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In presenting Who's Who in South Carolina, the author desires to thank Alexander S. Salley, State Historical Commissioner, and other men who have rendered much valuable information in the matter of suggesting men whose names are worthy of perpetuation.

Here are epitomized the stories of opportunity grandly improved by hundreds of men who have helped to shape the conditions of today in South Carolina thought and action and who are bearing an important share in fashioning the still more grand Tomorrow of our State.

The work of selecting the names and procuring biographical material has been prosecuted with the utmost zeal and care; but, while the results have been gratifying, it is true that there are names that should be included that are absent. In a State as large as ours even approximate success in the judicious selection of a certain class of distinguished names is a difficult task; and, after they are selected, appropriate data in regard to them are not always procurable. Therefore, even with the utmost effort, there is an unrecorded remnant.

One of the chief purposes of this book is to place before the students of this State the achievements of the successful men of this State in the hopes that their examples may create an interest and arouse a spirit of emulative homage which cannot fail to prove of great practical benefit to the pupil in after life.

A close examination of the sketches in this volume disclose many extraordinary examples of industry which are overlooked in a cursory reading, but which, nevertheless, are full of valuable suggestions for the thoughtful mind. Hundreds of activities are chronicled which might be emulated with profit, not only by the youth of the State, but by all classes.

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## WHO'S WHO IN SOUTH CAROLINA

**Abell, Robert E.**, surgeon; born at Lowryville, S. C., October 12, 1887; son of Joshua L. and Sophie (Erwin) Abell; attended Presbyterian College of S. C., Davidson College, N. C., University of Maryland, M. D. degree; during World War served as Captain of Medical Corps U. S. Army; married Alice Hall Glenn, Chester, S. C., October 12, 1916; member of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity, Nu Sigma Nu Fraternity, Theta Nu Epsilon Fraternity, Masons, Shriners; home, Chester, S. C.

**Abney, Benjamin Livingston**, lawyer; born in Edgefield District (now County), February 25, 1859; educated at Newberry College, University of Virginia; admitted to the bar in December, 1880, and began practice at Edgefield; practiced there one year and in 1882 moved to Columbia; member House of Representatives six years from Richland County. Address, Columbia, S. C.

**Abney, John Pope**, banker, cotton mill official; born in what is now Saluda County (then a part of Edgefield County), January 5, 1885; son of J. R. and Nannie (Clark) Abney; educated in local schools, Wofford College three years; messenger boy for Bank of Greenwood two years; identified with Farmers' and Merchants' Bank, Greenwood, S. C., 1905-16, serving successively as bookkeeper, assistant cashier, cashier, and president; resigned 1916 and has since been cashier of Bank of Greenwood, Greenwood, S. C.; president Grendel and Ninety-Six Cotton Mills, People's Bank, McCormick, S. C.; vice-president Greenwood Cotton Mills; director in Farmers' and Merchants' Bank, Greenwood, S. C., and Cambridge Bank, Ninety-Six; largely interested in wholesale business in this part of State; married Susie Matthews, of Greenwood County, June 24, 1913. Address, Greenwood, S. C.

**Adger, John Bailey**, mechanical engineer; born at Charleston, S. C., April 19, 1858; son of Joseph Ellison and Susan Cox (Johnson) Adger; attended Charleston City Schools, Kenmore School in Virginia, University

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of Virginia, graduate of with degree of M. A., 1880; taught Preparatory Department of the University of Louisiana one year and then graduated with the degree of Mechanical Engineer from Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, N. J.; assistant treasurer of Charleston Iron Works for eighteen months after graduation, then entered business with James Adger & Co., a steamship company, in 1904 organized the Belton Hydro-Electric Power Co., now president and treasurer of this corporation, president of the Charleston Y. M. C. A., 1885-1905; married Jane A. E. Warren, Charleston, S. C., 1887. Address, Belton, S. C.

