematical attainments of the girls of that period. In addition to these they acquired some knowledge of astronomy and botany and were given to parsing the poetry of Cowper, Young, or Milton. Their knowledge of ethics came from *The Book*, itself. It was left to a later generation to absorb as best they could the profound concepts of the old theologies, Paley, Butler, and Abercrombie.

From the country school, these young girls, in their early teens, were sent to a "finishing school," where instruction in music, painting and fancy work was given. Here they worked their samplers and got into the mysteries of cross, tent, chain, button-hole, stem and lace stitches. Specimens of their dainty handiwork are still to be seen and rival that done in the convents of France. One of the daughters of Ralph Banks embellished her own bridal veil, using a large square of filmy silk net and covering the centre with daisies in outline work, while clusters of the same flower formed a rich border. Yellow with age and falling to pieces with its own weight, this heirloom is still in the family.

This daughter, and perhaps her sisters, painted miniature designs in water color with a delicacy of touch and precision of outline that was regarded essential in the artists of the early part of the last century.

It goes without saying that in all domestic accomplishments their skilled mother trained her daughters to that excellency that made them notable housewives when called to the head of their own establishments.

Ralph Banks' library was a limited one, but it was made the best of. The girls found delight in the grewsome story of the "Children of the Abbey." "Alonzo and Melissa" appealed to their tenderest emotions, while "Charlotte Temple" was read

by all young ladies of that day that they might learn a moral lesson from the too confident heroine of that romance.

But there were other books to be read and dutifully studied; the Bible, "Baxter's Saints Rest," "Life of Mrs. Fletcher," and such literature, beside ponderous histories and biographies of noted worthies.

These young ladies had their note books and they dutifully kept their journals, in which the commonplace records of the day were interspersed with impromptu drawings and religious expressions.

The religious and moral training of the children of Ralph and Rachel Banks came in for a large measure of attention. It has been stated elsewhere that Bishop Asbury frequently found a resting place with the family in his Episcopal tours through the Georgia settlements. He, with those early itinerants, William Parks, William Arnold, the learned Dr. Stephen Olin, the saintly Hope Hull and the eloquent, and at that time, young Lovick Pierce made a profound religious impression upon the settlers of the eastern portion of Georgia. Hundreds and thousands were lead by these preachers of righteousness to better lives and the majority of those converted from the error of their ways aligned themselves with the Methodist Church.

Among the number were Ralph Banks and his brothers and sisters and their families. Ralph was a sturdy Methodist, his wife, Rachel, a saintly one. His religion was coercive, hers persuasive. Between the two their children became earnest Methodists and their grand children and great-grand children have, for the most part, continued their connection with this "household of faith."

Let it be said to the honor of those who have affiliated with other branches of the Church of Christ, that in every instance they were actuated by the purest motives and have proven faithful and sincere in their religious profession and efficient as church workers.

Both by precept and example the noblest principles were instilled into the minds and hearts of the children of these godly

parents. "If your neighbor steals your corn, that doesn't make it right for you to rob his smoke house"; "If you are spoken ill of, that doesn't make it right to speak ill of others"; "Tell the truth if the stars fall"; "Do right and leave results with God." These and similar aphorisms were often on the lips of Rachel Banks.

In those days when every pair of hands kept busy and every pair of feet had its errand to perform there was not any need for what we now call physical culture, there was in every life muscular activity enough to meet the demands of health, but a valuable adjunct to this was the daily bath. Streams of water ran through each of the plantations of Ralph Banks. In these nature-made natatoriums every well person on each place was expected to take a daily plunge whenever the weather permitted. "Cleanliness is next to Godliness," was a firm conviction in this family. No wonder with their physical training the sons grew up to stalwart manhood and the daughters to rosy, rounded womanhood. A pure, simple, wholesome life was that of the family of Ralph Banks and its goodly influence is yet felt by his descendants.

WILL OF RALPH BANKS, SR.

In the name of God, Amen.

I, Ralph Banks, of Elbert County and State of Georgia, being of sound mind and memory though weak in body do this twenty-fourth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three make and Publish this my last will and Testament in the manner following, that is to say, first, I give and bequeath unto my two sons, Henry Banks and Lemuel Banks, all that tract of land lying on Savannah river bought of Joseph W. Bibb & all the negroes that I work at my Bever Dam Plantation including every thing thereto belonging, except the crop and one negro man named Solomon and one negro girl named Winney and her child. Item,

I give and bequeath unto my son, Marion Banks, all that tract of land on Little Cold Water Creek and one hundred and fifty three acres adjoining said Land on the South side. Old

