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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

First, let me offer my apologies for being so slow in getting this issue of *Muscogiana* out. My excuses relate primarily to my involvement with work and family. Fall was an exceedingly busy quarter—I am still recuperating! But in the meanwhile, there is a journal to get out. So here, after a few months’ delay, is the Fall 1997 issue.

We begin with a well researched biographical piece on Randolph L. Mott, whose riverfront antebellum home is currently being restored as part of the Total Systems campus development in downtown Columbus. The paper, written by Columbus State University student David Dodd, for an upperlevel history course, reveals some not-so-widely-known facts about this nineteenth century local entrepreneur.

Our next article, submitted by Muscogee Genealogical Society recording secretary Kitty Thompkins, offers marriage records from St. Paul United Methodist Church from 1881 through 1925. These records were compiled as part of a project coordinated by the George Walton DAR Chapter’s Genealogical Records Committee in 1995.

The third feature in this issue is a continuation of Mary Jane Galer’s "Index for Columbus Council Records." In this installment, we have the index for the Board of Aldermen from January 4, 1840 - January 4, 1841.

And rounding out the issue is our final segment of the *Columbus City Directory, 1856-60*. In addition to the personal names, we have included the Business Directory, which is a classified listing of local business establishments. Following this is a short "Notes and Queries" page, in which I give some notable websites for your consideration, along with a couple of queries.

With this issue we bid a fond adieu to Linda Kennedy, who has served as a member of *Muscogiana*’s editorial board from the journal’s inception in 1990. More importantly, Linda has worked as the journal’s industrious typist from 1990 as well; her speedy fingers have typed all but one of our eighteen previously published issues! A very heart-felt thank you to Linda for her loyal and arduous service! We really appreciate all you’ve done to make this publication look and read as good as it does.

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Randolph Lawler Mott, 1799-1881
Columbus Businessman, Civic Leader, Unionist

by
David Dodd

Atlanta was hot on the afternoon of July 20, 1881. The old man stood in the shade of the train depot, his clean-shaven face smiling easily as he passed the time with a friend of many years. A cool, summer suit of striped linen covered his large, broad frame, and he held in his hand a well-worn walking stick. He had the air of a man used to ease, yet there was a power and strength in his full six feet. The old man remarked to his friend that they had both lived a long time and he hoped they would live to meet again. A little before one o'clock the old man walked across the tracks and placed his bag on the train for home. He started back across the tracks to the ticket office, and as he did, walked directly into the path of a train backing into the yard. The engineer frantically signaled to him with his whistle, but the old man didn't hear. When he was struck he clutched at the skirts of a woman standing on the platform, nearly taking her down with him. He was caught underneath the train and dragged twenty yards. As a crowd gathered around his body, someone raised the old man's head. He opened his eyes, groaned...and was dead (Enquirer, July 20 and 21, 1881.) That walk across the tracks was probably the only wrong move the old man ever made in his life.

The old man had lived nearly eighty-two years; years that spanned tremendous growth, destruction and re-birth for the city of Columbus, the South, and the nation as a whole. Throughout those years he was a major player in the development of Columbus from a village into a thriving city. Often he worked in the shadow of more famous men, but he was always there. The old man had lived well and prospered during the most troubled times in his country's history.

Randolph Lawler Mott was born on August 9, 1799 in Fauquier County, Virginia, to William A. and Sarah Mott (1). Sometime before 1819, he lived in North Carolina and worked with future President Andrew Johnson in the tailor trade (Enquirer, July 20, 1881). Johnson became an apprentice tailor in Raleigh in November of 1818 (Trefousse, 20; Note 2.) In 1819, Mott moved to Augusta, where he lived for several years. After leaving Augusta, Mott moved to Milledgeville (Enquirer, July 10, 1881). It is probable that the entire family made the move to Georgia because Mott's father died in Milledgeville on February 19, 1850. Sarah Mott died at Randolph's plantation at Dover, Russell County, Alabama, on July 26, 1853, at the age of 76 (1).

Mott was married to Mary A. Jeter in 1830 (Enquirer, July 20, 1881). Mary's sister Julia married John L. Mustian in 1831. Both of the sisters were born in Milledgeville (Enquirer, June 6, 1911). On February 1, 1835 the Motts and Mustians were living in Macon, and Randolph and John entered into a partnership in the hotel business (3). The Hotel Washington was leased by Mustian for five years at a cost of $1500. Mustian owned the Macon Race Course, as well, which yielded an annual income of between $500 and $600. He later sold the race course and put the proceeds of the sale and accrued income, to the total of $3000, into the partnership. When the partnership began, according to Mustian, Mott owned "...little or no property and owed between $7000 and $8000," but Mustian said that he went into business with him because he was his brother-in-law and also because of his "...great personal friendship and regard" for Mott (Benning, Box 4, Folder 19).
At this time, there was a great rivalry between the stage lines that ran through Augusta, Macon, Columbus, and on to Montgomery. Railroads were just coming into being in the 1830s and their lines were not long. The stages were relied upon to carry the mail and passengers. Later these stagelines would connect the railroads (Lamar, 13-14; 66-67). Mott and Mustian got into this business at its very beginning.

Shortly after the partnership was formed, Mustian was elected president of the Peoples Line of Stages, a position that earned him $1500 per year. Mustian entered these proceeds into the partnership funds. Afterwards, in the course of a few years, according to Mustian, the partnership was extended to encompass all business transactions that either man would make; then or in the future. Sometime in the late 1830s the Hotel Washington was sold. Mott kept the books for the hotel and probably saw to its everyday operation. After its sale, Mustian and Mott turned their entire attention to the running of the Peoples Line of Stages. The partnership had also bought 100% of the stock in the stage line (Benning, Box 4, Folder 19).

When the Hotel Washington was sold, the proceeds of the sale, as well as outstanding debts owed the business and the sale of furnishings amounted to around $20,000. Mott transacted the entire deal and received the payments. When The Planters and Mechanics suspended specie payments in 1842, it owed the partnership of Mott and Mustian $20,000. As collateral security for this debt, the bank turned over to them "...large amounts of notes and other evidence of debt...and a large sum of money, namely $3000 (Benning, Box 4, Folder 19). Mott also handled this transaction himself.

In 1845, Mustian was elected to the State Legislature and Mott took over the running of the entire business. He expanded the stage line and made considerable profits from it. Scheduled lines ran from Columbus to Barnesville and from Albany to Tallahassee, Florida. The latter was called the "Alligator Line" (Benning, Box 4, Folder 19). It was becoming apparent that Mott had a good head for business.

Mott moved to Columbus in 1843. In 1846 or 47, in addition to the running of the stage lines, Mott bought stock in the Muscogee Railroad Company. Though he later divested himself of this stock, he stayed on as a director of the company (Benning, Box 4, Folder 19).

Mott began to speculate considerably in real estate and his name first appears in property deed records of Muscogee County in 1849. He must have had interest in property well before that date, however, because this first deed is a promissory note payable to him for rent. It is possible that he was acting in his usual capacity as agent for Mott and Mustian in the transaction. The note lists as collateral in exchange for future payment of rent: "eighteen cane bottom chairs, one cane bottom rocking chair, two card tables, one (illegible) looking glass, forty yard [sic] of carpeting, one small mantle clock, one bureau, and one cherry dining table" (Muscogee, Deed Book E, 111).

Mott's first documented purchase of property in the Columbus area is dated December 12, 1851. The land was bought from R. J. Moses, prominent Columbus lawyer. It consisted of the old "summer resident of John L. Winter" which was 202.5 acres and also adjoining 202.5 acres of the "Parkman or Baker place (4)." The deal also included six slaves: Jack-30 years, Henry-22 years, Rachil-45 years, (illegible) a carriage driver-30 years, and Harriet-32, and her son William-11 years
(Muscogee, Deed Book F, 140). From 1851 until his death in 1881, Mott was involved in a total of 69 separate real estate deals with prominent, as well as ordinary citizens, local government, and private businesses. He dealt with Mustian, Moses and Winter, the City of Columbus, Rock Island Paper Mills, and the North and South Railroad Company (5).

