

M. L. BAKER.

Martin Luther Baker was born in Lanes Creek township, four miles from his present home, October 12, 1867. His father, Albert Baker, is a native of Chesterfield county, S. C., where he remained until he joined the Confederate forces in 1862. He enlisted in a light artillery company, serving about six months, when he joined the regular infantry and served with Company D., 1st South Carolina regiment, up to Lee's surrender. After his marriage in 1866 to Miss Sarah S. Lee,



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daughter of Samuel Lee of Chesterfield county, S. C., he settled in Union county where he still resides with his son, the subject of this sketch.

Martin L. Baker is one of the prominent men of Lanes Creek township, being a prosperous farmer and always actively interested in matters connected with the welfare and progress of his county and township. He has been prominent in the promotion of educational facilities, and his services for 14 years as a member of the school committee in his district have been of lasting benefit to that community. Mr. Baker also owns and operates the telephone central station at Lanes Creek which connects with all points in the county, and long distance service through connection with Charlotte.

He was married in 1889 to Miss Mary F. Cox, a daughter of Madison Cox of Union county. Of this union nine children are living: Bertha Viola (now Mrs. C. L. Carelock), Carl E., Sarah E., Martin L., Thomas L., Kate, Mary L., James S., and J. Baxter.

BUFORD

Buford township lies directly south of Monroe and extends to the South Carolina line, being bounded on the east and west by Lanes Creek and Jackson townships respectively. The rural population is somewhat larger than some of the other townships in the county, Altan being an important settlement near the center of the township. Neat and substantial schools and churches are well distributed over the township, and some of the best farms in the county are to be found in its well tilled area. There are ~~eight school districts~~, and all now enjoy excellent schools and teachers, local taxation being now in force throughout the township. These districts are as follows: No. 1, Richardson; No. 2, Plylers; No. 3, Trinity; No. 5, Mt. Pleasant; No. 7, Macedonia; No. 8, Altan; No. 9, Mt. Prospect, and No. 10, Sandy Ridge. The school at Mt. Prospect is deserving of special mention as it was one of the first schools in the county to vote a special tax for school purposes, and includes high school grades in its course of study. Buford township is an important factor in the progressive work of Union county, its people being fully up to the high standard of intelligence which prevails throughout Union county.

T. P. DILLON.

Thomas Percy Dillon was born in Monroe, December, 1862. In lineal descent he comes from the Fitz-Henrys of Ireland, prominent among the nobility of Great Britain for



T. P. Dillon.

many centuries. The first member of the family to settle in the United States was Sidney Dillon, who built a home in Baltimore and was subsequently lost at sea off the coast of Gibraltar. His son, Thomas Percy Dillon, was born in County Wexford, Ireland, in 1772, and came to this country when quite a young man, and after many trying experiences in New York and elsewhere, finally settled near Monroe where he was for 40 years a well known merchant and farmer. He was the first Register of Deeds of Union county, and during his long life was held in the highest esteem and regard for his intelligence, refinement, and lovable qualities as a Christian gentleman. He died at the advanced age of 82 years and is buried in the old cemetery at Monroe. T. P.

Henry Dillon, born in Monroe. His mother was Jane (Irby) Dillon, a daughter of William Irby of Union county. Mr. Dillon began his commercial career in the cotton business and was employed by Mr. J. M. Fairley of Monroe in that line for nine years. In 1893 he formed a partnership with Duncan McKenzie in the furniture business, but purchased his partner's interest in 1896, since which time he has continued the business alone.

The furniture and undertaker house of T. P. Dillon is the largest in the county, and noted for its complete stock, which also includes pianos, phonographs and other musical merchandise. Three hearses are employed in the undertaking department.

In 1889 Mr. Dillon married Cornelia D. Wolfe of Monroe, daughter of Hilliard J. Wolfe, also of Monroe, and for many years Register for Union county. Of this union five children are living: Beatrice, Thomas Percy, Jr., Hilliard FitzHenry, Frank Wolfe and Cornelia Metzger.