**Alexander, Milton O.**, mill superintendent and textile manufacturer; born in Cabarrus County, N. C.; son of L. H. and Martha (McClellan) Alexander; educated at Rocky River Academy; began career as textile manufacturer as operative in mill of Odell Manufacturing Co., Concord, N. C.; later worked in Union Cotton Mills of Lafayette, Ga., and from there went to Union Cotton Mills of Union; later went to Seneca; became superintendent of Woodside Mill, Greenville, in 1902, and has served as such ever since; member Southern Textile Assn. Presbyterian. Married May Park, Lafayette, Ga. Address, Greenville, S. C.

**Anderson, John G.**, automobile manufacturer; born at Lawsonville, N. C., November 27, 1861; son of William H. and Elizabeth Anderson; attended common schools; established Rock Hill Buggy Co., 1886, managing it until 1917, when the Anderson motor Co. was established in its place, now manager of latter concern; served on various boards of directors and committees; married Alice L. Holler, Rock Hill, S. C., December 23, 1884; member of Rotary Club. Home, Rock Hill, S. C.

**Ansel, Martin Frederick**, lawyer; born at Charleston, S. C., December 12, 1850; son of John J. and Frederika (Bowers) Ansel; attended common schools, Walhalla, S. C., studied law under Maj. James H. Whitner, and admitted to bar in 1870; member S. C. House of Representatives, 1882-88, solicitor 8th Judicial District, S. C., 1888-1901, candidate for governor 1902, governor of S. C., 1907-09, 1909-11, elected Judge of Greenville County Court, 1920; married Ophelia A. Speight, February 21, 1878 (died December 25, 1895), then married Mrs. Addie R. Harris, Pickens, S. C., August 23, 1898. Address, Greenville, S. C.



**Armstrong, James**, harbor master, Charleston, S. C.; born at Philadelphia, Penn., 1842; son of James and Margaret (O'Rourke) Armstrong; attended schools in Charleston, S. C., and two years in Europe; served in Confederate Army as a non-commissioned officer in the First Regiment of S. C. Rifles, State troops, as a second lieutenant in the First Regiment (Gregg's) S. C. Volunteers, later as captain in the same regiment in McGowan's Brigade, also served as a member of Governor Hampton's staff; appointed harbor master of Charleston, S. C., 1871; has been for many years the commercial and financial editor of the Charleston News and Courier. Home, Charleston, S. C.

**Arnold, Henry Harding**, farmer; born near Woodruff, S. C., December 5, 1851; son of Thomas and Martha D. (Harding) Arnold; attended "Old Field" schools, entered Reidville Male Academy at age of 18, attending that school for three years; magistrate for two years, member of S. C. House of Representatives for ten years, member of Board of Directors of State Penitentiary for two years, public school trustee for eighteen years, now State Railroad Commissioner, having been elected in November, 1918; during World War served as chairman Exemption Board No. 1, Spartanburg County; married Mary J. Westmoreland, Woodruff, S. C., December 20, 1877; member of A. F. M. Home, Woodruff, S. C.

**Arrington, John White**, manufacturer; born at Warrenton, N. C., February 28, 1866; son of Samuel P. and Hannah B. Arrington; attended McCabe's University School, Petersburg, Va.; president Union Bleachery, Chamber of Commerce, Poinsett Club, Kiwanis Club; took part in Liberty Loan and other campaigns during World War; married Mary Carter Sublett, Richmond, Va., April 9, 1889; member of Poinsett, Kiwanis, Country Clubs, Greenville, S. C., Arkwright and New York Clubs of New York City. Home, Greenville, S. C.

**Atkinson, John Buford**, lawyer; born at Chester, S. C., January 13, 1872; son of E. T. and Eliza (Alexander) Atkinson; attended Chester High School, Furman University, graduate of, South Carolina College (law school), graduate of with degree of LL.B., 1897; principal Central Graded School, Anderson, S. C., 1896-97, Ridge Springs High School, two years, Allendale