Randolph Mott was the sole support of his family. John Mustian said that Mott supported "...an expensive family" which included one married daughter and her family and three sisters with their families. He also had two sons, for whom he bought homes to live in (Benning, Box 4, Folder 19).

In terms of documentary evidence, the year 1858 was Mott's most active to date. In 1857 or 58, he began purchasing stock in the Palace Mills, a gristmilling operation that had been started by John Winter in 1845. By 1858, he owned two-thirds of the total amount of stock in the company. John Mustian, who controlled one-sixth of the stock, said that Mott realized extensive profits from this mill. In that year, Mott purchased the home and four city lots on Bay and front Streets, known thereafter as the Mott House and Mott's Green. He purchased one third or one half interest in the Montgomery Mills, in Montgomery, Alabama. He bought property in the northeast part of Columbus, north of Bridge street (present day Dillingham and 9th Street area) and east of Forsythe Street (present day 4th Avenue) from which he derived income from rents. Also in 1858, he bought the two houses with lots where his sons lived. He bought a parcel of land, north of Columbus, known as "Camp Montgomery", from which he derived rental income, and he purchased a home and lot known as the "Julia Sims" place in the city, also for rental. In this same year, Mott bought into the city Gas Company (Benning, Box 4, Folder 19).

It seems that Mott kept control of all accountings of the partnership of Mustian and Mott, and that Mustian always trusted him to do so honestly. Mustian never mentions asking for an audit or to view the accounts. It should be remembered that, according to the partnership deal between the two, all income Mott derived from his business dealings should have gone jointly to the partnership of Mustian and Mott (Benning, Box 4, Folder 19).

Mott eventually controlled five-sixths of the total stock in the Palace Mills (Benning, Box 4, Folder 19). He is listed in the Columbus City Directory of 1859-60 as the president of Palace Mills and in the US Census of 1860 as a "Planter" by occupation. He stated his total worth to be $63,950, both real and personal property, including 22 slaves. This seems much too small a figure, especially considering that Mott had also purchased, according to Mustian, in 1858 in Russell County, a plantation totalling between 1600 and 1800 acres (Benning, Box 4, Folder 19). There is a discrepancy in Mustian's account of the date of Mott's purchase of the Alabama land, because the death notice of his mother states that she died at the home of her son Randolph in Dover, Russell County, in 1853. (1). With the coming of the War Between the States, Randolph Mott was a very wealthy man who had great personal interest in preserving what he had built (6).

Columbus was a town of almost ten thousand people and a center of industrial production, milling, and transportation for the state of Georgia and the South when war came. Its citizenry largely supported the Confederate war effort, though there were men of Unionist sympathies in the community, as there were throughout Georgia and every other state of the Confederacy. The issues of slavery and states rights had long been publicly debated in Columbus, and many later ardent
secessionists such as Robert Tombs, Howell Cobb, and Alexander Stephens had, as late as 1850, been for preserving the Union (Worsley, 264-9).

The debate continued across the entire south. In the Raleigh National Democrat of October 17, 1860, an editorial reflected the southern states' dilemma: "Lincoln's election would be calamitous, yet in our opinion, a dissolution of this Union at the present time would be a calamity the parallel of which can not be found in the history of nations" (Reynolds, 129; Note 7).

A. H. Chappell, a leading Columbus citizen, was also concerned about what was happening to his country. In a letter dated December 12, 1860, he wrote to his wife who was visiting out of town:

The perfect stillness of things is like that which prevails in nature just before a mighty earthquake. Never did a might empire yet fall to pieces without dreadful convulsions and are we the better than all former peoples that the Almighty should make an exception in our favor? I guess not and this far I see but slight signs of wise forecast on the part of those who have raised the whirlwind and who are taking the lead in ruling the storm (Chappell, Box 5).

Randolph Mott was doubtless acquainted with A. H. Chappell.

There was deep division over the question of secession, but the election of Lincoln pushed many over the edge; still, there were holdouts. John Winter, whose old summer place Randolph Mott had bought in 1851, and who was an associate of Mott's was one of them. Winter had moved to Augusta from New York City, where he was in the banking business. He moved to Columbus in 1841 (Lamar, 52). He chose to leave his home in Columbus and flee to England in 1861 to escape being part of the rebellion or to avoid possible retribution because of his northern background. During his self-imposed exile in England, Mott and Winter's son oversaw his business interests in Columbus (Graf). Some men loyal in spirit to the Union, stayed and simply kept their mouths shut. Others stayed and were known as unabashed Union men.

In 1864, Winter wrote Vice-President Andrew Johnson, Randolph Mott's old tailor colleague, a letter describing the Union men then residing in Columbus. It was apparent by that year that the war was going to be won by the North and the South would eventually be occupied by Federal forces. Winter wrote to let Johnson know that there were good Union men in the area who should be given special consideration when that time came. One of those men he mentioned was Randolph Mott (Graf).

Winter lists Mott in his letter "as firm as a Rock, bold & influential although he has furnished supplies &c he is an ardent friend of his country & hates the rebels with a (illegible)" (Graf). Local history relates the story of the staunch, open Union sentiments of Mott throughout the war. He is said to have flown the Union flag from within the cupola of his home during the entire time that Georgia was a Confederate state. Many local histories have included biographical sketches of Mott, telling this story (Worsley, 208).
The year 1861 was not a happy one for Mott. His wife died on July 3, and was buried on a rainy Fourth of July. It was the first Fourth of July that Columbus had spent out of the Union. She probably died of typhoid, but there is no mention of the cause of her death in the local newspaper. Other articles from the day of her funeral announcement carry stories of outbreaks of the disease in other southern cities. Friends of the family were cautioned not to pay respects to Mrs. Mott at the Mott home, but at the Old Methodist Church, "...owing to the sickness of other members of the family" (Daily Sun, July 4, 1861).

1861 also saw the enlistment of Mott's eldest son, John, only twenty years old, in the Confederate service. Despite his father's sympathies, John joined Colonel H. L. Benning and the 17th Georgia Volunteers of the Confederate States Army in 1861. He was made Second Lieutenant and Adjutant to the Colonel, and was with the unit when it arrived at Manassas, Virginia, after the first battle there. The unit went into winter quarters in 1861 in Prince William County, not far from the boyhood home of John's father. The regiment saw much action over the course of the war and participated in all of the major campaigns in Virginia (Martin, 140). Many battle reports from subordinates to Benning were sent to the General through young Mott (Benning, Box 4, Folders 16 & 18).

Late in 1863, John was granted leave, and came home to Columbus to marry Annie Chapman on New Year's Eve (Daily Sun, January 3, 1864). She was the sister of two comrades in his unit, both privates, one of whom was later killed in battle (Martin, 141). At Gettysburg, John was cited for performing with gallantry under fire by then General Benning (Jones, 170).

Mott continued to run the Palace Mills throughout the war. It was "busy night and day grinding corn and some wheat for the army" (Worsley, 285). It is not known how he justified this support to the rebel armies in light of his unionist sympathies, but the answer probably lies in evidence that Mott was a capitalist first, and a patriot second. His actions up to this time point out that Mott was a good businessman, and always seemed to be able to take advantage of whatever circumstances he found himself in.

Mott made a lot of money from the Confederate government through the Palace Mills. At one point during the war, according to John Mustian, he issued "change bills" in the name of the mill to the Confederate government in exchange for Confederate currency. Change bills were an exchange of one kind of money for another and were a common practice of the time (Black, 231). Financially sound businesses issued bonds against the enterprise as a form of currency, especially in times of uncertain money. Mott did this with his mill, and with the proceeds, which were Confederate currency, bought cotton. He bought some $130,000 worth of cotton and stored it in his mill warehouses (Benning, Box 4, Folder 19).

