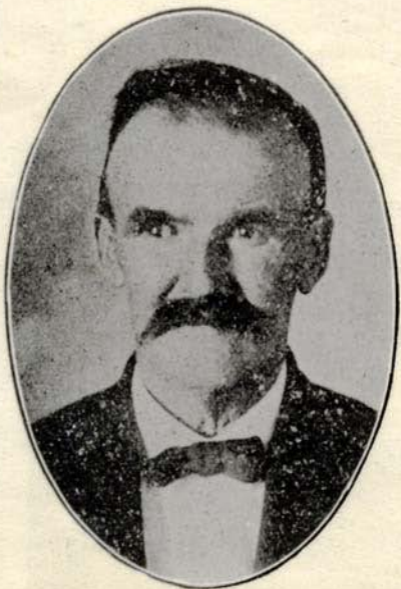


Vernon Allen Ashcraft was born in Union county, near his present home in Marshville township, September 23, 1854. His father, Thomas J. Ashcraft, was also a native of Union county, served three years in Company I, 53rd N. C. regiment, and was prominent as a farmer, miller and enterprising citizen. His mother, Elizabeth (Mitchum) Ashcraft, was born in Anson county, daughter of Henry Mitchum, also of Anson county. Mr. Ashcraft is one of the leading farmers of Marshville township, and also owner of a fine grist mill and cotton gin. He is a member of the school committee of his district and actively interested in the



V. A. Ashcraft.

development of his section of the county.

In 1876 he married Henrietta Hamilton, daughter of William Hamilton of Union county. From this union there are nine children living: Martha V. (Mrs. C. E. Rushing), Fannie W. (Mrs. L. E. Marsh), Escar (Mrs. J. G. Green), T. Bryce, Bridie (Mrs. George Tadlock), W. Ray, Lee, Blake and Blanche (twin girls).



Residence of M. L. Baker, Lancs Creek.

## A. J. BROOKS, ESQ.

Alexander Jackson Brooks was born in Marshville (formerly New Salem) township, October 26, 1854. His father, Davidson Brooks, and his mother, Kizzie (Tarlton-Polk) Brooks, were also natives of the same section, then Anson county. Mrs. Brooks' maiden name was Tarlton, and at the time of her marriage with Mr. Brooks was the widow of Col. Thomas Polk of Anson county. Squire Brooks occupies a prominent place in the affairs of Union county and is one of its leading farmers. He has held the office of magistrate 27 years, served three terms on the Board of County Commissioners, being chairman of the last term; was chairman of the County Board of Education two years, and also performed good service on school committee work in his district. He is chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee, and has been a member of that body for the past 25 years. He has also been chairman of the Marshville Executive Committee since the formation of the township 20 years ago.

In 1875 he married Theatus S. Austin of Union county, daughter of B. D. Austin, a well known magistrate and farmer of Marshville township. From this union there are nine children living: Dr. Julius C., Charles S., Daisy E., (Mrs. Mark Brewer), Fisher A., William B., Fred S., Cunningham B., Wayne and George Dewey.

## J. E. BROOM.

Judge Ellis Broom was born in Union county near what is now Indian Trail, October 22, 1866. His father, Hiram Broom, was a native of this county and a well known farmer, magistrate, and captain of N. C. militia in Buford township. His mother, Emily (Griffin) Broom was a daughter of Eli Griffin of Union county. Mr. Broom was educated at the schools of the county, and at the age of 19 years



J. E. Broom.

secured a teachers' certificate, and for 15 years was employed as a teacher in the schools of Union county. Mr. Broom is chairman of the County Board of Education, and has been a member of that organization seven years. In April, 1911, he engaged in the mercantile business at Indian Trail, becoming a partner in the firm of Broom & Co. He was married in 1866 to Alice Helms, daughter of Asa Helms of Union county. Mrs. Broom died in 1907, leaving ten children, as follows: Blecker (Mrs. A. C. King), Lula (Mrs. Garmon), Emma (Mrs. Robert Riggins), Henry G., Lena, Charles A., J. Ira, Verla and Thomas. In 1910 Mr. Broom married Miss Ida Haigler, a well known teacher, and daughter of John E. Haigler of Union county.