Bill and his wife, Patience, one negro man, Kit and his wife, Izzy and their children, four boys, Larkin & Pleasant, Jessie & Reuben including all the stock & crops & tools on said Plantation. Item, I give and bequeath unto Rachel all the tract of land on Big Cold Water Creek, it being the place where I now live, old Hannah, old Lett Peter & his wife, Johnston & his wife, Fanny, Milly, Nancy Jenkins, Harry Webster & Thompson, all my household furniture. Four choice of my horses all the other stock including the Plantation tools, waggons, gear and riding Carriage. Item, I give and bequeath unto my son, Ralph Banks, two tracts of Land adjoining on Leatherwood creek in Frankling county and one negro boy, Lidsay as to my other children, that I have settled of such property as I put into their possession including Land & negroes to be theirs by being in their possession, the remainder of my property both real and personal after giving my wife fifteen hundred dollars in cash, to be equally divided between my ten sons and my three daughters. I hereby make and ordain my son, Thomas A. Banks and my son, John Banks executor of this my last Will and Testament in witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of we, William Adams, William Bailey, Richard C. Adams.

R. Banks, Sr., Seal

Court of Ordinary

November Term 1823

Georgia

Elbert County

Personally appeared in open Court William Adams William Bailey & Richard C. Banks, Sr.

sign, seal and publish the within instrument of his last will and Testament that they subscribed the same as witnesses in his presence and that he was then of sound and disposing mind.

Sworn to and subscribed this third day of December, 1823.

Test Job Weston CCO

Where upon it was

William Adams

ordered to be

William Bailey

Recorded

Richard C. Adams

Recorded 9th day of November, 1823.

Job Weston C C O.

Georgia Elbert County,

I hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the last Will and Testament of Ralph Banks, Sr., as appears on record on the Ordinary Office of said county. And I further certify I have no clerk, none being necessary and that I am ex-officio Clerk of the Court of Ordinary of said County. Given under my official signature and seal of office this 29th of August, 1905.

J. J. Burch, Ordinary Elbert County

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTORY OF THE ESTATE OF RALPH BANKS

Several thousand acres of land, including the "Big Cold Water," "Little Cold Water," and "Beaver Dam" plantations.

Fifty-seven negroes.

Seventy-two cows, several yoke of oxen, a number of horses, several flocks of sheep and goats, hogs, geese, poultry of other kinds, waggons, carts, carriage, saddles, harness, gear, hames, log chains, axes, weeding hoes, mattocks, hammers, cradles, scythes, chisels, drawknives, ploughs, cleveses, circingles, singletrees, bridles, still, tubs, vats, cross-saws, drawknives, wedges, plains, stock jointers, gofers and stocks, grubbing hoes, cotton spinning wheels, flax wheels, cards, etc., barrels, hogsheads, bushel measures, hides, leather, kip skins, wool, feathers, 10 sheep skins, marking irons, brass screw, blacksmiths' tools, steel yards, carding machine, (valued at \$25) double trees, clevispin and iron, stacks of fodder and hay, cotton gin (valued at \$100) 213 gallons of brandy (valued at \$213), casks, 19 gallons of wine, lime, salt, etc.

Of house-hold furniture there is nine bedsteads and "furniture," several dressing tables and toilettes, side board, tables, cupboard, chests, trunks, clock and Image (valued at \$40), fire dogs, flat irons, shovels and tongs, water vessels, silver, crockery and glass ware, folding desk, waiters, knives and forks, lot of books, chairs and six Winsor chairs, carpets, candle sticks, looking glasses, two shot guns, seventy-four yards of homespun

(valued at \$60.75), counterpanes, bed quilts, tablecloths, blankets, towels, etc., kitchen furniture, \$16 worth of pewter and tins, \$40 worth of castings, loom, sleys and harness for weaving, three lots of cotton valued at $13\frac{3}{4}$ cents a lb., amounting to \$225, \$480, \$404 respectively. (Cotton was not the chief staple in the earlier part of the nineteenth century.)

The appraisalment of this property amounted to some fifty thousand dollars, a sum that would be doubled at present valuations. As an instance, there is in the possession of a member of the family a single set of richly carved mahogany furniture, which alone is worth perhaps half as much as the entire stock of household goods in the inventory was valued at.

It may be interesting to note that the highest estimate put upon any individual slave was six hundred dollars, a few only were so valued and these probably carpenters, wheelwrights or shoemakers. In some instances a husband, wife and two children brought little more and some individual slaves were as low as one hundred dollars.

The fifty-seven slaves mentioned in the will of Ralph Banks would have been worth at the beginning of the war between the states as much as the entire estate was valued at.