It is not known what Mott did with this cotton, but during the war years, trading with the "enemy" was not uncommon. The July 15, 1862 Atlanta Southern Confederacy warned: "that enemies and traitors...are now engaged in buying our cotton, with not only the knowledge and connivance of the Lincoln authorities, but with their...authority" (Bryan, 147). A Confederate captain, George Mercer, wrote in his diary on August 31, 1863: "The Yankees possess a potential weapon for converting lukewarm southerners into warm Lincolnites, and they use it without sting; this is the
granting of commercial privileges and trade monopolies to those they wish to purchase...it is the love of money that is...making traitors among us" (Bryan, 147-8).

Mott's real estate speculation did not stop with the war. He purchased in 1862, four city lots from the Mayor and City (Muscogee, Deed Book T, 470). This is proof that even though Mott was a Union man, he was not shut out by the leaders of the local government. On the contrary, Mott surely had contacts with the Confederate government or he could not have transacted his mill business with them. Mott was a Unionist, to be sure, but it seems that the Confederates, as well as Mott, were willing to overlook this technicality as long as both parties got what they needed. It is a curious note that the deed to this transaction was not recorded until 1880, when the lots were officially sold to the Trustees of Public Schools (Muscogee, Deed Book T, 475).

With the approach of the Union forces to Columbus on April 15, 1865, there was a call to action from Mayor Wilkins. Under a proclamation, the Mayor called all able-bodied men to remain in the city and stand and fight the invader (Daily Sun, April 15, 1865). But according to the report of the battle by General Wilson, commander of Federal troops, once the Confederate works on the Alabama side of the Fourteenth Street bridge (at the foot of which, on the Georgia side, stood Randolph Mott's home) had been taken, the little home guard offered no real resistance (Worsley, 295).

The General continued:

My forces captured this place...by a most gallant attack at ten o'clock last night, losing 25 men killed and wounded...In addition to 125,000 bales of cotton, much of it belonging to the Confederate government. General Edward F. Winslow destroyed 20,000 sacks of corn, 15 locomotives, 250 freight cars, 2 bridges over the Chattahoochee river, the machine shops, round houses, and railway supplies, one naval armory and shipyard, two rolling mills with all their machinery, the Confederate arsenal and nitre works, two powder magazines, two iron works, three foundries, 10 mills and factories engaged in making cotton cloth, paper, guns, pistols, swords, shoes, wagons, and other military supplies, and over 100,000 rounds of artillery ammunition, together with immense quantities of small arms, military accoutrements and army clothing of which no account could be taken...it is remembered that these operations gave to us the city of Columbus,—the key to Georgia, four hundred miles from our starting point (Worsley, 295-6).

This report was probably written at Randolph Mott's home, because after the battle the General stayed there. Wilson related in his autobiography that "Only one warehouse in the city was spared. That was the property of a Union man, at whose home I made my headquarters, and within the dome of which he assured me the American flag had been kept flying from the outbreak of the war to that unfortunate day. He claimed with the fervor of a patriot that his house and grounds had never been out of the union" (Wilson, 267).

On Monday, April 17, the Union forces had made their camps and the burning of Columbus' buildings continued. The scene at Mott's home must have been chaotic. Orderlies and soldiers tramped in and out as women from the town came and went, pleading to the General for mercy and
for protection from the destruction. One woman told many years later of her grandmother's experience on that night as she made her way to the Mott home to secure a Yankee guard from General Wilson to protect her mother. The mother had been ill and was bedridden, and had had her bedroom invaded by soldiers looking for rebels: "Sparks from the burning buildings fell down on our dresses', she told me. But they persisted and fortunately they secured the guard they wanted" (Dubose, Box 1, Folder 1).

It is not known if Mott still had the cotton that he had bought with Confederate money at the Palace Mills when General Wilson's men burned down the warehouses on Columbus' waterfront. It is known that because of his claim of loyalty to the General, Wilson did not burn his warehouse: "Of course I ordered his property safeguarded till we withdrew from the city and that was done, but our last man had scarcely taken the road to Macon when Buford's division, of Forrest's corps, entered the town. It is a suggestive fact that the first thing they did was to set fire to and completely destroy the warehouse we had spared" (Wilson, 267).

The citizens of Columbus were at first stunned by their defeat; then a chaotic frenzy took over, and rioting and looting became widespread. Brigadier General Edward Winslow was placed in command of the city and in a report dated April 18, told what the scene was like in downtown Columbus: "There are thousands of almost pauper citizens and negroes, whose rapacity under the circumstances of our occupation, and in consequence of such destruction of property, was seemingly insatiable. These citizens and negroes formed one vast mob, which seized upon and carried off almost everything movable whether useful or not" (Worsley, 296).

It would now be up to those few citizens who had managed to hold on to their property and businesses to try and restore some order in the uncertain times. It would also not harm matters if these citizens had been Unionists during the war and could possibly have some influence with their Northern conquerors; citizens such as Randolph Mott.

On November 11, 1866, Mott announced that his Palace Mills was back in operation after "much needed repairs," and would be available to take orders for flour and grain of any amount (Daily Sun, November 30, 1866). It is not known how much of Mott's property was damaged or destroyed during the war, but it can be assumed that he quickly went to work to resume all of his business interests.

Mott became active in rebuilding the civic health of the city as well. In January of 1866 a bill was read before the Columbus City Council to provide for the lease of city property for the purpose of establishing free schools in Columbus. The Council debated whether the bill should be sent on to the state legislature and the decision was that it should be tabled for further consideration. It seemed to have taken some members of the Council by surprise, and there was a question raised as to whether the state should not be responsible for education instead of the city. A major point of contention seemed to be whether the citizens of the city should be forced into paying for schools that would not be profitable, causing special taxes to be levied. Mott was named in the bill as one of the members of the board of trustees to oversee the proposed free schools (Daily Sun, January 19, 1866).
On Wednesday morning, May 27, 1868, a communique was received at the Columbus City Council which ordered the removal from office of the elected Mayor Wilkins and the entire board of Aldermen. This was done by order of Captain William Mills, U. S. Army Infantry, who had been appointed mayor of the city by order of General George Mead (Council, Book 408, 360). On the following Monday, Randolph Mott was named, by order of General Meade, as an Alderman to fill one of the vacancies and he was chosen to serve on the standing committees of finance, streets, and bridges and wharfs (Council, Book 408, 361-2).

At a regular meeting of the Council on that Monday, with Captain Mills presiding, a movement was made to elect a Mayor Pro-Tern. Mott was elected on a ballot vote and sworn into office (Council, Book 408, 362). Relations between Mott and Mills were good, and Mott was trusted with the duty of presiding over the Council meetings in Mills’ absence. Mott was ordered to assume the duties of mayor by Mills in a communique dated July 27, 1868, which was read before the Council. Captain Mills cautioned the Council that although he did not relinquish his authority to assume the role of mayor if necessary, he had every confidence in Mott, and felt that his decision "will meet with the approval of the Commanding General." The Captain thanked Mott and the others for "...the courtesy extended to me while performing the duties as mayor" (Council, Book 408, 389).

Mott set about the business of making the City of Columbus solvent and to heal the wounds that had been caused by civil war. Mott was a Republican, but he maintained Democratic office holders in many positions that had served the public well: the City Treasurer, Clerk, Bridge Keeper and police force. When he entered office, the city treasury was empty. The city had been paying a high rate of interest for money and was deeply in debt. When Mott left office the city was financially sound and had paid its debts (Council, Book 409, 57-8).

During his tenure in office, Mott became active in the Freedman's Bureau, and was named as one of the five local trustees of the Bureau's Clafin School, built in 1868 for the education of blacks. The school was built on the four lots that Mott bought from the city in 1862 (Huntzinger, 45-6). He began to take an active role during this time in aiding the black citizens of the area. In turn he also began to have considerable influence in the black community.