## J. G. CARROLL.

James Grover Carroll, principal of the Wingate Baptist School, is a native of Sampson county, N. C., born January 15, 1884. He was educated at Dell High School in Sampson county, Buies Creek Academy in Harnett county, and Wake Forest College in Wake county. After being graduated from the last named institution in the class of 1908, and receiving the degree of A. B., he began his career as a teacher at Wingate, holding the position of assistant principal there until promoted to his present responsibilities in 1911. While Mr. Carroll is younger than most men who attain positions of such importance, his ability as a teacher is well marked, and has been fully recognized by the school trustees and students of



**Prof. J. G. Carroll.**

the school as well as the teachers comprised on the able staff of the institution.

## W. H. COLLINS.

William Henry Collins, son of Jordan W. and Juliana (Whitley) Collins, was born in Monroe township, Union county, September 17, 1873. His parents were also natives of Monroe township, but in 1879 moved to Lanes Creek township which became their permanent home. W. H. Collins was engaged in farming in Lanes Creek until about five years ago when he moved to Waxhaw to take charge, as superintendent, of the extensive real estate and live stock interests of the late A. W. Heath. Mr. Collins' experience and ability in discharging the duties of his position have served to bring him a large measure of appreciation and confidence from his employers, and from others who have occasion to deal with him.

In 1897 he married Mary Rawlings, daughter of John L. Rawlings of Chesterfield county, S. C. Of this union there are three children living: John W., Lois A., and Edison E. Mrs. Collins died in 1906, and one year later he married Beulah I. Little, daughter of T. M. Little of Buford township, Union county. Of this second union there are two children living: William H. and Theron W.

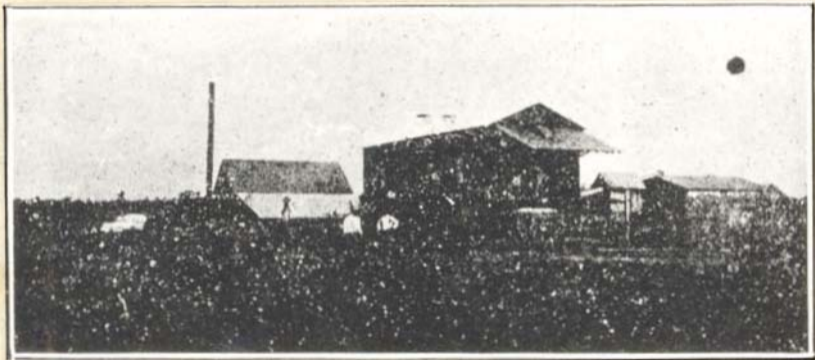


**J. F. CONDER.**

John Franklin Conder was born in Union county in what is now Vance township, August 6, 1875.

His father, Eli Conder, and his grandfather, Lewis Conder, were natives of Union county. His mother, Amanda V. (Wentz) Conder, a daughter of Jeremiah Wentz, was also born in Union county. Eli Conder, as a farmer and merchant, was well known, his place being on the Charlotte and Monroe public road near Indian Trail. J. F. Conder has for the past five years been prominent merchant at Indian Trail, besides retailing and cultivating a fine farm. The firm of Conder & Gurley own a handsome brick building in which the store is located. The postoffice is also in this store, Mr. Conder being postmaster, having received the appointment in November, 1910. He has served the town of Indian Trail as one of its commissioners for the past six years and has also been prominent in school developments.

In 1900 he married Mary L. Benton of Monroe township, daughter of Bartley H. Benton, also a native of Union county. Of this union five children are living: Herman B. Conder, J. Wade, Amanda L., and Wiley E.



Cotton Gin and Mills at Wingate.



## S. H. CROWELL.

Samuel Harrison Crowell, proprietor of Crowell's saw and planing mill at Indian Trail, was born in Camden, S. C., in 1872, but has been a resident of Vance township since 1888. He started a saw mill at Indian Trail about 15 years ago and two years ago added a thoroughly equipped planing mill to the business, and another saw mill about two miles away from Indian Trail. Mr. Crowell enjoys a good trade both in lumber and the products of his planing mill, the latter turning out much building material, such as flooring, ceiling, moulding, sashes, doors, etc. Mr. Crowell has been a liberal and active supporter of school and church interests at Indian Trail and is one of its most progressive citizens. He is a member of the board of town commissioners, and also of the board of trustees of the high school at Indian Trail.