It will be remembered that the father of these thirteen children had before his last illness settled off his three daughters and six of his sons. A man who was considered so just in his dealings with others would not have discriminated between his children to any considerable extent. It is unfortunately true that for reasons not altogether clear to a younger generation the father took umbrage at the marriage of one of his sons and did not make as liberal provision for him as for his children. The hard feeling passed before life's final account was made out and it is pleasant to add that this son never lost his place in the mother's heart and seemed specially dear to the brothers and sisters.

In addition to the property that was left for division among the wife and minor sons of Ralph Banks, he left thousands of dollars in notes running from small amounts to four thousand dollars. These notes and all remaining lands and property of whatever

nature were, according to the will, to be equally divided between the ten sons and three daughters. The will of Ralph Banks and inventory are on record in Elberton, Ga.

There is not any public record that Ralph Banks was a soldier of the Revolution, though it is an acknowledged fact that the records both in Washington and the State of North Carolina are very defective. There is however an unquestioned tradition that Ralph Banks served as captain in that great conflict. Dr. Groves refers to a contract between Ralph Banks and another party that was made just prior to the former leaving home to become a soldier. This private document and the tradition justify his descendants in claiming the honor for their ancestors.

In the early settlement of Georgia, "head rights" or land grants were given to settlers and to "soldiers of the line" who had aided and abetted the war. Among the latter are the names of Reuben and Bolin Banks. Between 1783 and 1785 grants of land were made to Thomas Banks, William Banks, John Banks, Ralph Banks, George Banks, Elisha Banks and to others who became allied by marriage, Olivers, Taits, Watkins, Alstons, Maxwells, Napiers, Sims, Blackwells, etc. There are on record the following entries of land. In 1783 John Banks, 100 acres; 1784, Thomas Banks, 250 acres; 1785, Gerard Banks, 400 acres; 1780, Ralph Banks, 1200 acres.

RALPH—RAFE

It is certainly known that since 1757 the name Ralph in the Banks family has been pronounced Ra'ph a long a and silent. The probability is that it was so pronounced from the time that it became a family name through Lady Mary, wife of Sir John Banks, who bestowed it upon her first born son in honor of her father, Sir Ralph Hawtrey.

Since its adoption into the family there have been twelve generations, in eight of which the name appears again and again, and in every known instance it is pronounced Ralph and Rafe.

It has been generally spelt in the latter manner by those more recently bearing it, though their progenitor of Elbert County, Georgia, spelt it Ralph. A number of books bearing his signature, his will and a large number of business papers all have the name spelt Ralph.

OLD BANKS HOME

(*See Frontispiece*)

In the front of the book is found the picture of the original Elbert county home of Ralph and Rachel Banks. We do not know the exact date of the building of the house but we can make an approximate estimate. John Banks, sixth son of Ralph and Rachel says in his diary "My parents were born, raised and married in North Carolina, moved to Georgia about 1788, settled in Elbert county on Cold Water creek where I was born Oct. 27, 1797. My father continued to live at the same place till his death which was on the 26th of Oct. 1823 occasioned by fever." From this we gather that John was born in the same house where years later his father died. So we feel sure this house was built at least by 1797, the date of birth of John Banks. That gives us the age of the house today as one hundred and forty years. It is interesting to know that the house is in a fine state of preservation today and is occupied.

"BEFORE THE WAR" HOUSE GOES MODERN

(From an article by Varian Feare published in the Birmingham (Ala.) News-Age Herald, March 8, 1936. Reproduced by permission of the authoress).

"And now where are we going?" exclaimed the little group assembled about the Black Belt photographs on the study table.

"Eutaw? Oh yes, I remember!" exclaimed Marguerite. "The professor told us about Eutaw. He was quite intrigued with it. Even suggested that if a Good Samaritan like John D. Rockefeller should want to 'restore an ante-bellum city for

Alabama as Williamsburg has been restored for Virginia, Eutaw would be a runner-up in the list for this state."

"And who owns this house we visit today"?

"James Oliver Banks, of Eutaw, president of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Eutaw, one of Green County's leading merchants, lumberman and agriculturists. A man known for his sound ability, his practical views and splendid judgment.

"He is as gracious as his home and his garden. Immaculately clad in soft gray tweeds, he might well have been an English squire of the island's countryside and just out of one of Hugh Walpole's books. His hair is white, but he is alert, energetic, keen. His blue eyes are shrewd, kindly, twinkling all together. And this little volume which he consented to my bringing from his extensively library explains him after a fashion."

"What do you mean"?

"That a comprehensive genealogical record to the human family involved is like a map to a geographical locality. In "The Banks of Elbert," Georgia Butt Young gives a most interesting resume of research done in the name of Banks. She says the name is probably derived from the word banco or bench, a place raised above the level. This refers to the station of the bench in the early banks of commerce whereon the bankers dispensed business. She suggests, too, that wherever the Bankses are found, they are a money-making people.