Early in 1873, Mott was named by the famous bridge-builder Horace King, a former slave who had been freed by his master in the 1830s, as a character witness in King's claims against the Federal Government for reimbursement of property taken from him during the war. King listed Mott as a reference in his claim that he was a free black Union man during the war. He states in transcripts of the hearing when asked who in his vicinity were the leading and best known Unionists, that "...I knew Mr. R. L. Mott of Columbus to be a loyal man." Mott was never called on to testify in the hearing (French).

Mott probably had some control over the black vote from the Columbus area. When local lawyer R. J. Moses ran for the state legislature in 1877 against Benjamin Harvy Hill, Moses claimed that after several ballots "we had a reserve of four negroes fixed by R. L. Mott who all through had thrown their votes off. They voted for Hill on this ballot, and he was triumphantly elected" (Moses, 93-4).
As late as three months before his death, in April of 1881, Mott, in his very last real estate deal, sold property for the use "...of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church as a place of divine worship" (Muscogee, Book U, 229).

On March 29, 1869, Mott announced in a City Council meeting that a city-wide election for mayor would be held on April 3rd. John McIlheney was elected. In the Council meeting of April 5th, McIlheney was sworn in and Mott delivered a farewell "valedictory." In his speech, Mott responded to what must have been conflict among members of the Council and possibly in the city at large, toward him and his term in office. The details of the trouble are not known, but Mott's response toward the problem addresses allegations that he had somehow been behind the ousting of Mayor Wilkins and his aldermen and the institution of a "Military Board." Mott claimed he entered office at the insistence of his fellow citizens and only had the best interests of Columbus in mind throughout his service:

In retiring from public office, I deem it a fitting occasion...to direct your minds of the prejudices which have been excited against me...I am proud to say, that whatever errors I have committed, they have been of the head and not of my heart...It has been alleged and believed by some that it was at my instance the former Mayor & Council were displaced and a Military Board appointed. In reply to this accusation I have only to say it is without foundation, and I could never have lost my self-respect so far as to have been guilty of so unjust an outrage...and you will pardon me if I sound egotistical, when I affirm the fact, that it was through my influence and unaided effort, your city's credit was protected and her liabilities met. I am proud to acknowledge (and with no fear of contradiction) that in all your difficulties, whether of a financial, social, or personal character, I have been your friend, and guarded your interests with all the jealousy of a faithful custodian (Council, Book 409, 58).

Throughout the rest of his life, Randolph Mott continued to be active in his business interests, on boards of local banks, utilities and railroads, and in the buying and selling of real estate. In 1870, his brother-in-law and partner of so many years, John Mustian, filed suit against him in Superior Court, seeking to force Mott to answer claims that he diverted assets from their partnership for personal use (Benning, Box 4, Folder 19). The outcome of the case is not known, and it is possible that it never went to court. By the time of his death in 1881, all of Mott's children had died, except for his youngest son Frank, who had moved to Denver years before. His daughter-in-law Annie, and grandchildren did live with him at his home on the river (Enquirer, July 20, 1881).

In newspaper reports following his death, he is spoken of as a man who always used his resources and station in life to help others: "He was a frugal man and taking care of what he made, he amassed a considerable fortune, and was prominent among men who were themselves capitalists...During his life Mr. Mott devoted much of his money and time to the good of others, and in his death, the poor lose a warm, sympathetic and active friend" (Enquirer, July 21, 1881).

Randolph L. Mott's life spanned possibly the most turbulent and dynamic years of his country's and Columbus' history. They were times of great opportunity for Southern men with bold, gambling spirits. It must have seemed to Mott and men like him, in the years leading to the War
Between the States, that anything was possible. But not many of these men of the South made it through the years of prosperity, and the war that followed, in the fine shape that Mott did. Mott had the knack of being where he needed to be, knowing whom he needed to know, and owning what he needed to own, to maintain power over his situation in life.

When he was poor and in debt, he married into a family that could provide him with a stake. When the country began to be settled, and there was a need for transportation, this connection enabled Mott to be there to provide it. When a raw town like Columbus, Georgia, was becoming one of the industrial centers of the southeast, Mott went there. When his state left the union Mott stayed loyal, played both sides against the middle, and in the end stood at the foot of the burned-out bridge next to his home and welcomed the Union commander to town. When the rebels were thrown out of city government and the scalawags descended upon Columbus, he was there to help the city out of financial ruin and control the black vote. And when prosperity came again to Columbus and the South, Randolph Mott was firmly entrenched in a power base to take full advantage of it.

Mott was certainly an opportunist and a capitalist and possibly even a war profiteer. He probably did take advantage of John Mustian's trust, for personal gain. His loyalty to the Union was probably driven as much by an instinct for survival and a sharp grasp of the inevitable outcome of the war, as by patriotism. But like many men of his day, it is evident that he sought personal wealth and the power that it brings for reasons other than pure greed. He did work diligently to bring Columbus out of the destruction of the war. It is said that he aided those in need and he did help bring education to newly freed African Americans, and at his death, he was on the board of trustees of the "Lunatic Asylum" at Milledgeville. In Randolph Mott's time, a civic conscience was an honorable thing and the duty of every man of wealth and power.

Randolph Lawler Mott will always be known in the history of Columbus as the man whose home never went out of the Union, but this is only a small part of his story. Mott was not a Unionist hero, but Mott was a courageous man. The closing words that he spoke on the day he left the office of Mayor probably depict the man as well as any: "...if there still exists any differences of feeling of an unkind character between any of my fellow citizens and myself, I again ask you to bury them this day, and with you to anticipate a more glorious future of peace and prosperity" (Council, Book 409, 58).

On the day of the old man's funeral, the bells were tolled at the St. John's African Methodist Church as his body passed on the way to Linwood Cemetery. The members of the church had "asked permission to do this as a tribute of respect to a man who had at all times proved himself to be a sincere friend," and in an article in that afternoon's paper, Governor Smith had these words to say: "He was one of the very best men I ever knew...We differed in politics but I could not help but like him...By the death of this noble old man, Georgia has met with another loss that can never be regained" (Daily Times, July 21, 1881).
1. The date of Mott's birth comes from the Columbus Enquirer-Sun, July 20, 1881. The 1790 U. S. Census from Virginia lists a William Mott residing in Fauquier County. He was between the ages of 16 and 21 and lived alone. Later, the 1810 Virginia Census shows that there are two male children under the age of ten and one above the age of ten living in the household. The latter child was probably Randolph. The Columbus Daily Sun and Times, July 26, 1853, contains the death notice of Sarah Mott who "...died at the age of 76 at Dover, Russell County, Alabama at the home of her son Randolph."

2. Andrew Johnson was born in 1808, which would have made him only ten years old at the time of his supposed acquaintance with Mott, who moved to Augusta in 1819. This allows for only a few months where their paths could have crossed. Johnson was apprenticed to a tailor who employed several other boys and men, so it is possible that Mott worked with him. It is doubtful that Johnson and Mott were close, however, because of the difference in their ages, but it is possible that he and Mott knew each other.

3. This and all other information regarding the partnership of Mustian and Mott, or attributed to John L. Mustian, comes from the suit he filed against Mott in Columbus Superior Court on April 22, 1870. Mustian claimed that Mott should answer the charge that he had diverted funds from their joint partnership for personal profit. Fire destroyed all civil court records dated before 1888 and there are no newspaper reports concerning the outcome of the case. A copy of Mustian's claims against Mott is on file in the Benning-Jones Papers, Box 4, Folder # 19, in the Columbus State University Archives. Henry L. Benning was Mustian's attorney.

4. Most legal descriptions of property dating from these early days do not contain specific land lot numbers or any other notation concerning the exact location of the properties, other than the quaint references as to who had owned the property originally. Columbus was a very small community and it must have been assumed that everyone knew where the "Parkman or Baker place" was located.