## J. B. EUBANKS, M. D.

James Beauregard Eubanks was born in Buford township, December 31, 1861. His father, Thomas C. Eubanks, was a native of Chesterfield county, S. C., but moved to Union county when quite a young man, and was engaged in farming until May, 1862, when he enlisted in Company E., 48th N. C. regiment, and served with Lee's army until the close of the war. He was twice wounded: once in the battle of Fredericksburg, and again at Briscoe Station, Va. After his return he taught school several years in Chesterfield and Union counties, performed the duties of magistrate many years, and was always active in the cause of education. In 1876 he was elected to the office of county commissioner, serving four consecutive terms, and was chairman of the board during the last two terms. In 1895-96 he served in the lower house of the General Assembly, and was prominent in work for the general welfare of Union county until his death. Dr. Eubanks' mother was Nancy (Arant) Eubanks, daughter of Alexander Arant of Chesterfield county, S. C.

Dr. Eubanks was educated in the schools of Union county, and studied medicine at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and also at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., graduating from the latter institution as M. D. in the class of 1890. He has been in practice in Union county since his graduation, and occupies a high place in his profession.

His beautiful home and fine farm in Lanes Creek township are among



J. B. Eubanks, M. D.

the most pleasing features of country life in this county. As a skilled physician his services are much in demand, while his hospitable and kindly disposition has won for him a well deserved popularity. Dr. Eubanks has always been active in educational matters in his township, both in generous support and service for many years on school committee work. In December, 1892 he was married to Miss Lula Tucker of New Salem township, daughter of James T. Tucker, also of Union county.



**J. C. GORDON.**

Mr. Gordon built the Wingate Baptist School, and is a well-known contractor and builder. His work has been well distributed over Union county and portions of South Carolina in adjoining counties, his care and skill always giving satisfactory results in construction. Among the numerous buildings to his credit may be mentioned: Belk Brothers' store building at Monroe, Heath & Company's, Rodman & Brown, Cotton Mill, Broom, Burgess Drug Co., and Bank building, all of Waxhaw, N. C., besides many handsome residences.

Mr. Gordon was born in South Carolina near the Union county line and only a few miles west from Waxhaw, and thoroughly learned the carpenter's trade in his youth. For the past ten years he has been engaged in contracting and is justly regarded as capable of handling buildings of all kinds and completing them in a first-class and workmanlike manner.



**E. W. GRIFFIN.**

Enoch Washington Griffin was born about eight miles northeast of the present town of Wingate, November 18, 1844. His father, Jesse Griffin, was a native of Anson county, and his mother, Nancy (Williams) Griffin, was a daughter of William Williams, one of the early settlers of Union county. Mr. Griffin has been engaged in farming all the working years of his life, and has been very successful. Quiet and unassuming in character, Mr. Griffin never courted political preferment, but in his own section has always shown a strong interest in educational matters, serving for many years on the local school committee. In 1865 he married Lydia M. Bivens, daughter of Henry Bivens, both natives of Union county. Of three children born to them only one survives: Mary L. (Mrs. J. L. Chaney).

## INDIAN TRAIL BRICK CO.

This brickyard was established seven years ago by D. J. Hemby, and has a capacity of 2,000,000 bricks per year, employing about twenty men. ~~These bricks are sold~~

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roe, Wadesboro, and smaller points in this section of the State.

Dawson Jerome Hemby, proprietor of this industry, was born in Union county May 29, 1858. His father, Thomas Hemby, and his mother, Katherine Conder, daughter of Philip Conder, were also natives of Union county. D. J. Hemby has been an important factor in the growth and prosperity of Indian Trail, his liberal contributions to school and church funds being a great help to them, aside from his active interest in other matters concerning the welfare of the community. In 1885 he married Emma Lemmond, daughter of M. D. L. Lemmond of Union county. They have four children living: Kate (Mrs. J. J. Henley), Tarren E., Ludy, and William J.



# JACKSON.

## WAXHAW.

Jackson township is especially known to fame as the birthplace of Andrew Jackson, seventh President of the United States. The location is six miles southwest from Waxhaw and marked by a handsome monument commemorative of that event.

The area of cultivated lands in the township averages well with other portions of the county, while many fine farms give proof of thrift and industry. Good schools and churches are conveniently disposed throughout the township, and as it is traversed by the Seaboard Air Line, transportation facilities are excellent. There are four school districts: No. 1, Stewart; No. 2, Waxhaw; No. 7, College Hill; No. 8, Jackson.