"The family is traced back to the reign of Edward III of England. Simon Banks, a man of influence and wealth, in 1334 married a Miss Caterton, of Newton.

One branch of the family is traced to Scotland. Sir Hugh Banks, of Ayershire, three of whose children—James, Lucien and Susan—came to Amercia to settle in Maryland and Pennsylvania, seems to lead the Scotch clan, followers of the Presbyterian faith. Members of the English branch are adherents of the Episcopal Church, however.

Thomas Banks was a native of North Carolina. He left that state in 1785 and journeyed south and west to settle in "Broad

Settlement," Elbert County, Georgia. His son, Ralph, also settled here. Ralph, great-grandfather of Mr. Banks returned to the Old North State and married Rachel, lovely daughter of Capt. James Jones and Charity Alston Jones.

"Upon the death of her husband she left Elbert County and journeyed to Tuscaloosa, bringing her sons, Willis and Marion. Willis married Mary Winfrey Oliver. His sixth child was James Oliver Banks. The other son, Marion, is listed as one of the university's first graduates, being of the class of 1832, and was a trustee of the Capstone for many years. James Oliver Banks' mother was Mary Gray Banks.

"Georgia Butt Young gives a sketch of this first James Oliver Banks, father of the James Oliver Banks, of Eutaw. She says: 'The inherent nobility of his nature was fostered by the best influences, and he came to manhood under the most auspicious circumstances. He was graduated from the university with the class of '49. Soon afterward, he went to Philadelphia and matriculated as a student of medicine in Jefferson College.

"'It was not his purpose to practice medicine. He took his degree that he might be fitted to ameliorate the condition of the sick and suffering on his plantations, where medical attention was difficult to secure.

"'Soon after his return from Philadelphia, his father died, leaving him a large estate. Barely 23, he shouldered the responsibility, found a good wife, and then settled down with her to make a happy home.

"'He was a tender and faithful husband, a loving and indulgent father, the synonym of all that was upright and honorable in his business life. He was strong in his convictions but never obtruded them upon others. He rendered faithful service during the War between the States as colonel of the Forty-Third Mississippi Red, C. A. A.'

"His being in Mississippi is explained by his having a large landed estate there. So, December 26, 1867, we find record of our James Oliver Banks' birth at Columbus. When but two years

old, his mother died. Then was the lad brought back to his mother's home in Eutaw to be reared by his grandparents until their death, and then to become the beloved charge of a maiden aunt and bachelor uncle. Judges and lawyers were the Colemans.

"They saw that the lad received all that the schools of Eutaw could offer. Then was he so fortunate as to be one of the students of that outstanding Alabama educator, Henry Tutwiler. In 1887, he was graduated from the classical course at the university and returned home with a Phi Beta Kappa key. This same coveted honor was later to be won by his son, W. C. Banks, who is also a graduate of the university. Now the family watches a grandson in anticipation that he, too, will measure up to the Banks of Elbert.

"Grassdale, in Green County, has been the property of the Banks and Coleman family through a 100 years its acres counting in the thousands, and its original colonial home still intact. Grandfather Coleman was one of Green County's earliest settlers. He is listed as building the first frame house on the Eutaw side of the Warrior in Greene.

"And so one could go on and on into the history of the family, fascinating study that it is. However, we must give a bit of space to the lovely old mansion.

"Its gutters bear the date of 1854. It is done in white with green shutters and is immaculately kept. The fluted Ionic columns arise from their porch base, four in number, to catch the weight of the extended roof. Paneled pilasters skirt the ends of the front facade which is plaster finish. Fluted pilasters are part of the sculptured setup of the entrance door with its narrow side panels, and interesting pediment which eliminates the transom. This entrance, slightly simplified, is repeated in the doorway servicing the gallery which skirts the entire width of the front, its rail and spindles of simple, tasteful design.

"The side facades, with their great twin chimneys of red brick, give the effect of three-story height, due to the attic windows. At the rear is an interesting adjunct, which is probably the original kitchen, of handmade red brick, with filigree work for ventilation as well as a decorative note.

"Mrs. Banks, who was Sarah Henry Buck before her marriage, was our gracious escort. It is evident that she not only has a deep love for the old home's beauty, traditions and keepsakes, but is also a connoisseur of the antique.

"Modernization has given the home an excellent heating system, baths, sleeping porches, and a summer living room. But, in the renovation, the panel trim beneath the windows the door and cornice trim, the mantels, wide flooring, etc., have for the most part been kept as originally featured. Attractive period wall-papers tone in nicely with the home's age.