5. This is only a brief summary of the total transactions listed for Mott in property deed records of Muscogee County on file at Muscogee County Superior Court.

6. John Mustian is listed in the 1860 Census as being worth $270,000, including 25 slaves. The Columbus Enquirer-Sun, June 7, 1911, states in an article published after the death of Mustian's wife, that he had moved to Warm Springs, Georgia, in 1848, having purchased the resort there. It is not known how the personal relationship between Mott and Mustian had progressed by the beginning of the war, but it is probable that their lives were diverging somewhat from their close association of the past. Mustian had served in the legislature and was now involved in the resort at Warm Springs, both taking time away from their joint business interests. Mustian had been a minor state politician and his political affiliations are not known, but evidence clearly shows that Mott was a Unionist. It is possible that differences in their political views during the coming of the war had something to do with the subsequent trouble between them. Mustian seems to fade from the story with the coming of the war. He died at Warm Springs only two months before Mott.
7. It is interesting that the state of North Carolina was the last to secede from the Union and that both Mott and Andrew Johnson had spent early years in Raleigh. Throughout the war a large segment of the population of North Carolina held sympathy for the Union. Andrew Johnson eventually moved to Tennessee and was an active and outspoken Union man there. He had to leave Tennessee in fear for his life, once that state had seceded. This background of the early years in North Carolina must have contributed to their shared loyalty to the Union in the midst of the secession of their home states.

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According to Dorothea N. Spear, in her *Bibliography of American Directories*, the first separately published city directory in America was done in Philadelphia in 1785. One for New York City came out in 1786, and after that many of the larger cities throughout the country began publishing them. Newspaper companies published many of the early directories, but later special directory publishers sprang into being, including George Adams, William H. Boyd and, eventually R. L. Polk.

The earliest publication dates for city directories of Southern cities, as cited by Spear, are:

- Atlanta - 1859
- Augusta - 1841
- Charleston, S.C. - 1782
- Memphis - 1849
- Mobile - 1836
- Montgomery - 1859

- New Orleans - 1805
- Norfolk - 1801
- Petersburg - 1859
- Richmond - 1818
- Savannah - 1860
- Vicksburg - 1860

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Older city directories for other Georgia cities are also available at the CSU Library. Directories for Atlanta (1859-60), Augusta (1841 and 1859), and Savannah (1848, 1849, 1850, 1858, 1859 and 1860) are available on microfiche. There are also microfilm copies available for Atlanta (1861-1881) and Savannah (1861-1881).

For more information on city directories in general, the reader may consult the following sources:


--- The Editor

Abbreviations used in this directory - ab, above; bel, below; bet, between; n, near; opp, opposite; cor, corner; h, house; do, ditto; e s, east side; w s, west side; n s, north side; s s, south side; wid, widow; bds, boards.

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Tapper, E., apprentice, Short cor. Thomas.
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Teasdale, C. B., Oglethorpe cor. Randolph.
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Thomas, B. W., matrass maker, 176 Broad, h. do.
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Thomas, G. E., Jr., clerk, 123 Broad, bds. Planters’ Hotel.
Thomas, John, brass moulder, h. Troup n. Few.
Thomas, Miss Lucinda, seamstress, Warren n. Franklin, h. do.
Thomas, Marion, mechanic, h. Jackson cor., Crawford.
Thombs, Joseph, jeweler, h. Oglethorpe n. St. Clair.
Thompson, Miss Catherine, weaver, Howard Factory, h. Girard.
THOMPSON, D. B. & Co.; (J.S. Pruden,) tinware, 143 Broad.
Thompson, Miss Julia, h. Oglethorpe n. Thomas.
Thompson, Mrs. M. C. W., h. Mercer cor. Few.
Thompson, Miss M., weaver, h. Howard Tenements.
Thompson, Miss Rebecca, weaver, h. Howard Tenements.


Thweatt, James T., clerk, 7 Broad, h. out city limits.

Tilley, Miss Georgia, h. McIntosh bet. Franklin and Bridge.

Tilley, James, h. Mercer cor. Early.

Tilley, John, laborer, h. Mercer bet. Crawford and Thomas.

Tilley, W. W., market clerk, h. McIntosh bet. Bryan and Franklin.

Tillman, Miss E., warper-tender, h. Howard Tenements.


Tillman, J., blacksmith, Short cor. Thomas.


Tillman, John, peddler, h. Howard Tenements.


Toby, Frederick, mechanic, h. Jackson cor. Crawford.


Torry, Mrs. George H., h. McIntosh cor. Bryan.

Torry, James, Carter Factory, h. Broad bet. Franklin and Randolph.


Treadwell, James, printer, Randolph n. Oglethorpe, bds Troup n. Bridge.

Tucker, Ben., h. Eagle Tenements.


Tuggle, T. S., (Tuggle & Dawson,) physician, 101 Broad, h. Broad bet. Thomas and Baldwin.


Turner, Davie, laborer, h. Troup n. Early.


Twilley, James, h. McIntosh bet. Few and Baldwin.

Tyler & Shorter, (J. A. Tyler and R. C. Shorter,) grocers; 132 Broad.

Tyler, J. A., (Tyler & Shorter,) grocer, 132 Broad, h. Franklin cor. Forsyth.

U.

Underwood, W. J., clerk, 169 Broad.


Upston, Jefferson, laborer, h. Howard Tenements.

Upston, Miss Mary, reeler, h. Howard Tenements.
V.

Vandenberg, C. G., clerk, h. Randolph n. Forsyth.
VANDENBERG, T. H., musical instruments, 76 Broad, h. Randolph n. Forsyth.
Vansciver, J., carriage maker, h. Oglethorpe cor. Bridge.
Vanzandt, John, mechanic, h. Crawford n. Front.
Velati, A., confectionery, 20 Broad, h. do.
Venable, Mrs. Mary, wid. G., h. Oglethorpe bet. Bridge and Franklin.
Vickory, Miss Amelia, weaver, h. Howard Tenements.
Vickers, John, laborer, h. McIntosh cor. Fulton.
Vinson, Mrs. S. A., wid. W., h. Troup bet. Crawford and St. Clair.
VINSON, WESLEY C., printer, Sun office, h. Troup bet. Crawford and St. Clair.
Voight, Henry, dyer, h. Eagle Tenements.
Volk, W. J., confectionery, 42 Broad, h. do.

W.