J. E. EFIRD.

Jacob Eparaini Efird, mayor of Monroe, was born in Stanly county, N. C., March 2, 1867. His father, John J. Efird, and his mother, Martha (Mabry) Efird, were also natives of Stanly county. Mr. Efird was educated at the Albemarle high school and Richmond Business College. He was a teacher in the schools of his native county several terms, clerked in a general store at Albemarle a few years, and was tax collector for that city. In 1892 he came to Monroe and started in his present line of business (Efird's Marble Works) which he has conducted with much success. The workmanship, high quality and artistic designs of the monuments, n



J. E. Efird.

marble and granite, tablets, statuary, etc., produced at his yards have gained a wide reputation, reaching beyond the confines of North Carolina. A branch office of his establishment is also maintained at Laurinburg. Mr. Efird had served in the city council of Monroe eight months as alderman at large and mayor pro tem before being installed in his present office in December, 1911.

In 1893 he married Fannie Kraus of Monroe, daughter of W. H. Kraus, a well known citizen of Union county. Their four children are: Grace, Albert Fay, Gilbert Hall, John Edwin.



Interior of Store of English Drug Co., Monroe.

W. A. EUBANKS.

William Alexander Eubanks was born in Buford township, Union county, July 11, 1860. His father, Thomas C. Eubanks, was a native of Chesterfield county, S. C., but moved to Union 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 in Virginia 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 magis-

active in the cause of education. In 1876 he was elected to the office of county commissioner, serving four consecutive terms, being 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 the public welfare of this county until his death.

W. A. Eubank's mother was Nancy



W. A. Eubanks.

(Arant) Eubanks, a daughter of Alexander Arant of Chesterfield county, S. C. Mr. Eubanks received his early education at the Tradesville high school in Lancaster county, S. C., and at the high school of Monroe. He taught in the schools of Buford township three years, served as magistrate two years, was a member of the town school board two years, and coroner of Union county four years. He is one of the leading farmers of Buford township, owning a farm of 225 acres.

In 1882 he married Arlevia Laney daughter of Captain W. A. Laney of Union county. Captain Laney served as 1st Lieutenant of Company E., 48th N. C. Regiment, being commissioned as such on May 15, 1862, and promoted to the rank of Captain, October 23, 1862. Serving with the army in Virginia he saw much active work and took a gallant part in the numerous and bloody engagements which fell to the lot of the Forty-eighth regiment.

Mr. Eubanks has five children living: Robert A., Maggie May (Mrs. W. B. Davis), Benjamin G. C., Charles W., Nancy B.

A. L. FUNDERBURK.

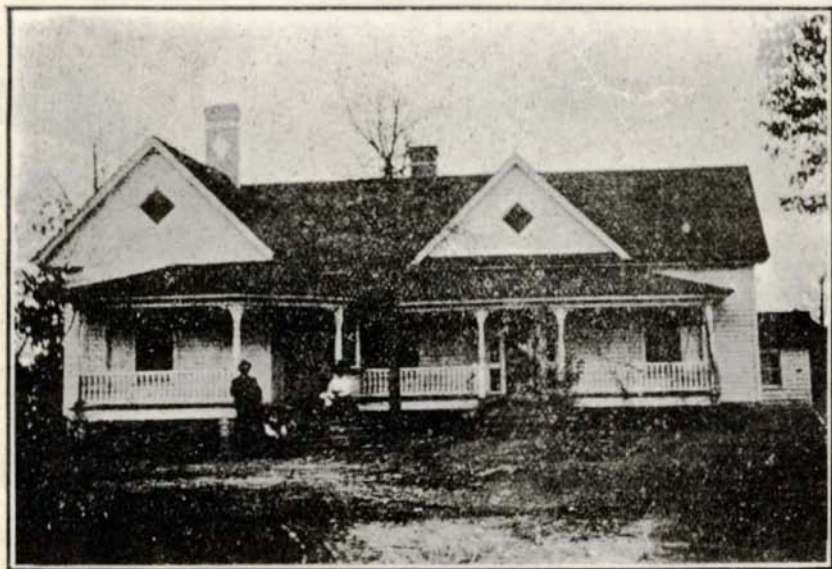
Amos Lexton Funderburk was born in Buford township, near where he now resides, May 23, 1876. His father, N. A. Funderburk, is a native of Lancaster county, S. C., but moved to Union county when quite young, and is still living on his farm in Buford township. His mother, Elmira (Moser) Funderburk, was born in Union county, being a daughter of G. M. Moser, who enlisted in the 48th N. C. regiment in May, 1862, and was killed at the battle of Winchester, Va., in 1864. Mr. Funderburk is prominent among the farmers of this county, owning 150 acres, 70 of which are under cultivation. His home is one of the most attractive in Buford township, and recently he has come into notice as an advocate of improvement in the raising of cattle and live stock. He has some Hereford cattle of pure blood on his place, and expects to go on with the further introduction of other choice stock; for which he should be highly commended.