Waxhaw, ~~govt in state for 1892~~ is situated in this township. It is governed by a mayor and five commissioners, has a population of about 1,000 and is an important business center. There are numerous fine stores, a cotton mill, bank, hotel, and many handsome homes. An unusually good school is maintained here, four teachers being employed and high school grades taught. A weekly newspaper, The Waxhaw Enterprise, is published here, and ably edited by Mr. C. D. McNeely.

# LANES CREEK

This township occupies the southeast corner of the county, and is noted for the fertility of its soil, especially the ~~bottom lands, and the~~ splendid progress made by the community in school and church matters. Of its six school districts, all enjoy the benefits of local taxation, which usually means longer school terms, thoroughly competent teachers and higher grades than the regular county appropriation for rural schools affords. Districts No. 1, Union, and No. 7, Beulah, are so situated that they have a larger attendance of pupils, but the others are fully up to the requirements of their communities, and all enjoy an average term of six months in each year. The school locations are as follows: No. 1, Union; No. 4, Mills; No. 6, Jenkins Cross Roads; No. 7, Beulah; No. 8, Belk, and No. 10, Oakland. Good farms are numerous in Lanes Creek, and the thrift and industry of its farmers may be observed throughout its whole area in neat and comfortable homes, substantial outbuildings, and general appearance of prosperity.

# MARSHVILLE.

The township of Marshville adjoins that of Monroe on the east and is crossed from east to west by the Seaboard Air Line. It is a fine farm-



**L. E. Huggins.**

ing section and well occupied by industrious farmers, the general quality of the land being of a high order. Marshville, centrally situated, is an incorporated town of about 850 inhabitants, having the usual government of mayor and five commissioners. It has excellent railroad facilities, many large stores, ample banking accommodations, lumber and grist mills, cotton gin, and other conveniences for its local trade.

Its school building is an unusually fine one, employing several teachers and including the regular high school grades in its curriculum. A weekly newspaper is also published here, The Marshville Home, which is ably conducted by its proprietor, Mr. L. E. Huggins. The other schools in the township are: No. 2, Gilboa; No. 3, Faulks; No. 4, Maple Springs; No. 6, Black Jack; No. 10, Oakland.



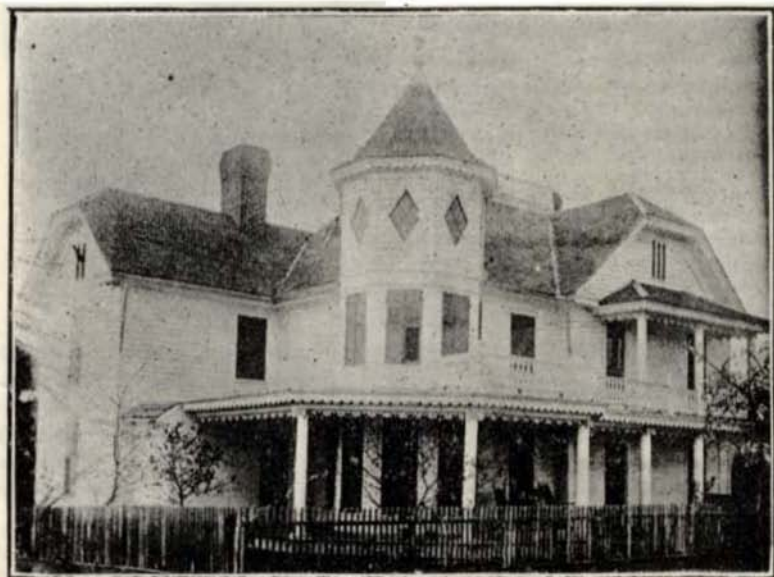


**J. W. McCain.**

John Walker McCain, prominent citizen of Waxhaw, was born in Jackson township, Union county, July 14, 1861. His father, Colonel William J. McCain, also a native of this county, was a well known farmer and mill man in that section of the county known as McCain's Mill. His mother, Mary J. (Walker) McCain, was a daughter of 'Squire John Walker, a prominent citizen of Union county.