Wagner, C. F., barber, Randolph bet. Broad and Oglethorpe, h. northeast Commons.
WALKER, J. T., Magistrate, office Masonic Hall, h. Thomas cor. Troup.
Walker, Milton J., clerk, 125 Broad.
Wall, L. W., brick-mason, h. Jackson cor. Crawford.
Walley, Charles, clerk Grant Mills, bds. Broad street House.
Ward, J., blacksmith, h. n. Baldwin.
Ward, Miss Susan, weaver, h. Howard Tenements.
WARE, R. A. & SON, (James N. Ware,) druggists, 74 Broad.
Ware, David, clerk, 69 Broad, h. Crawford bet. Jackson and Troup.
Ware, James H., (R. A. Ware & Son,) druggist, 74 Broad, h. Jackson n. Franklin.
Ware, J. W., (Hunt, Ware & Co.), dry goods, 69 Broad, bds. Perry House.
Ware, Dr. R. A., (R. A. Ware & Son,) 74 Broad, h. Jackson n. Franklin.
Warnke, Henry, carpenter, h. Troup n. Thomas.
Warnac, Sam'l, ware-house, h. Jackson cor. Crawford.
Warren, James E., pattern maker, Crawford n. Troup.
Warnock, S. B., bds. Planters' Hotel.
Watkins & Browning, (L. F. Watkins and W. A. Browning,) tobacconists, 63 Broad.
Watkins, L. F., (Watkins & Browning,) tobacconist, 63 Broad, h. out city limits.
Watson, M. G., policeman, h. Court House.
Watt, James M., book-keeper, 7 Broad, h. out city limits.
Watts, Thomas, printer, h. Oglethorpe n. St. Clair.
Webster, Joseph E., wharfinger, h. Broad bet. Crawford and Thomas.
Webster, William T., clerk, 120 Broad, h. Oglethorpe n. Bryan.
Weems, Lock, (Bedell & Weems,) grocer, 15 Broad, bds. Perry House.
Weich, Christian, baker, 150 Broad, h. do.
Welch, James, overseer, h. Howard Tenements.
Welch, Miss Mary, weaver, h. Howard Tenements.
Welch, Miss Rebecca, speeder-tender, h. Howard Tenements.
Welding, James, h. Franklin n. Broad.
Wellborn, M. J., lawyer, 107 Broad.
WELLS, CURTIS & CO., (Benjamin Wells, N. N. Curtis, Elbert Wells, Lewis Beers,) boots and shoes, 75 Broad.
Wells, Benjamin, (Wells, Curtis & Co.,) boots and shoes, 75 Broad, h. out city limits.
Wells, Elbert, (Wells, Curtis & Co.,) boots and shoes, 75 Broad, h. out city limits.
Wells, Elbert L. clerk, 75 Broad, h. Oglethorpe cor. Few.
Westbrooks, Miss M., ass't overseer, h. Howard Tenements.
Wetmore, O., (Hull, Duck & Co.,) dry goods and groceries, 121 Broad, h. New York.
White, Allen, carder, h. Howard Tenements.
White, Miss E., weaver, h. Howard Tenements.
White, Miss Fannie S., dress-maker, Oglethorpe n. St. Clair.
White, Jacob, mechanic, bds. McIntosh n. Thomas.
White, Joseph B., mechanic, bds. McIntosh n. Thomas.
WHITESIDE, J. A. & CO., (Joseph Darling,) druggists, 135 Broad.
Whiteside, J., boarding house, h. Crawford cor. Short.
Whiteside, J. D., carpenter, Front cor. Thomas.
Whiteside, J. A., (J. A. Whiteside & co.,) druggist, 135 Broad, h. Crawford cor. Short.
Wilcher, F., auctioneer, 131 Broad, h. Planters’ Hotel.
Wilcox, G. F., book-keeper Bank Columbus, h. McIntosh n. Crawford.
Wilding, F. & Bro., (Christopher Wilding,) boot-makers, Randolph bet. Broad and Oglethorpe.
Wilding, Christopher, (F. Wilding & Bro.,) boot-maker, Randolph bet. Braod and Oglethorpe, h. do.
Wilding, F., (F. Wilding & Bro.,) boot-maker, Randolph bet. Broad and Oglethorpe, h. do.
Wiggins, John R., machinist, Grant Mills, h. out city limits.
Wilhelm, F., bar, Randolph n. Broad, h. McIntosh cor. Thomas.
Wilhelm, Jere, h. Baldwin cor. Forsyth.
Willett, J., machinist, Short cor. Thomas.
Williams, Mrs. J. E., wid. J., h. Early cor. Broad.
Williams, B. W., druggist, 135 Broad, bds. Columbus Hotel.
Williams, Charles J., lawyer, 95 Broad.
Williams, Miss C., h. McIntosh bet. Early and Fulton.
Williams, Mrs. C. R., wid. E. W., dressmaker, h. Troup bet. Franklin and Bridge.
Williams, Mrs. D., wid. Jack, h. McIntosh bet. Early and Fulton.
Williams, Daniel E., clerk O. R. R., h. Troup bet. Franklin and Bridge.
Williams, Elijah, overseer, h. Eagle Tenements.
Williams, F. H., clerk, 155 Broad, h. cor. McIntosh and Crawford.
Williams, James, carpenter, bds. Troup bet. Crawford and St. Clair.
WILLIAMS, G. T., daguerrean, 67 Broad, (up stairs,) h. Early cor. Broad.
Williams, J., laborer, h. Fulton n. McIntosh.
Wilson, Miss Jane, warper-tender, h. Howard Tenements.
Wilson, Stephen, tinner, 146 Broad, h. Jackson n. Few.
Winter, John G., president R. I. paper mills, Front n. Randolph h. in Alabama.
Witkoswky, Isaac, clerk, 167 Broad.
Wittich, Adophus, watchmaker, 67 Broad, h. Thomas n. Front.
Wolf, William, barkeeper, 34 Broad, h. do.
Wood, Miss H., h. Baldwin cor. McIntosh.
Wood, W., Blacksmith, Short cor. Thomas.
WOODFIELD, S., machinist, h. Bridge bet. Troup and Jackson.
WOODRUFF, MICHAEL, physician, 65 Broad, h. out city limits.
Wornum, W. L., gin factor, h. cor Jackson and St. Clair.
Wooten, James, cotton broker, h. Jackson n. Washington.
Wright, J. B., carpenter, h. Oglethorpe bet. Washington and Bridge.
Wright, L. S., cotton broker, h. Troup bet. St. Clair and Randolph.
Wright, W., apprentice, Short cor. Thomas.
Wright, W. C., grocer, Oglethorpe n. Franklin, h. do.
Wynne & Park, (T. K. Wynne and H. S. Park,) boots and shoes, 103 Broad.
Wynne, T. K., (Wynne & Park,) boots and shoes, 103 Broad, h. Broad bet. Randolph and Bryan.

Y.

YARINGTON, R. J., (Thomas Gilbert & Co.,) editor and proprietor Daily Sun, h. Oglethorpe bet. Randolph and Bryan.
Young, B. H., grocer, Warren n. Broad, h. do.
Young, George B., clerk Eagle Factory, h. out city limits.
Young, James, h. Eagle Tenements.
Young, J. W., h. Eagle Tenements.
Young, Leonard, painter, h. Oglethorpe bet. Bryan and Franklin.
Young Men’s Christian Association, 89 Broad.
Young, Thomas, h. Eagle Tenements.
Young, W. H., pres’t Bank Columbus, 112 Broad, h. out city limits.

Z.

Zang, John, cotton sampler, h. Jackson n. Bridge.
Zorkowsky, Julius, dry goods, 157 Broad, h. Dillingham bet. Broad and Front.

Business Directory

Agents Banks

Bowers, Lloyd G., 71 Broad
Carter, John D., 110 Broad
Epping, H. H., 23 Broad
Farrar, Samuel M., 79 Broad
Murdoch, R. B., 128 Broad
Semmes, Paul J., 7 Broad

Agents Express

Hill, S. H., 62 Broad
Agents Insurance

Epping, H. H., 23 Broad
Munn, J., Randolph n. Broad
Murdoch, R. B., 128 Broad
Pond, A., 92 Broad
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Wilcox, D. F., 112 Broad

Agents Lottery

Jones, George W., Randolph n. Broad
May, John, Randolph n. Broad

Ambrotypes, Daguerreotypes, Photographs

Brown, Josh H., 83 Broad
Riddle, A. J., 69 Broad
Williams, G. T., 67 Broad

Agriculturists

Lee, John, 12 Broad

Auction and Commission

Ellis & Mathis, 65 Broad
Harrison & Pitts, 59 and 61 Broad
Howard, S., 134 Broad
Ogletree, S., 131 Broad

Bakers

Merkel & Breyvogel, 60 Broad
Rynehart & Crichton, 150 Broad

Banks

Bank of Columbus, 112 Broad

Bars

*Bass & Cleghorn, Oglethorpe and Perry House
*(Those marked * have also a billiard saloon.)