"We started our adventure-in-seeing from the library. This is a spacious room to the right of the through-hall. Its walls are lined with books many of them rare old volumes that are now out of print. One that particularly appealed to us was an anthology of Eli Sheppard's verses, illustrated with photographs. How we wish we had one like it. A rare old secretary, banquet tables halved to form consoles, rare porcelain and lovely pottery lend to the room's distinction. Over the mantel are two exquisite silhouettes; one of Rachel Banks and the other of her husband, Ralph. In the bonnet and top hat of the eighteenth century, they are treasures.

"In the great hall one can but pause to admire the wind of the stairs and the luster of its wood. On the second floor we find an enclosed stair leading to the great attic. This top floor would be a story alone, were one to do it justice. It is fully windowed. Another stair gives access to the roof."

"And it had treasures, that attic"?

"Loads. Among them the most elegant little trunks with studded trim, square hat boxes of leather, and portmanteaus. From one a bonnet was brought forth that set us laughing."

"Tell us."

"No, we must on. The house is so immense and so replete with excellent antiques, all tastefully arranged, that it is difficult to choose. I shall skip and miss down my list and some day perhaps you may be fortunate enough to be a caller at the lovely old home and see that I do not enlarge.

"In the spacious dining room is a rare mahogany sideboard that belonged to the Coleman family. Its legs are hand-carved and its shapely claw feet fashioned as Celleni devised richness into his designs.

"China and crystal and silver! There is a coffee pot bearing date of 1760, probably a 'made to order.' It is handwrought of solid silver. Its ebony handle is browned soft with age. Originally this graced a Virginian board, having belonged to Mrs. Buck's grandmother.

"On a small mahogany side table, a crystal candelabra with triple-cut prisms gleams out of a myriad of rainbows. Beautiful and rare china pitchers top the china case; a set of pint size coffee cups call us to attention as does a punch bowl of china, delightfully shaped and decorated.

"In the drawing room are family portraits that bring us to a pause. One likes to study out the character depicted, whether the lovely face of the young sister or the stern one of Grandfather Coleman. He must have been a determined man, perhaps at times even a little stubborn where principles were involved. His soft shirt front is uncovered by any cravat. At the portrait of James Oliver Banks, Sr., we linger long and find there all the qualities Georgia Butt Young emphasizes in her splendid description in "Banks of Elbert."

"We can but find interest in a landscape of the Alps because of its painter, Madam LaVert. An old mirror in the hall has added charm when we learn it came from Locust Grove, La., the retreat of Jefferson Davis and his first bride.

"Of the bedroom furniture one could write a book. There is a carved and uniquely filigreed canopy bed that belonged to Madam Lavert Clark. Another of cherry wood with great posts, and one of solid mahogany posts that belonged to Grandmother Coleman. Mrs. Banks found this stored in the great attic when she came as mistress to the lovely old town house. The weight of each post required two men when it was transferred to a bedroom on the second floor.

“Of desks there are many, anyone worthy of a museum place. One especially lovely one has carved acanthus leaves on the set-in pilasters. There is a dresser in a first floor bedroom, hand-made from hard pine. It is as old-fashioned as a basque waist, having a single row of pulls centering its drawers. Other dressers of mahogany and rosewood have delicately-carved pulls fashioned like leaves. There are shaving sets, rare old cologne bottles, rocker tables, top chests of drawers, samplers done on handspun linen, lamps devised, and wired, of decanters. At the turn of the stairs sits a grandfather’s clock.”

“Oh dear, why do you have to hurry over it so? I wish I could see one of the samplers done on handloomed linen.”

“The one in the downstairs bedroom has stitches equal to the finest Chinese cross-stitch. The alphabet is depicted thereon and perky little dogs that lift their feet like thoroughbreds.

“Some day perhaps you will be so fortunate as to visit the lovely home, to meet its master and mistress. Meantime, we may rest at ease, knowing it is secure in the care that comes of love.”

SOME HEIRLOOMS

Among the valuable heirlooms owned by Mrs. Mattie Banks Telford, daughter of Joseph H. Banks and grand-daughter of Dr. Richard Banks, is a book bearing date of 1602, on the fly leaf of which, in beautifully written characters, is the name, “James Banks.” This book was given by Rachel, wife of Ralph Banks, to their son, “Lemuel” and probably given by the latter to his brother Richard. Another of Mrs. Telford’s heirlooms is a spoon marked “C. B.” and having the date, “1741.” It would be interesting to know to whom these belonged and what relation they bore to the Elbert county Bankses. Mrs. Telford has other heirlooms of interest beside the book and spoon above mentioned, but none of as much antiquity. These facts are given in the hope of aiding some future student of the subject to a fuller knowledge of the family ancestry.