J. W. McCain passed his early youth on the farm of his father and received a good business training besides what he gained from the best schools of the county. He was a teacher in the schools of Lancaster county, S. C., about two years, and for ten years was engaged in mercantile business at McCain's Mill. He then removed to Waxhaw and established the general store known as McCain Bros., which later was merged into the new firm of McCain-King Mercantile Co. After several years experience with this firm Mr. McCain retired, and for three years was engaged in the milling business. In 1909 he established the Waxhaw Real Estate and Insurance Co., which has been very successful, having branches at Marshville, Cardenas and Van Wyck, S. C. This company gives among its strong references, the First National Bank of Monroe, Charlotte National Bank of Charlotte, N. C., and The Waxhaw Banking and Trust Co., of Waxhaw, N. C. Mr. McCain is an officer and director in The Waxhaw Banking and Trust Co., holds the office of magistrate, is a notary public, commissioner of deeds for South Carolina, president of the school corporation at Waxhaw, and has served as president of the Union County Interdenominational Sabbath School Association eight years. The first telephone line in this county was constructed by Mr. McCain at McCain's Mill.

In 1891 he married Mamie A. Belk, daughter of Rev. Julius A. Belk, and a descendant of the famous centenarian, James P. Belk, who died in this county at the great age of 111 years. Of this union there are five children living: Archie C., Zella, Estaline, Elgiva, and John W., Jr.



**Home of J. W. McCain, Waxhaw.**

## J. C. McINTYRE.

Julius Cornelius McIntyre was born in New Salem township, Union county, February 27, 1869. His father, Isaiah McIntyre was a native of Stanly county, passed much of his youth in Anson county, but removed to New Salem after the close of the war between the States. He enlisted in September, 1861, in Company K., 28th N. C. regiment of infantry in the Confederate army and served through the war, being mustered out in 1865. Most of his service was with the army of Northern Virginia where he was actively engaged excepting a short period when he was held as a prisoner of war by the Federal government. The mother of J. C. McIntyre was Martha (Hill) McIntyre, native of Anson county and daughter of Julius Hill of the same county. Mr. McIntyre was prominent in the affairs of New Salem township both as a farmer and member of the school committee for his district until 1904 when he removed to Marshville township, settling near Wingate. Here his interest in educational matters have also been con



J. C. McIntyre.

spicuous with reference to the Wingate School, serving on the building committee of that institution. He has a fine farm about a mile from the town of Wingate, and is a prosperous and progressive citizen.

In 1890 he married Minnie Staton of New Salem, daughter of Benjamin F. Staton, also a native of Union county. From this union there are seven children living: Chloe E., Raymond A., Bessie, Rosa, Charles, Nealie and Kate.



## J. C. MORGAN.

James Callie Morgan, was born in Lanes Creek township, Union county, September 19, 1854. His father, William D. Morgan, and his mother, Emeline (Moore) Morgan, daughter of Callie Moore, were both born in Union (then Anson) county. William D. Morgan enlisted May 5th, 1862, in Company I, 53d North Carolina regiment, was a prisoner of war in 1864, but remained in service until the close of the war. He is still living on his farm in Lanes Creek township. J. C. Morgan was brought up on his father's farm, and in 1882 engaged in the mercantile business at Lanes Creek where he continued several years, also holding the office of magistrate there. About fifteen years ago he became connected with the mercantile house of Marsh-Lee Company at Marshville, and is still with that establishment. Mr. Morgan has been very active in the promotion



J. C. Morgan.

of educational facilities. He has been chairman of the board of trustees for the Marshville high school ten years, is a magistrate in that town, and was elected mayor, but resigned after a short term of service. He was also one of the organizers of the Bank of Marshville, and is on its board of directors.

In 1876 he married Bettie Rushing of Lanes Creek, daughter of B. D. Rushing. After her death (1902) he was married a year later to Fannie Crutchfield of Randolph county. Of this union there are two children living: James C., Jr., and Ozell.

## T. J. PERRY.

Thomas Jackson Perry, born near the town of Wingate in Union county, October 21, 1849. His father, Jeremiah Perry, was born in Anson county, but moved to Union when about 21 years old. His mother, Elizabeth (Griffin) Perry, was a daughter of John Griffin, farmer and native of Union county. T. J. Perry's ancestors on the paternal side were North Carolinians back to a date preceding the Revolution. One of them, Jeremiah Perry, was killed near Ra'leigh while serving as an aide de camp, or courier, in Harry Lee's army; and the sword found on his body is now in Mr. Perry's possession. His grandfather, William Perry, served as a soldier in the war with Mexico, and subsequently settled on a farm in Anson county. Mr. Perry owns a fine farm in Marsville township, near the town of Wingate. He served as postmaster at Wingate nine years, and has been prominent in the school committee work of his locality. In 1869 he was appointed as assistant surveyor in the work of laying off the townships of Union county.