In 1900 Mr. Funderburk married



A. L. Funderburk.

Annie Medlin, daughter of Myers Medlin of Union county. Of this union there are five children living: Dora, George C., Bogue, Mark S., and Irving.



Home of A. L. Funderburk, Buford.

T. J. GORDON.

Thomas Jackson Gordon, member of the board of county commissioners, was born in Monroe township, September 28, 1862. His father, Louis K. Gordon, was also born in Union county, the old home place being in what is now Sandy Ridge township. L. K. Gordon was a teacher in the schools of this county for many years, and also a successful farmer. The mother of T. J. Gordon was Beedy Blakeney (Bass) Gordon, daughter of Richard Bass, both natives of Union county. Mr. Gordon was raised on the farm, and for about eighteen years conducted a general store in connection with his farm. He served as magistrate six years in his township, several years on the school committee of his district, and was active in the promotion of educational matters. Eight years ago he started a general store at Mineral Springs, which he still owns, and two years ago he engaged in mercantile business at Monroe. In 1905 he was elected to the office of county commissioner and twice re-elected to the same office, serving at present his third consecutive term.

Mr. Gordon was married in 1895 to Mittie Presson, a daughter of Newton Presson, both natives of Union county. Of this union there are four children living: Craven N., Mary, Willie and Christina.



L. R. HELMS.

Leonidas Randolph Helms was born in Union county, Monroe township, October 26, 1858. His father, Joseph C. Helms, also a native of this county, was engaged in farming until 1864 when he joined the Confederate army with the Senior Reserves, of which he was a member, and died at Greensboro, N. C., in January, 1865. The mother of L. R. Helms was Frances (McLarty) Helms, daughter of Archibald McLarty of Union county, and sister of the late James M. McLarty. Mr. Helms has always resided in Monroe township, and aside from his farming interests has devoted much time to matters connected with the public welfare. He served four years on the board of aldermen of the city of Monroe, and during his term of office rendered the city valuable service as chairman of the Finance Committee, establishing an important precedent by a skillful and systematic management of the city's finances. He taught for five years in the schools of the county, and has always shown much interest in educational affairs, and is at present a member of the county board of education.

Mr. Helms was married in 1889 to Rachel Lucinda Russell, daughter of James A. Russell of Union county. They have five children living: Stamey R., Earl A., Lucy B., Mabel F., and Leonidas Russell.

S. A. HELMS, ESQ.

Samuel Alexander Helms was born in Union county about one mile from his present home in Monroe township, September 27, 1852. His father, Sampson Helms, and his grandfather, Tillman Helms, were natives of this county and raised in this immediate section. His mother, Lucinda (Hargett) Helms, was a daughter of Henry Hargett, Esq., also one of the early settlers of this section. 'Squire Helms has followed farming and the mercantile business throughout his career, having a general store close to his present residence. As a farmer he is one of the most prominent in Monroe township, and of his original holdings of 700 acres he still retains 500, a large portion of which is under cultivation. He has held the office of magistrate for the past thirteen years, was one of the founders of Union Institute at Unionville and one of its most active supporters for many years, both as one of the trustees and member of the school committee.