The late Mrs. Lucy Banks Yonge, of Columbus, Georgia, fell heir to a number of silver spoons that had been her grandfather, Ralph Banks'. Her most prized possession was the Bible which Ralph bought and presented to Rachel and which bears the name of Rachel Banks in gilt letters. This Bible contains all the family records inscribed in Ralph's handwriting.

Georgia Young Hopkins of Columbus, Miss., possesses a silver butter knife that has been in constant use since 1822. It was owned by Priscilla Banks Butt.

Mrs. Sallie Peacock Dimon of Columbus, Ga., takes pride in her horsehair sofa with matching chairs which adorn her parlor at "The Cedars," the home of John Banks, son of Ralph and Rachel. This furniture was purchased by John Banks for The Cedars and stands today in the same parlor where Anna Josephine Banks, daughter of John Banks was married to Gideon James Peacock and where later Sallie Peacock married Kelly Dimon. Years passed and their daughter, Josephine Dimon was married in the same room to John McKay, to be followed later by her sister, Zilpha, who took her marriage vows to Eli Aveett in the same room. The oil portraits of John Banks and his wife, Sarah Watkins hang in this parlor silently pronouncing their benediction on these wedding scenes.

The originals of the silhouettes appearing in the front of this book are prized possessions of Mr. Rafe Banks of Gainesville, Georgia.

ALLIED FAMILIES

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The younger brothers and the sons of Ralph Banks had not far to go to find their wives. Among their neighbors of the Broad River settlement and the adjacent country these were admirable young women of the best old families, just suited to their minds. James Banks, Sr., and his nephew, James Jones Banks married sisters of the family of

ALSTON

The American founder of the house, John Alston, was son of John Alston and Anne Wallis. He was baptized in Feversham, England, December 5, 1673. His ancestral line goes back to Harderic, first King of Saxons, 90 B. C. He settled in Chowan county and served in various public offices during the colonial period. (See sketch of Rachel Jones Banks.) He married Mary Clark and reared a large family. Their son, Solomon married Ann Hinton, and these were grand-parents to Rachel Jones Banks. Their son, James, married Christian Lillington, and their son, James married Grizel Yancey, and these were the parents of Charity and Hannah Alston, who married the uncle and nephew, the two James Banks. The Alstons were a proud, high spirited race, "strong in their attachments and unyielding in their antagonisms,"* yet tender and devoted in the home life and ever ready to befriend him who had no helper.

The brothers, Willis and Henry got their wives from the

OLIVERS

Some time before the Revolutionary war Peter or Thomas Oliver and his wife, Ann McCartie, of the famous Irish family, settled near Petersburg, Va. There, was born in 1735, Dionysius Oliver, who died in Elbert County, Ga., 1808. He married Mary Ann Winfrey, daughter of Valentine Winfrey, of Virginia. Their son, James, married Lucy Clark, of Albermarle, Va. The third child of James and Lucy Clark Oliver, Mary Winfrey, married

*Dr. Groves' "Allstons and Alstons."

Willis Banks. The young wife died within a year, leaving an infant daughter, Mary Winfrey Banks, born in 1820, who married Jephtha Vining Harris, of Madison county, Ga., in 1840. The fourth child of James and Lucy Clark Oliver, Mildred, married James Banks, son of James and Charity Alston Banks and the fifth child, Judith, married Henry Banks. Mrs. E. S. Stubbs gives a full and interesting account of the Olivers in her "Early Settlers."

John Banks, second, married into the extensive family of

WATKINS

The black-eyed beauty whom he selected was Sarah, daughter of John and Susannah Daniel Watkins. The Watkins were from Wales. They were generally black-eyed, energetic and vivacious, fond of flowers and of music. The early Watkins in America were all Methodist. John Watkins was son of James Watkins (born February 5, 1728; died 1800) and Martha Thompson (born 1755). They reared a large family, one of the sons, Joseph, originated the cotton gin. He had one on his plantation that Mrs. General Green took her kinsman, Eli Whitney, to see. He improved the gin in some respects and became known as the inventor.

The sixth child of James and Martha Thompson Watkins was John, born February 12, 1768; died March, 1841; married Susannah, daughter of Chesley and Judith Christian Daniel, in 1799. The Daniels, of North Carolina, descended from James Daniel of Goochland, Va., who married Elizabeth Woodson. Their eldest son, Chesley, married Judith Christian and of them was born Susannah who became the wife of John Watkins. Chesley and Judith Christian Daniel reared a large family and their descendants are widely scattered over the South. One son, Beverly Daniel, never married. He was attorney general of North Carolina. Judith Christian Daniel married David Hughes. They had several children, one of whom, Robert, was Governor of Virginia.