In 1872 he married Elizabeth J. Austin, daughter of Bright D. Austin of Union county. Of this union there are eight children living: Ida



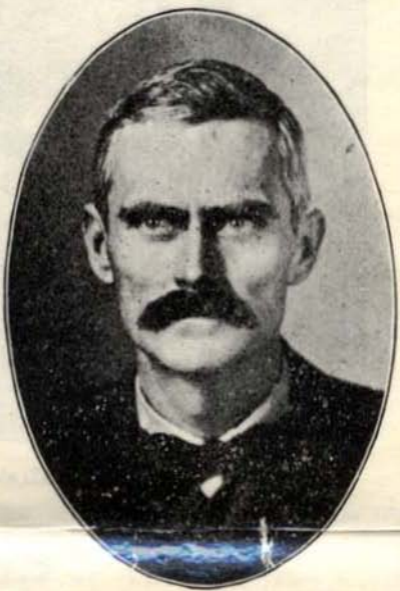
T. J. Perry.

E. (Mrs. R. L. Womble), Zeb V., Lon D., Jesse J., Sarah E. (Mrs R. E. Belk), Mattie J., Lillian S., and Walter C.

## P. P. W. PLYLER.

Peter Philip Washington Plyler was born in Buford township, Union county, September 10, 1861. His father, Peter W. Plyler, was a native of Lancaster county, S. C., but moved to Union county and was engaged in farming until March, 1862, when he enlisted in Company E., 48th N. C. Regiment, and was immediately promoted to be a sergeant of the same company, and in December of the same year was killed at the battle of Fredericksburg. His mother, Caroline (Richardson) Plyler, was a native of Union county, and was a daughter of Thomas Richardson. Mr. Plyler was engaged in farming in Buford township until elected to the office of Register of Deeds for this county, where he served two years. He then accepted the position of bookkeeper for Crow Brothers at Monroe where he remained two years. When the Carolina Bank was organized at Marshville he was selected for the office of cashier of that institution and still occupies that position.

In 1895 he married Julia Helms, daughter of Amon Helms of Union county. They have six children living: Annie, Lee, Worth, Dwight, Mildred, Amon, and Ernest C.



### J. S. PLYLER.

Jonas Sanford Plyler was born in York county, S. C., January 16, 1862, but at an early age moved with his parents to Lancaster county, S. C. His father, Ellison Plyler, and his mother, Mary (Parks) Plyler, were both natives of Lancaster county, S. C. When 16 years of age Mr. Plyler came to Union county, and for the past thirteen years has been a resident of Waxhaw. For several years he worked at house painting, and also learned the trade of carpenter. He has been very successful as a result of steady industry and economy, and now owns a handsome home and other valuable property in Waxhaw.

About six years ago Mr. Plyler bought the Waxhaw telephone lines and the property connected with the exchange at that place; since which time he has erected a fine brick building and moved the exchange and its connections into the second story of the same structure. There are now 150 telephones centering in the exchange with connections all over Union county, and connecting at Charlotte with long distance lines throughout the country. Mr. Plyler holds the office of coroner for Union county, having been elected for a second term.

Mr. Plyler was twice married His first wife was Harriet Rogers, a daughter of Pinkney Rogers of Union county. She died in 1888. In 1891 he married Margaret Rogers of Statesville, N. C., daughter of Samuel Rogers of Rowan county. Mr. Plyler has seven children living: Fred, Perry, Mary, Mattie, Ardrey, Otha and Margaret.



## RODMAN-HEATH COTTON MILL.

This important industry at Waxhaw was started in 1898 with a capacity of 2,500 spindles, but has since been increased to 6,250 spindles, its present capacity. The product is sold in Eastern markets and has acquired a high reputation for uniform texture and quality of the yarns. About 125 hands are employed. The homes provided for employees are neat and comfortable, in a healthful location and supplied with an abundance of pure water. In point of equipment the company is strictly up-to-date, all machinery being of modern pattern. A fine Cooper-Corliss engine of 250 horsepower furnishes the motive power. A Worthington pump having a capacity of 750 gallons per minute connects with a massive reservoir of 56,000 gallons capacity, while a tank in the tower of the building holds a further reserve of 10,000 gallons. An automatic sprinkling system throughout the buildings furnishes adequate fire protection.