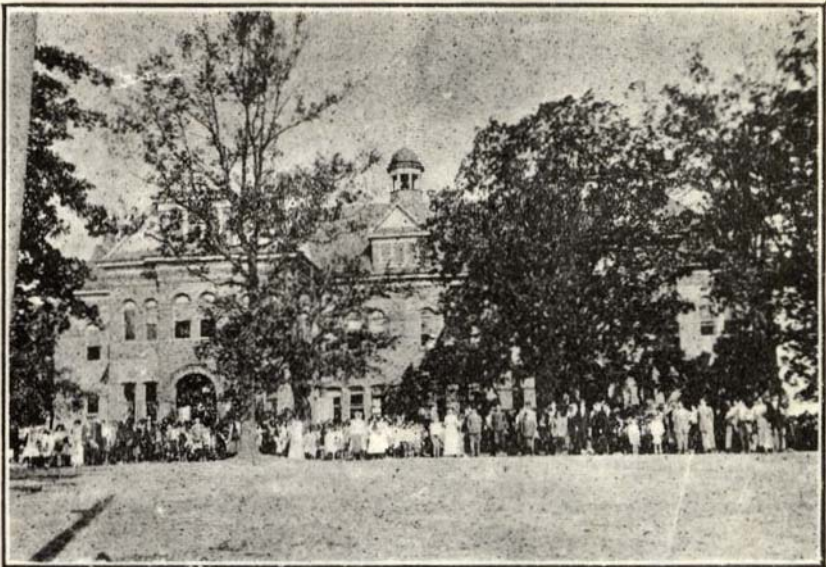
In 1873 he married Serena A. Liles, daughter of Travis Liles, both natives of Union county. Mrs. Helms died in August, 1889, leaving five children, still living: Letitia I. (Mrs. D. L. Furr), Flora E. (Mrs. W. A. Keziah), Mattie, Lonnie B., Eli C. J.

'Squire Helms was married again in 1890 to Mrs. Mary J. Helms,



S. A. Helms.

daughter of Samuel Pyron, a native of Union county, and prominent in his day as a teacher in the schools of the county and a highly esteemed citizen.



High School at Monroe.

B. A. HORN.

Benjamin Alexander Horn, ex-sheriff, was born in what is now Lanes Creek township, Union county, June 1, 1859. His father, James Perry Horn, was a native of Anson county, but came to Union when



B. A. Horn.

about ten years old, the family settling in Lanes Creek. In May, 1862, he enlisted in Company E., 48th N. C. regiment, serving through the war with the army of Northern Virginia. He was prominent in Lanes Creek township as a farmer and magistrate, and conspicuous for his strong interest in school and church matters, giving freely of his time and means for their advancement. In 1884 he was elected sheriff of Union county, and by successive re-elections held the office twelve years; thus attesting his efficiency as an officer and his popularity as a citizen. He died in 1905 sincerely mourned by all who knew him for his integrity and worth as a citizen, and his endearing qualities as a Christian gentleman. The mother of B. A. Horn was Laura E. (Smith) Horn, born in Lanes Creek township, and a daughter of John Smith, native of Halifax county N. C.

B. A. Horn was reared on his father's farm in Lanes Creek, but was early called to duty under his father and served as deputy sheriff ten years. He was also chief of police of Monroe two years. In 1896 he was elected sheriff of Union county and served in that office until 1908, leaving a record for faithful and fearless discharge of duty, the highest testimonial that can be rendered to any public official.

In 1902 he married Mrs. Mamie Gaddy of Anson county, and Flavel Flake, also of Anson county. From this union there is one child living: Benjamin A., Jr.

R. V. HOUSTON.

Robert Virgil Houston was born in Mecklenburg county, June 28, 1846, but when six years of age came to Union county, most of his life being passed in Monroe. His father, H. M. Houston, and his mother, Margaret (Reid) Houston, were natives of Mecklenburg county, his mother being a daughter of Col. Solomon Reid of the same county. H. M. Houston was one of the earliest merchants of Monroe, and was also well known as a banker, being prominent in these lines of business for more than forty years.

R. V. Houston was educated at the high school of Monroe and at Trinity College. In March, 1864, he enlisted in Company C., 10th battalion of N. C. artillery, and served with Gen. Johnston's army until the close of the war. For many years he was in business with his father in Monroe, retiring from active work about four years ago. Mr. Houston is a large owner of land, his holdings comprising several fine farms in this county, besides important property interests in Monroe. He has filled many offices of trust and responsibility in Union county, serving as mayor of Monroe four years, trustee of Monroe high school four years, magistrate two years, and at present a member of the State Legislature, having been elected to that office in 1910.

In 1868 he married Celestia Covington, daughter of D. A. Covington of Monroe. She died in 1889, leaving six children: Hugh M., David A., Clarence E., Ella (Mrs. Julian Lindsay), Lola A. (Mrs. Rufus Armfield), and Celestia. In 1892 he married Nancy Isabel Stroud, daughter of John Stroud of Chester county, S. C. From this union there are three children living: Robert S., Marguerite R., and Octavia.



