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and means; from 1907 to 1911 served as chairman of the state tax commission. He is a Democrat, has served as chairman of the Lauderdale County Democratic executive committee in 1884, and was a member of the state Democratic executive committee, 1906; is a deacon and elder in the Presbyterian church; and an Elk. Married: June 25, 1879, at Prattville, to Etoile, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Abbott) Hurd, natives of New Jersey but residents of Prattville, the former who served throughout the War of Secession in the C. S. Army, and later engaged in the drug business. Children: 1. William Henry (q. v.); 2. Joseph Hurd. Residence: Florence.

MITCHELL, JOHN WALTER, farmer and merchant, was born February 18, 1874, at Sand Rock, Cherokee County; son of William and Millie Jane (Clifton) Mitchell, the former who was born in North Carolina, moving to Sand Rock in 1839, served in the C. S. Army from Alabama the whole duration of the war; grandson of Joseph Mitchell, of Portersville, and of Hiram and Elizabeth Clifton, of Cedar Bluffs. Mr. Mitchell received his education in the public schools at Sand Rock, Round Mountain, Cedar Bluff, and upon going to Texas in 1892, attended school at Merit, Tex., 1893-4. He attended Emerson college, at Campbell, Hunt County, Tex., 1902-4; returned to Alabama in 1909 and the following year engaged in the farming and mercantile business. He represented Cherokee County in the legislature, 1919. He is a Democrat; a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, South; is an Odd Fellow; and a Woodman of the World. Married: January 3, 1897, at Floyd, Hunt County, Tex., to Maudie M., daughter of Andrew F. and Julia (Woody) Jones, of that place. Children: 1. Melissa May, m. Martin H. Copeland; 2. James Monroe; 3. John Andrew. Residence: Round Mountain.

MITCHELL, T. J., president of the State normal college, Florence, 1886-88. He held the Ph. D. degree.

MITCHELL, WILLIAM, *soldier of the American Revolution*, aged 78, and a resident of Morgan County; private Virginia Continental Line; enrolled on July 28, 1824, under act of Congress of March 18, 1818, payment to date from April 26, 1824; annual allowance, \$96; sums received to date of publication of list, \$802.39.—*Revolutionary Pension Roll*, in vol. xiv, Sen. doc. 514, 23rd Cong., 1st sess., 1833-34. He resided in Lawrence County, June 1, 1840, with A. Mitchell, aged 86.—*Census of Pensioners*, 1841, p. 148.

MITCHELL, WILLIAM HENRY, Presbyterian minister and college president, was born September 20, 1812, in Monaghan, Ireland, and died October 3, 1872, in Florence; son of James and Mary (Nelson) Mitchell, of Monaghan, Ireland, the former high sheriff of that county. He was fitted for college by Professor Bleakley, and entered Belfast college where he studied law and later theology. He came to America between 1840 and 1843, in the latter year being

installed as pastor of the Presbyterian church at Wetumpka. In 1850 he removed to Florence, where he was pastor until 1871. In 1858, he was made president of the Florence synodical female college, and continued at its head until his death. In 1862, while Florence was in possession of Federal forces, under Col. Harlan, afterward Justice Harlan, of the U. S. supreme court, Dr. Mitchell was arrested, by Harlan himself, for praying in the Presbyterian pulpit for the success of the Confederacy. He was sent to the military prison at Alton, Ill., and held for six months being paroled September, 1865. He was a Democrat and an ardent Secessionist; a Mason. Married: (1) in Ireland, to Annie Jane Byrne, daughter of John, of Dundork; (2) to Martha, daughter of James and Sarah (Moore) Jackson, of "The Forks," near Florence, the former born in Monaghan, Ireland, and a pioneer settler of Lauderdale County, the latter a descendant of the Moore family of North Carolina. Children: 1. David, deceased; 2. Anne, m. Samuel Adams of Wetumpka; 3. Mary Nelson, m. Robert Martin of Florence; 4. William Henry, jr., deceased; 5. John Jackson (q. v.), m. Etoile Hurd, of Prattville. Last residence: Florence.

MITCHELL, WILLIAM HENRY III, lawyer, was born April 8, 1882, at Florence; son of John Jackson and Etoile (Hurd) Mitchell (q. v.), of Florence; grandson of Rev. William Henry and Martha (Jackson) Mitchell (q. v.); great-grandson of James Jackson, of Lauderdale County, and of Joseph and Mary (Abbott) Hurd, of Prattville. He was educated at the Florence normal school, receiving his diploma in 1900; entered the University of Alabama, 1902, and graduated A. B. and LL. B. in 1904. He began the practice of law, 1904. He was a member of the city school board from 1909 to date; chairman Lauderdale County Democratic executive committee, 1906-10; a Knight of Pythias; an Elk; member Sigma Alpha Epsilon college fraternity; and a Presbyterian. Married: May 18, 1910, in Florence, to Ann Celestine, daughter of David Larkin and Ellen (Gilchrist) Martin, of Courtland, the latter the daughter of Philip and Alice (Garth) Gilchrist of Virginia. Children: 1. Ellen Gilchrist; 2. Celestine Martin. Residence: Florence.

MOBLEY, THOMAS BARNETTE, soldier, was born in 1835 at Lower Peachtree, Wilcox County, and died in battle in Tennessee, 1863; son of Col. Barnette and Rebecca (Campbell) Mobley, the former a native of South Carolina, who removed to Alabama, fought in the Indian massacre at Montgomery Hill, July 12, 1712, and was a colonel in the Revolutionary War. Thomas B. Mobley attended school at Greensboro. He served during the War of Secession as captain until his death. Married: January 12, 1859, to Maria, daughter of William and Jane Peebles, of Lower Peachtree. Children: 1. John Barnette. Last residence: Lower Peachtree.

MODAWELL, WILLIAM B., lawyer, was born in 1819 in Madison County. His early