The officers of the company are: J. L. Rodman, president; E. J. Heath, vice president; W. P. Wingate, secretary and superintendent.

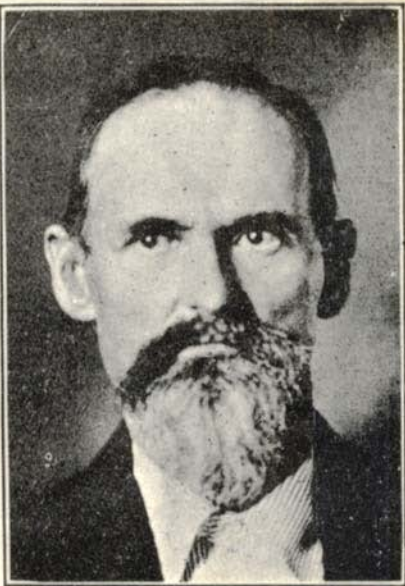


## J. L. RODMAN.

John LaFayette Rodman was born in Marshall county, Miss., December 17, 1850. When he was six years of age he came with his parents to Chester county, S. C., and shortly afterward removed to Lancaster county, S. C. His father, A. K. Rodman, and his mother, Mary J. (Waters) Rodman, were natives of Chester county, S. C. A. K. Rodman enlisted in a South Carolina regiment in 1862, and lost his life during his term of service in the Confederate army.

J. L. Rodman was for many years a prominent merchant and farmer in Lancaster county, S. C. He was also in the general merchandise business at Pineville, N. C., from 1885 to 1888, when he removed to Waxhaw, where he has become one of the foremost factors in the upbuilding of that enterprising town. Mr. Rodman has been a liberal contributor toward the establishment and maintenance of the churches and schools of his section of the county, besides building up important commercial and industrial interests. He is senior partner in the well known firm of Rodman & Rowen, president of the Waxhaw Banking and Trust Co.; president of the Rodman-Heath Cotton Mills, and one of the town commissioners of Waxhaw.

In 1877 he married Hattie J. Hyatt, daughter of W. D. Hyatt, prominent merchant and farmer of Lancaster county, S. C. From this union there are six children living: Pearl, Onie Lee (Mrs. L. E. Brown), Lola, Allie, Ethel, John L., Jr.



**S. SMITH.**

Sanford Smith was born in Lanes Creek township, Union county, April 15, 1866. His father, Robert Smith, was also born in Union county, and his mother, Charlotte E. (Horton) Smith, was a native of Chesterfield county, S. C. Mr. Smith has devoted his life to the work of farming, and by industry and progressive methods has gained a high standard among the farmers of the county. He owns about 211 acres in Lanes Creek township, 125 of which are under cultivation. He has always shown a strong interest in the cause of education, and in the school affairs of his district his special interest has been proved by a service of fifteen years on the school committee. Although appointed to the office of magistrate in his township he could not find it convenient to serve, which was a matter of regret to the community.

In 1880 he married Millie Cox, daughter of Peter P. Cox, of Union county. Of this marriage there are seven children living: Ada (Mrs. T. F. Griffin), George M., Cyrus, Roy Lee, Eva, Kate M., and Sarah A.

## M. T. STALLINGS.

Matthew Thomas Stallings was born in Cabarrus county, N. C., January 10, 1867. His father, Matthew Stallings, was a native of the same county, and his mother, Elizabeth (Teeter) Stallings, a native of Stanly county. Mr. Stallings was prominent as a farmer and merchant near Harrisburg and also served six years as a magistrate. In 1903 he came to Union county and purchased 200 acres of fine land about one mile from Indian Trail, starting a large general store on the property, and began to improve his holdings with a view to building up an important settlement and encouraging enterprise and industry in his vicinity. There is now a good school in operation with about 75 pupils enrolled and some twenty families settled on the original purchase. The Seaboard Air Line has a regular station there, named Stallings, and all prospects bid fair to make this locality of much future importance. Mr. Stallings will be glad to offer special inducements to manufacturers or others desiring sites for plants, or permanent homes. In 1893 he married Ollie A. Dry, a daughter of Rufus A. Dry of Cabarrus county. Of this union there are six children living: Annie, Maud, C. Bonner, Anita Myrtle, Daniel Claiborne, and Thomas Dexter.