J. C. LANEY, ESQ.

Jeremiah Columbus Laney was born July 8, 1850, on the old home-
stead in what is now Buford town-
ship. His father, Calvin Laney, was
also a native of Union county, and
with the exception of time spent in
the Confederate army, lived and
died on the same plantation. He
enlisted in Company A, 48th N. C.
regiment in May, 1862, and was
severely wounded in September of
the same year during the battle of
Sharpsburg. He was well known as
a good farmer, and a man of public
spirit and integrity.

Esquire Laney's mother was Nan-
cy (Funderburk) Laney, native of
Chesterfield county, South Carolina,
and a daughter of Jeremiah Fun-
derburk, also a native of Chesterfield
county.

In addition to being a prosperous
and progressive farmer, Mr. Laney
has been prominent in the public
affairs of the county and the town-
ship of Buford. Aside from his ac-
tive interest in promoting the school
and church influences of his local-
ity, he served as constable ten years,
road overseer four years, has been
a magistrate eighteen years, and is
serving his second term as a coun-
ty commissioner.

Mr. Laney was married in 1872
to Joanna M. Rogers, a daughter of
Russell Rogers, both born and raised
in Union county. Nine children
have been born to them and are
now living: William T., Cora I.,
Nancy, (Mrs. T. A. Gullledge), Re-
becca (Mrs. E. E. Redfearn), Susan
(Mrs. W. J. Gullledge), Belinda
(Mrs. S. B. Eubanks), Russell, Jer-
emiah C., Jr., and Calvin.

J. W. LANEY.

Julian Walter Laney, County Treasurer, was born in Buford township, Union county, February 5, 1880. He is a son of the late George M. Laney, and grandson of Calvin Laney, natives of this county and prominent citizens. His mother, Ida M. (Dillon) Laney, is a daughter of W. F. Dillon, and granddaughter of Thomas P. Dillon, first Register for Union county. George M. Laney was elected to the office of County Treasurer in 1908 and was serving at the time of his death in 1909. He was for many years a magistrate in Buford, active and generous in his support of school and church work, and altogether a man of most exemplary character. After leaving school, J. W. Laney began work as a salesman in the furniture store of T. P. Dillon, and with the exception of 14 months as clerk in a dry goods store has been engaged in the same business. He took special courses in embalming at Raleigh and Baltimore, and has full charge of that important branch of Mr. Dillon's business. Upon the death of his father, Mr. Laney was appointed by the County Commissioners to fill out the unexpired term of County Treasurer, and has ably and faithfully performed the responsibilities of that office.

In 1893 he married Wilma Armfield of Monroe, daughter of E. A. Armfield, also of Monroe. They



J. W. Laney.

have three children: Emsley A., George M., and Julian W., Jr.



J. B. LITTLE.

James Bunyan Little was born in Goose Creek township December 19, 1876. He is a son of James Labe Little and Elizabeth (Green) Little of Union county. Mr. Little's early days were spent on the farm, but later on worked about six years for J. W. Love, of Unionville, in the flour and saw mill business. He also worked in Charlotte, where he gained valuable experience running planing machines. He then returned to Unionville and shortly afterward organized the Unionville Manufacturing Company of which he is the present manager. Mr. Little is mayor of Unionville and one of its most enterprising citizens.

In 1879 he was married to Miss ennie Love, daughter of Mr. John W. Love, of Unionville. Their four children are: Ruth, Gertrude, Er-cell and Ned.



Z. V. McINTYRE.

Zebulon Vance McIntyre was born in New Salem township, Union county, November 8, 1876. His father, Isaiah McIntyre, was a native of Stanly county, but passed most of his youthful days in Anson county where he was engaged in farming until September, 1861, when he enlisted in Company K., 28th North Carolina regiment, and served with the army of Northern Virginia until the close of the war, being engaged in many hard-fought battles and was also confined several months in a federal prison after being captured in 1862. In 1866 he settled in New Salem township where he was prominent as a farmer and upright citizen until his death in 1909. The mother of Z. V. McIntyre was Martha (Hill) McIntyre, native of Anson county, and a daughter of Julius Hill, also born in Anson county. Mr. McIntyre has been engaged in farming and saw mill business all of his working years, and owns a very attractive farm in New Salem township. He has also been active in educational matters and served on the school committee in his district for four years. In 1895 he married Ida Thomas, native of Anson county, and a daughter of William Thomas, also a native of Anson county. From this union there are seven children living: Victoria I., Leomanon, Julia B., Jesse, Pearly L., Sidney I., and Martha.