Ralph Banks, the second, got his wife from the Scotch family of

MAXWELL

She must have inherited from her Highland forefathers a love for the "banks and braes" of her home county as she and her husband alone of the large connection spent their lives in one locality. Little is known of her family beyond the fact that they were good people, who lived apart from the haunts of men, happy in themselves and in their mountain home. Elizabeth Maxwell was a good woman, a devoted wife and loving mother.

TAIT

Louisa America Tait, whom Lemuel Banks married, was the daughter of General James Minor Tait (or Tate. The name is spelled either way by members of the same family) and Jane Watkins. The latter was daughter of James Watkins, brother of John, and Jane Thompson. There were a number of marriages between the Watkins and Thompsons, and this stock intermarried with the Bankses. The wives of John and Lemuel Banks were first cousins.

The Taites occupied the best social position and members of the family were distinguished for their high order of talents. They were allied by blood and marriage to leading families of the state.

Dr. Richard Banks went to an adjoining county for his wife. There he found a beautiful young widow, Mrs. Martha Dawson, nee

BUTT

She was the daughter of Jere Butt and his wife, Unity Brown, daughter of Col. Frederick Brown, of Warren County, Ga. The Butt family came to America from Wales, where numbers bearing the name are still found. Some centuries ago one of them went over into England and became allied by marriage to the noble house of Delafield. A descendant of this branch came to America and settled near Norfolk, Va. Here was born William Moses Butt in 1745. He married Susan Eldridge Ross. Subsequently they moved to Halifax County, N. C., and settled a plantation on the Dan river. On the 20th of September, 1781,

while the father was in the army taking part in the campaign during which the famous battles of Guilford Court Houses and Cowpens were fought, his third son, Moses, was born. When this son attained manhood his father sent him to Augusta, Ga., and its vicinity to collect some overdue tobacco notices. The young man was so pleased with the country and it may be added, with Eliza Peace, he daughter of Col. Frederick Brown, of Warren county, that he determined to make his home in Georgia. He married Miss Brown and settled in Columbia county. In 1820 she died, leaving four children. On the 28th of July, 1822, he married Priscilla, youngest daughter of Ralph and Rachel Banks. She was nineteen and he was twenty years older. It is said the difference in their ages and the fact of his already having four children was fully atoned for by his courtly manners, pleasing address and the handsome home to which he took his young wife. Jere Butt, father of Mrs. Richard Banks, was distantly related to his brother-in-law, Moses Butt. The ancestors of the former had settled on the Potomoc river near the present site of Harper's Ferry. There were marriages between this family of Butt and the Portlocks. Two or more of their descendants went to Georgia the latter part of the eighteenth century, settling in Warren and Richmond counties. Many of their descendants are still found in the eastern part of the state occupying the highest social position.

SCOTT—GRAY

Afer the death of his young wife, Mary Winfrey Oliver, Willis Banks did not seek another for some years, then he met Mary Gray. She was the daughter of Hezekiah Gray and Frances Scott, daughter of Capt. James Scott, of the Revolutionary Army, and Frances Collier, only daughter of John Collier, of King and Queen county, Va., and his wife, Nancy Eyres or Epps. Frances Collier was born in 1735. Her father, John Collier, was born in 1680; died in 1735. He was great grandfather to Gov. Collier of Alabama.

The Scott family claim descent from Sir Walter Scott, of Buccleugh, Scotland. Sir Walter Scott, of Abbotsford, belonged

to a collateral branch of the same family. The Epps family claim descent from an ancient and noble line.

Captain James Scott, grandfather of Mrs. Mary Gray Banks, received a pension from the government as a Revolutionary soldier. The national number of his line is 12473 of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

He was a son of Thomas Scott and Ann, daughter of Thomas Baytop, who was born in 1676, in Kent, England.

NAPIER

Mary, the second daughter of Ralph and Rachel Banks, accompanied her sister, Mrs. Sims, to Alabama when she came as a bride in 1812. At an early age the younger sister was married to Dr. Jones, who lived but a short time. After some years of widowhood Mary Banks Jones married John W. S. Napier. It is probable this family came originally from Scotland, though the enugrabt was of English birth. He settled in Virginia and from there one or more of his descendants followed the tide of emigration to North Carolina, fixing their home in Rockingham county, where, in 1797, John Napier was born. There were no nearby schools and educational advantages were hard to procure, but the eager mind of this youth, thirsting for knowledge, overcame his early acquirements were obtained under circumstances that would have daunted a less resolute nature. His services were needed in the field by day and it was only at night by the light of a pine torch that he could pursue his studies. His mental vigor would indicate his kinship to those bearing the same name who made themselves distinguished as soldiers and scholars in England's history. An ancient and interesting legend is given as to the origin of the name. An early king of Scotland was at war. Once, when the day was going against him, Donald, the youngest son of the Earl of Lennox, to avert the disaster, seized the royal standard and with his own hands planted it above the ramparts. The troops that were ready for flight rallied around the flag and saved the day. Afterwards, when the king greeted his victorious

army, he said, "All have done well, but Donald has Na peer," and he begged that the youth assume the compliment as a surname.