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## J. F. THOMPSON.

James Franklin Thompson was born in Union county in what is now Vance township, March 11, 1873. His father, Newton Thompson, was also a native of this county and also his mother, Sally (Rogers) Thompson. In addition to his home farm near Indian Trail Mr. Thompson has a stock farm of 100 acres which has been set aside for the purpose of breeding and raising high grade horses and other live stock. At present he has on his place several brood mares, two stallions, a Percheron of registered breed, and a young gray who comes from trotting stock. He also owns several mules and a handsome jack.

In 1898 Mr. Thompson was married to Mattie Biggers of Vance township, a daughter of John Biggers of Union county. From this union there are four children living: Bruce F., Aue Belle, Ellen May, and James Brooks.



# VANCE.

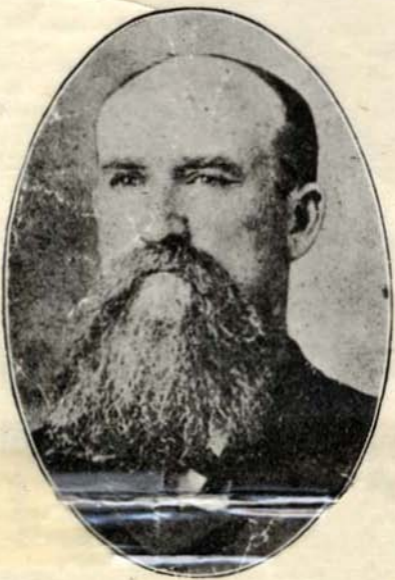
## INDIAN TRAIL.

While Vance is the smallest township in Union county, it is by no means the least in importance. It was formed from portions of Goose Creek and Sandy Ridge townships in 1879, contains numerous fine farms, a prosperous and intelligent community, and excellent railroad accommodations. The Seaboard Air Line runs through the township, having three stations, the principal one being Indian Trail. The other two at Stouts and Stallings are also well patronized. Indian Trail is an incorporated town and governed by a mayor and five commissioners. It has a fine school, maintained by a special tax, and high school grades are taught by thoroughly competent instructors. There are several fine stores, a large cotton gin, brickyard, saw and planing mills, many handsome residences, and a general appearance of prosperity. The town has a population of about 300, is compactly built, and is situated in the center of a rich farming country.

At Stallings, one mile northwest from Indian Trail, is the important settlement of that name, having a good school, a fine general store, and about twenty-five neat and comfortable homes.

## WAXHAW BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY.

In 1906 a charter authorizing a capital of \$100,000 was granted this institution, \$17,500 being paid in. This amount of capital stock has remained unchanged up to the present time, although the bank has been steadily prosperous and accumulated a surplus and undivided profit of nearly \$11,000. The deposits have been highly satisfactory, ranging at times as high as \$100,000. This bank has been of great benefit to the people of Waxhaw and its tributary territory, and every accommodation consistent with sound banking principles has been granted its patrons. Its officers and directors are men who are well known, and in whom the community reposes entire confidence. They are as follows: J. L. Rodman, president; C. S. Massey, vice president; Jesse A. Williams, cashier. The directors are: J. L. Rodman, C. S. Massey, J. W. McCain, J. G. Parks, B. F. Price, J. M. Belk, R. A. Morrow, W. C. Heath and W. N. Davis.



**H. F. WILLIAMS.**

Henry Frank Williams was born in Union county, about two miles from the present town of Wingate, July 17, 1855. His father, William E. Williams, and his mother, Holly (Helms) Williams, daughter of Emanuel Helms, were both natives of Union county. Mr. Williams is prominent among the farmers of the county for his progressive methods in agricultural work, and for the attractions to be found in his fine farm and equipment, handsome residence, and substantial outbuildings. In addition to his farm property, Mr. Williams owns a brick business block at Wingate which is occupied by handsome stores.

In 1876 he married Sarah J. Moore, who died in 1878, leaving one son, Richmond Edgar Williams, now a merchant at Wingate. In 1880 he married Sarah C. Ashcraft, who died in 1881. In 1883 he married Mrs. Mary E. Brewer, who died in 1910.