A. H. McLARTY.

Archibald Hampton McLarty was born on the old homestead of his great-grandfather, four miles east from Monroe, June 3, 1871. The history of the family in this county begins with Alexander McLarty, who emigrated from Scotland and settled in Cabarrus county, N. C., but later on removed to Union county. The next in succession was Archibald, who was born in Cabarrus county, but came to this county when about 20 years old with his father. He married Ellen B. Collins, a native of this county. James M. McLarty, son of Archibald, was born in Union county, raised as a farmer, and married Sally Gordon, daughter of Hampton Gordon, a prominent citizen of Anson county. Of five sons born to them, four survive: Rev. Emmett K., D. Pickett, Archibald H., Julian. James M. McLarty died in June 1900 and in his death Union county lost one of its foremost citizens. He was a man of unusual culture and refinement, a brave soldier, and highly respected for his unswerving honesty and true Christian qualities. On May 1, 1861, he enlisted in Company B., 15th N. C. regiment and was immediately promoted to be first sergeant of the company. On May 2, 1862, he was commissioned as a lieutenant of the same company, and served until the close of the war. He was with Lee's army in Virginia most of the time, engaged in the numerous battles which fell to the lot of the gallant old regiment. After the war was over he settled quietly on the old plantation, devoting the rest of his life to the care of his family and farming interests.

Archibald Hampton McLarty is one of Union county's most active and progressive farmers. Besides the 320 acres comprised in the old homestead, on which he resides, he also owns another tract of 215 acres adjoining. Of these holdings there are about 180 acres under cultivation.

In 1885 he married Annie Lee, born in Lanes Creek township, Union county, daughter of the late Thomas N. Lee, prominent citizen of this county. They have one child living: Annie E.

A. W. McMANUS, ESQ.

Amos W. McManus was born in Lancaster county, S. C., October 21, 1847. His father, John H. McManus, and his mother, Mary Minerva (Cook) McManus, were both natives of Lancaster county, S. C. In 1860 the family moved to Union county, settling in the northern part of what is now Goose Creek township. On March 11, 1862, John H. McManus enlisted in Company I, 48th N. C. Regiment and was fatally wounded at the battle of Fredericksburg, dying ten days later. His body was interred at his old home in Lancaster county. In February, 1863, A. W. McManus enlisted in the Second S. C. Regiment and served until the close of the war. He then returned to Goose Creek township and began farming as a tenant, but soon acquired land of his own, and by industry and careful management has increased his ownership to 700 acres in Union and Mecklenburg counties; nearly 200 acres being under cultivation. Mr. McManus has held the office of magistrate for 30 years.

In September, 1867, he married Sarah Ann Helms, daughter of Rev. Calvin Helms of Union county. They have eight children living: Penina E. (Mrs. J. M. Griffin), Vera (Mrs. W. A. Hough), John C., Maggie J. (Mrs. Rufus Bivens), Ufus O. (Mrs. Fernando Helms), Panthe (Mrs. Hayden Clonts), Hugh F., and Rosa (Mrs. L. S. Pigg).

MONROE

Although Monroe, the capital town of Union county, has been since its establishment the center of the county's growth and enterprise, its real importance and development began with the first railroad outlets east and west afforded by the coming of the Seaboard Air Line in 1874. Land values were immediately advanced, new enterprises sprung into activity, and the population increased rapidly. About 16 years later, when the Seaboard with its connections were completed between the Northern cities and Atlanta, Monroe became a junction and station of great importance on the main line of that railroad; and with these additional advantages of transportation its forward pace was much accelerated. Among the cities of North Carolina none surpass Monroe in promise of future development and prosperity. The present population is about 6,000 including outside corporations within a radius of one mile. The schools, churches, business blocks, and private residences of the city are very attractive, being fully up to the requirements of a community which combines intelligence, refinement, and business enterprise. There are four banks here with an aggregate capital of \$235,000, and two building and loan associations, all in sound financial condition; two weekly newspapers, The Monroe Enquirer, published by Ashcraft Brothers, and The Monroe Journal, published by G. M. Beasley & Bro.; three large cotton mills, four wholesale houses, one wagon and buggy factory, oil mill, cotton gins, and many minor industries. Taken as a whole, Monroe possesses many attractions in its social and general aspect, and special advantages for permanent residence or investments.