Boulter, James, 143 Broad
Burrus, J. G., Oglethorpe cor. Bridge
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Braunecker, John M., 34 Broad
Liggin, J. W. H., Bridge bet. Short and Front
Heinemann, H. C., 36 Broad
Hoffman, S., 154 Broad
*Jones, John, Randolph n. Oglethorpe
Kinsley, J., 171 Broad
Kivlin, J., 144 Broad
*Klinck, C. A., St. Clair n. Broad
Markham, T. M., St. Clair n. Broad
O’Brien, D. M., 54 Broad
Wilhelm, F., sen., Randolph n. Oglethorpe

Boot and Shoe Dealers

Saunders, A. & Co., 102 Broad
Smith & Daniel, 122 Broad
Wells, Curtis & Co., 75 Broad
Wynne & Park, 103 Broad

Book Store

Chaffin & Johnson, 90 Broad
Pease, J. W., 92 Broad

Builders

Allen, John S., sen., Forsyth n. Bryan
Barringer & Morton, Oglethorpe cor. Franklin
Brewer & Perrine, Thomas cor. Front
Goetchius & Hodges, St. Clair cor. Jackson

Carriage Dealers

McKee, H. C., Oglethorpe n. Bryan

Cigar Manufacturer and Importer

Mir, Jose & Co., Randolph n. Oglethorpe

Clothiers

Brokaw, Isaac & Co., 119 Broad
Daniel, J. H. & Co., 123 Broad
Merry, Joseph H., 87 Broad
Rosette, Melick & Co., 125 Broad
DIRECTORY

Commission and Factorage

Dillard, Powell & Co., 7 Broad
Greenwood & Gray, Randolph bet. Broad and Front

Confectioners

Bachle & Brassill, Randolph cor. Oglethorpe
Cella, J. L., 152 Broad
Mossman, J. & Co., 52 Broad
Phelps, Wm. H. H., 88 Broad
Stovell, John, Oglethorpe cor. Randolph
Strupper, I. G., Randolph n. Broad
Strupper, John B., 136 Broad
Velati, A., 20 Broad
Volk, W. J., 42 Broad

Cotton Brokers

Cromwell, W., Randolph cor. Front
Grambrill, L., 119 Broad
Garrard, W. W., Randolph n. Broad
Hall & Dexter, 44 Broad
Munn, J., Randolph n. Broad
Nance, E. L., 117 Broad
Shackleford, Randolph cor. Front
Wise, Charles, Randolph cor. Front

Cotton Gin Manufacturers

Clemons, Brown & Co., Front cor. Thomas

Crockery

Cowdery & Co., 91 Broad

Dentists

Cushman, C. T., 44 Broad
Fogle, J. & Son, Randolph n. Broad
Lee, William F., 68 Broad
Phelphs, George, 68 Broad
Wester, C. A., Mercer n. Crawford

Dress Makers
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Bardwell, Mrs. S. S., Warren n. Broad
Davies, Mrs. L. J., 60 Broad
Day, Mrs. M. A., 78 and 80 Broad
Dessau, Mrs. R., 108 Broad
Glenn, Misses, Broad bet. Crawford and Thomas.

Druggists

Acee & Iverson, 93 Broad
Pemberton & Carter, 83 Broad
Urquhart & Chapman, 107 Broad
Ware, R. A. & Son, 74 Broad
Whiteside, J. A. & Co., 135 Broad

Dry Goods

Atkinson, G. W. & Co., 70 Broad
Barnett & Ellison, 78 Broad
Blum & Frank, 38 Broad
Caspary, W. 18 Broad
Fischacher, H., 149 Broad
Freidenberg & Co., 26 Broad
Goldstein, C., 133 Broad
Goodman, S. H., 17 Broad
Hull, Duck & Co., 121 Broad
Hunt, Ware & Co., 69 Broad
Hunter, A., 78 Broad
Illius & Rose, 86 Broad
Keller, J., 165 Broad
Kyle, J. & Co., 100 Broad
Lowenberg, J., Broad
McGough, G. L. & Co., 115 Broad
McPhillips, James, 140 Broad
Manley, Hodges & Co., 66 Borad
Marcuse, Jonas, 139 Broad
Mulford, J. H., 101 Broad
Nance & Renfroe, 117 Broad
Norris, Geo. A., 80 Broad
Redd, Johnson & Co., 80 Broad
Rothchild, S. & Bro, 82 Broad
Stern, B. G. & S., 24 and 104 Broad
Zorkowsky, Julius, 157 Broad

Dyer and Scourer

Thomas, Benjamin, Broad [Street number illegible]
DIRECTORY

Engine Builders

Stanford & Golden, Front [remainder of address illegible]

Engaver

Ingmire, A. [Address illegible]

Factories

Carter, Front n. [remainder of address illegible]
Eagle, Front bet. Bryan and Randolph
Grant Mills, Front cor. Franklin
Howard, Front cor. Bryan

Flour Mills

City Mills, out city limits
Palace Mills, Randolph n. Bay

Furniture

Dillingham & Denson, Broad [Street number illegible]
Harris, W. K., Broad [Street number illegible]
Jefferson & Hamilton, Broad [Street number illegible]
Sammis & Rooney, 85 and 87 Broad
Sikes, J. II, 36 Broad

Grocers

Allen, John J., Crawford cor. Oglethorpe
Barnard, E. & Co., 67 Broad
Beddell & Weems, 15 Broad
Booher, D.L., 111 Broad
Burrus & Springer, 169 Broad
Burton, W. J., Baldwin n. Mercer
Bussey, D. & Bro., 14 Broad
Dolan, B., Bridge cor. Front
Durkin, John, Troup cor. Few
Gibson & Horton, Front cor. Crawford
Glenn, Thomas W., Crawford n. Front
Gunby & Co., 116 Broad
Howell & Johnson, 138 Broad
Hull, Duck & Co., 121 Broad
Illges, J. P. & Co., 124 Broad
Jacobe, M. S., 170 Broad
Johnson, Robert, Troup cor. Few.
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Kent, Mrs., Forsyth bet. Thomas and Crawford
King, Allen & Camak, Front cor. Crawford
Lednum & David, Broad cor. Warren
Ligon, James, 118 Broad
Ligon, John, 158 Broad
Lynach, James, Baldwin cor. Forsyth
McCahay, Baldwin cor. Oglethorpe
McKendree, John J. & Co., 127 Broad
Marcus, Van, 77 Broad
Ogletree, C., 16 Broad
Ogletree, S., 131 Broad
Ogletree, W. T., 32 Broad
Phelps, H. C., Oglethorpe Cor. Bridge
Pierce & Gardener, 163 Broad
Ragland & Birch, 128 Broad
Redd, Preer & Co., 13 and 100 Broad
Rembert, Joseph, Crawford cor. Mercer
Robertson, W. W. & Co., 22 Broad
Sappington, James W., 10 Broad
Shipman, J. B. & Co., 2 Broad
Smith, E. A., Front bet. Crawford and Thomas
Spencer & Abbott, 126 Broad
Switzer, Williamson, 8 Broad
Terry, C. N., Oglethorpe cor. Jackson
Terry, G. B., Oglethorpe bet. Bryan and Randolph
Tyler & Shorter, 132 Broad
Wallbohm & Joseph, Crawford bet. Broad and Thomas
Wood, J. S. & W. J. 142 Broad
Wright, W. C., Oglethorpe n. Franklin

Gun-Smiths
Cadman, A., Crawford n. Broad
Murray, J. P., 46 Broad

Hair Dresser
Hartman, Henry, Randolph n. Broad

Hardware
Ennis, J. & Co., 95 and 97 Broad
Estes & Brother, 113 Broad
Hall, Moses & Co., 96 Broad

Hats and Caps
Landon, F., 84 Broad
Merry, J. H., 87 Broad

Broad Street House, Broad n. Bryan
Oglethorpe, Oglethorpe cor. Randolph
Perry House, Oglethorpe cor. Bryan
Planters’, 122, 125, 126, 128 Broad

Hogan, T. M., 120 Broad
Kellett, J., Oglethorpe n. Bryan
Phelps, W. H. H., 88 Broad