After John Napier secured by his own indefatigable efforts a good education he felt that he could not do better than impart to others the advantages he had so craved and he became a teacher. At the same time he was a local preacher of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In his later years, though a large fortune had crowned his efforts as a planter, he regretted that he had not devoted his life to the ministry. That he might, even in his advanced years, further the Master's cause, he, in 1858, endowed the Chair of Biblical Literature in the southern University at Greensboro, Ala. This endowment he considered the crowning work of his life, feeling that thereby he had both served his Maker and helped his fellowman.

WEBB

Dunstan Banks married Lucretia Webb, third child of Thomas and Martha Dickens Webb. Dr. Robert Dickens Webb, in his history of the family, says, "The Webbs were from Dorset, a shire of Southern Wales. In 1544 one Henry Webb is mentioned as the trusty and well beloved servant of Katherine Parr, regent for Henry VIII, during his absence from the kingdom while the siege of Boulogne was going on. This Henry Webb was usher of her majesty's privy bed chamber."

Between 1640 and 1650 two Webbs, Christopher and Mica-jah, or William, came to America. The former settled in Massachusetts, the latter at Smithfield, Isle of Wight county, Va.

The first authentic dates of the family is found in the Bible of James Webb, of Essex county, who was born in 1705, married Mary Edmunson in 1734, died in 1771. His family is mentioned by Bishop Meade in his *Old Virginian Churches and People* as being of the leading families of Eastern Virginian Colonial times.

William, a son of James and Mary Edmunson Webb, married Frances Young and moved to North Carolina, settling in Granville county. His estate was called "Tally Ho," and is still owned

by a descendant of his. At this place his nine children were born. One of these was Thomas Webb, born October 22, 1778. He married Martha Dickens in North Carolina and about 1800 moved to the then territory of Alabama. He settled at Brush Creek, seven miles from Greensboro, where he lived till his death in 1845. Lucretia, the third of his eleven children, was born in 1812 and married Dunstan Banks in 1832. A happy married life ensued, lasting forty years. Mrs. Banks was a handsome woman, always neat and tasteful in her dress and a notable housewife. One of her marked characteristics was a kindly consideration of the poor and a readiness to help all who were needy. She was an invalid for many years, but the devotion of her husband and the tender care of young daughter, Lucretia, did much to ameliorate her sufferings. The Webb coat of arms is a cross, yule, between four falcons; the crest, a duke's coronet with a device eagle. The cross indicates the ancestor was a Crusader.

CHIPMAN

Thomas Alston Banks, eldest of the children of Ralph and Rachel Jones Banks, married Mary Jones, daughter of Joseph Chipman. A tradition in the family claims that the Chipmans came to America in the "Mayflower." They were related to various New England families, among them Gen. Joseph Warren, of Bunker Hill fame. In 1790, or thereabout, Joseph Chipman left Massachusetts with his friend, Job Weston and settled in Savannah, Georgia. Here the two young men formed a business partnership. Subsequently they removed to Elbert county. There Joseph Chipman married Nancy Jones. Job Weston never married. He became clerk of the court at Elberton, and on the 23rd of October, 1823, wrote the will of Ralph Banks. Joseph and Nancy Jones Chipman had five children. The daughters were married to Thomas Banks, Elbridge Gerry Cabiness, Augustus Hawkins and Issac Parks. Some of these moved West and their descendants are lost sight of. The families of the others are still prominent in social and public life in Georgia.

Previous to his marriage to Betty White, Thomas Banks, Sr., had married, in 1741 Sarah Chandler.

There were born of this marriage three children:

Richard Banks, born August 23, 1744; Thomas Banks, born November 25, 1747; Sallie Chandler Banks born June 4 1748. These children had attained middle life and had probably married and settled in North Carolina before their father went, in 1785, to Georgia with the eldest child of his second marriage, Ralph Banks.

It may have been the above mentioned Richard Banks who was sheriff of Raleigh, North Carolina, under the British Crown, just before the Revolutionary war.

In his old age, Thomas Banks contracted a third marriage, this being with Susannah Hunt. On the 23rd of December, 1788, a son, Thomas Banks, was born to them. After the death of her aged husband in 1789 the widow took her child to Illinois. A Federal soldier, captured during the Civil war, in North Mississippi, claimed to be of that family, the only instance known of one of the blood fighting on the wrong side.

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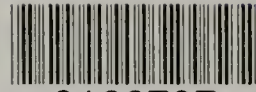
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