NEW SALEM

This township lies northeast from Monroe, contains numerous good farms, and two important settlements: Olive Branch and Euto. The cultivation of land has not been so extensive as in other townships of the county, because of its uneven surface, especially in the northern portion. Educational facilities are somewhat meagre as compared with the other townships, although a good school is maintained at Hamilton's Cross Roads by local tax, and other districts give promise of improvement in the near future.

B. F. PARKER, ESQ.

Benjamin Franklin Parker was born in Union county, November 25, 1853. His father, Leonidas A. Parker, also a native of this county, served in Company B, 1st North Carolina regiment in April, 1863, and was killed at the battle of Chancellorsville. His mother, Edna C. (King) Parker, was born in Chesterfield county, South Carolina. 'Squire Parker is a prominent farmer and merchant in Lanes Creek township, and has been particularly active in the promotion of educational facilities in that portion of the county. For 28 years he has served on school committees in his district and for many years was a member of the old township board of education. He has held the office of magistrate 30 years in his district, and has been chairman of the township board of elections, and register of elections, for 16 years. 'Squire Parker was interested in lumber and cotton ginning business for several years, but is now occupied solely with the affairs of his farm and store.

In 1876 he married Sarah Della Cox, native of Union county, and daughter of Peter P. Cox, born in Anson county. Of this union there are twelve children living: Lester L., Joseph Lucas, Edna C. (Mrs. C. L. Gullledge), Henry F., Mary (Mrs. T. K. Helms), Beulah, Benjamin C., Sarah C., James Curtis, Annie G., John and William V.



J. D. A. SECREST, ESQ.

Jacob Doctor Alvin Secrest was born in Monroe township February 28, 1847. His father, Captain Abram J. Secrest, was a native of Union county, well known as a farmer, and was captain of a military company for many years. His mother, Millie (Pyron) Secrest, was a daughter of 'Squire Billy Pyron, both born in Union (then Mecklenburg) county. 'Squire Secrest is prominent as a farmer, magistrate and Methodist preacher. He has held the office of magistrate about thirty years and has been preaching for fifteen years. He also served the county as coroner two terms and has always been active in school matters.

One of his ancestors fought in the Revolutionary war, and he has in his possession a British musket taken on the battle field at King's Mountain, South Carolina. The relic is in an excellent state of preservation and a highly prized trophy.

'Squire Secrest has been twice married. His first wife, Elizabeth Dunlap, of Lancaster county, S. C., he married in 1874. She died in 1875, leaving one son, W. Blair Secrest, still living. In 1876 he married Nancy R. Wentz of Union county, a daughter of Jeremiah Wentz, also a native of Union county, and prominent in his day as an able farmer and school teacher.



F. M. SUTTON.

Fancis Marion Sutton, Monroe township, was born in Lancaster county, S. C., May 22, 1853. His father, Benjamin F. Sutton, was a native of Lancaster county, S. C. His mother, Eliza J. (Trull) Sutton, was a daughter of Charles Trull of Union county. B. F. Sutton joined the Confederate army in 1861 from his native county and served four years. He was color bearer of his regiment and was shot through the lungs at the battle of Gettysburg, but recovered and again went to the front and was in several more engagements before the war closed. In 1870 the family came to Union county. Mr. Sutton has a fine farm of 500 acres, about 150 of which are under cultivation, besides being proprietor of a saw and planing mill, and a cotton gin. He has a number of valuable houses in Monroe. Mr. Sutton has served the township of Monroe as road overseer, and for many years as member of the school committee in his district.

In 1874 he married Nancy C. Rogers of Monroe township. They have three children living: Minnie W. (Mrs. Tom Howie), G. Frank, and Lloyd E.