Stanford & Golden, Front cor. Thomas

Columbus, Front cor. Thomas
Muscogee, Oglethorpe cor. Franklin

DeWitt, A. H., 95 Broad
Smith, William, 81 Broad
Spear, T. S., 67 Broad

Benning, H. L., Oglethorpe n. Sun Office
Bethune, J. G. & J. N., 67 Broad
Brannon, W., 69 Broad
Colquitt, P. H., Randolph n. Oglethorpe
Cooper, A. H., 30 Broad
Crawford, M. J., Randolph n. Broad
Denton, R. Watson, 95 Broad
Dixon, R. E., Randolph n. Oglethorpe
Dougherty, William, 30 Broad
Downing, L. T., 72 Broad
Holderness, William T., 134 Broad
Holt & Hutchins, Randolph n. Oglethorpe
Howard & Abercrombie, 116 Broad
Ingram & Russell, 15 Broad
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Johnson & Sloan, 107 Broad
Jones & Jones, Oglethorpe bet. Bryan and Randolph
Martin, Martin & Slade, 116 Broad
Moise, E. W., St. Clair n. Broad
Moses & Lawes, Randolph cor. Oglethorpe
Nuckolls, Thomas J., Randolph n. Broad
Phillips, John, Randolph n. Broad
Patterson, M. L., 109 Broad
Patterson, W. T., 103 Broad
Pou, J. F., 103 Broad
Peabody, John 72 Broad
Ragland, G., Randolph n. Oglethorpe
Ramsey & Carithers, over Columbus Bank
Shingler, J. A., Broad cor. Randolph
Thomas, E. G., 69 Broad
Thornton & Turman, Oglethorpe n. St. Clair
Williams, Charles J., 95 Broad
Williams, Wiley, Oglethorpe n. St. Clair

Livery Stables

Gammell, A., Jackson bet. Bryan and Franklin
Ivey, Smith & Co., Oglethorpe bet. St. Clair and Randolph
Vernoy & Mahaffie, Oglethorpe n. Bryan

Lumber Dealers

Barringer & Morton, Oglethorpe cor. Franklin
Brewer & Perrine, Thomas cor. Short
Goetchius & Hodges, Jackson cor. St. Clair
Peabody, George W., Oglethorpe bet. Crawford and Thomas

Machinists

Stanford & Golden, Front cor. Thomas

Marble Works

Kenny, T., Oglethorpe cor. St. Clair
McCauley, H., Oglethorpe n. Randolph

Merchant tailors

Brokaw, I. A. & Co., 119 Broad
Daniel, J. H. & Co., 123 Broad
Merry, J. H., 87 Broad
Reich, F., 106 Broad
DIRECTORY

Rosette, Melick & Co., 125 Broad
Street & Fayerweather, 178 Broad

Music Stores

Brands & Korner, 26 Broad
Carter, W. B., 90 Broad
Vandenberg, T. H., 76 Broad

News Agents

Harris, William W., Sun Office
Stovel, J., Oglethorpe cor. Randolph

Ornamental Plasterer

Faber, Edward, Oglethorpe cor. Early

Painters

Baldwin, J. D., Randolph n. Oglethorpe
Bradford & Snow, St. Clair n. Oglethorpe
King, E. J., Front cor. Thomas

Patent Medicines

Allen, Dr. A. W., 30 Broad
Smith, Jack, 105 Broad

Pattern Makers

Love, N. B., Thomas bet. Front and Short

Physicians

Bacon, J. E., Perry House
Billing & Boswell, 66 Broad
Bozeman & Stanford, 97 Broad
Byron, E. S., Randolph n. Oglethorpe
Carriger, J. H., 44 Broad
Cheney, John L., 28 Broad
Cleckley, H. M., 128 Broad
DeGraffenried, E. L., Oglethorpe n. Randolph
Ellison, F. C., 104 Broad
Flewellen, W. W., 66 Broad
Grimes, T. W., Perry House
Pleasant, J. A., 117 Broad
Planing Mills

Barringer & Morton, Oglethorpe cor. Franklin
Brewer & Perrine, Front cor. Thomas
Goetchius & Hodges, Jackson cor. St. Clair

Restaurants

Braunecker, J. M., 36 Broad
Boulter, J. A., 141 Broad
Heinemann, H. C., 34 Broad
Markham, T., St. Clair n. Broad
Wilhelm, F., Randolph n. Oglethorpe

Saddlery and Harness

Middlebrook, H. & Co., 94 Broad
Sherman & Co., 114 Broad

Sash and Blind Manufacturers

Barringer & Morton, Oglethorpe cor. Franklin
Brewer & Perrine, Thomas cor. Front
Goetchius & Hodges, St. Clair cor. Jackson

Slave Depots

Harrison & Pitts, 59 and 61 Broad
Hatcher & McGhee, 63 Broad
Ogletree, S., 131 Broad

Tin-Smiths

Aldworth, R. M. and 137 Broad
Haiman & Son, Front bet. Crawford and Thomas
Hicks, J. B., 146 Broad
Thompson, D. B. & Co., 143 Broad

Tobacconists

Gordon, A., 59 Broad
Watkins & Browning, 63 Broad
DIRECTORY

Watch-Makers

DeWitt, A. H., 99 Broad
Hungerford, George, 90 Broad
Smith, W., 81 Broad
Spear, T. S., 69 Broad
Sweed, John, 76 Broad

Wheelwrights

Bevill, John W., Oglethorpe cor. Crawford
Hughes, William, St. Clair n. Oglethorpe
Notes and Queries

Higginson Book Company is reprinting Nancy Telfair’s (Louise DuBose) A History of Columbus, Georgia, 1828-1928. Though it lacks an index, this is a classic Columbus history, full of local facts and great stories. To order, send $59.00 per copy, plus $5.00 each for shipping to Higginson Book Company, 148 Washington Street, Dept. P, Salem, MA 01970. Allow eight to ten weeks for delivery. Phone 978-745-7170 for more information.

Here are a few more genealogical websites associated with Muscogee County, Georgia:

First, there is a general site entitled "Genealogical Internet Resources" posted on the Columbus State University webpage. Go to www.colstate.edu/library/resources/gene.html This site was created by your editor and Dr. Sandra Stratford, both CSU librarians, as a jumping-off point for persons beginning a genealogical web search. It contains scores of genealogical websites, with clickable addresses, that are arranged under broad categories.

One of the links given on the CSU genealogical resources page is to the USGenWeb Project, a worthy non-commercial site, manned by volunteers, that attempts to put out information at the county level. The volunteer for Muscogee County is Lea L. Dowd, who has posted a lot of good information on the Muscogee County page. The address for the USGenWeb Project is www.usgenweb.com Once you get there go to Georgia, then Muscogee County.

Another interesting project being carried on in Georgia, at Georgia State University, is the Pals Across Georgia DocuWeb Project, which is providing access to digitized documents. A collection being digitized through this project is the Georgia Confederate Pension Applications file from the Georgia Department of Archives and History. Muscogee County is one of the lucky counties being digitized. As of this writing, applications for A through Cogbill have been scanned. The address for this project is docuweb.gsu.edu Once you get to this site, click on Document Collections, then look for open collections.


BOOTH: John Booth (1730-1804), Revolutionary Soldier, migrated from Orange Co., NC to Hancock Co., GA in the late 1700s. His son Zachariah Booth, Sr. (1770-1840) came to Talbot Co., GA, where he died. Zachariah Booth, Jr. (1794-1880), War of 1812, nephew of Zachariah, Sr., and son John, Jr., married Martha Ann Douglas in Jones Co., GA, 1810. They came to Talbot Co., GA in the late 1820s, but later settled in Marion Co., GA. Would like to correspond with anyone researching this Booth family. Rev. James William Dupree, St. Paul United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 5116, Columbus, GA 31906-0116
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