High School two years, practiced law in Barnwell Courts in partnership with Judge Izlar, 1903, in partnership with Judge T. S. Sease from 1905 until the latter was made judge of the Seventh Circuit, at present in partnership with S. T. McCravy as McCravy & Atkinson, since 1907, local attorney for Southern Railway in Spartanburg, U. S. commissioner, 1906-16; member of S. C. House of Representatives, 1916-1920, and elected in 1920 for a term of two years, was elected Speaker of the House in January, 1921, upon the elevation of Speaker Cothran to the Supreme Court bench; while in the House a member of Judiciary and Rules Committees, secured passage of bill providing a budget system of State finances and for establishment of a "Greater" Citadel, also a leader in the compulsory education movement; delegate to State Democratic convention, Columbia, May, 1919; during World War speaker for Spartanburg County Council of Defense, "four minute" man in all Liberty Loan campaigns; married Corinne Searson, Allendale, S. C.; member of Baptist church, deacon of. Address, Spartanburg, S. C.

**Aycock, William Thomas**, lawyer; born at Rockingham, N. C., February 24, 1868; son of James Henry and Henrietta Leonora (Brogdon) Aycock; attended schools at Rockingham, N. C., and Wedgefield, S. C., Bingham Military School, Mebane, N. C., four years, graduate of South Carolina College with degree of A. B., 1889, graduate of Columbia University, New York City, with degree of LL.B., 1896; has been practicing law in Columbia, S. C., since 1900 in partnership with Francis H. Weston; in 1920 was elected to a vacant chair in the law school of the University of South Carolina; solocitor and director of the Palmetto National Bank, Columbia, member of the Board of Trustees of the Columbia City schools, director of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, 1918, member of the firm James Aycock & Sons, planters and merchants, Wedgefield, S. C.; chairman of the Richland County Democratic Committee, member of S. C. House of Representatives, 1904, sat at Columbia as a special circuit judge, 1911; married Mary MacDonald Stewart, Columbia, S. C., February 26, 1906; member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, Masons, K. of P. Home, Columbia, S. C.

**Babb, Robert Edgar**, lawyer; born in Laurens County, S. C., November 11, 1872; son of Messer and Laura

J. (Hellams) Babb; graduate of the Citadel, 1894, studied law in the office of W. R. Richey, Laurens, S. C., admitted to the bar, 1898; was a member of the law firm of Irby, Cooper & Babb, later Irby & Babb, until 1900, when he went into partnership with W. B. Knight, since 1904 a member of the firm Simpson, Cooper & Babb; for fifteen years a member of the Laurens County Board of Education; married Donie Adams, Hampton, Ga., 1903; member of Masons, Shriners, Methodist church. Home, Laurens, S. C.

**Babcock, James Woods**, alienist; born at Chester, S. C., August 11, 1856; son of Sidney E. and Margaret (Woods) Babcock; A. B., Harvard, 1882, M. D., 1886; LL. D., S. C. College 1905; assistant physician McLean Hospital, Somerville, Mass., 1885-91; physician and superintendent State Hospital for the Insane, Columbia, S. C., 1891-1914. One of first physicians in the South to recognize pellagra (Dec. 1907); president National Assn. for Study of Pellagra, 1909-12, and secretary 1912—; Chairman S. C. State Hospital Commissions 1910-13; member Columbia Board of Health, 1898-1901; chairman Columbia Sewerage Commission, 1901-03; Columbia Commission on Water and Waterworks 1903-07; professor psychiatry Medical College S. C. 1915-; member legislative committee to erect monument to Gen. Thomas Sumter of the American Revolution; director National Loan and Exchange Bank of Columbia; member S. C. Medical Assn., member American Medico-Psychological Assn., American Medical Assn., S. C. Historical Society; married Katherine Guion of Lincolnton, N. C., August 17, 1892; has published monographs on insanity, Tuberculosis Among the Insane; also articles on pellagra, and in 1910, with C. H. Lavinder, M. D., of the U. S. Public Health Service, the first treatise on pellagra in the English language. Address, Waverley Sanitarium, Columbia, S. C.

**Bacot, Thomas Wright**, lawyer; born at Charleston, S. C., April 14, 1849; son of Robert Dewar and Julia Amanda (Huger) Bacot; attended private and public schools in Charleston and Society Hill, S. C., College of Charleston; A. B. degree from College of Charleston, 1870; studied law with McCrady & Son, admitted to bar 1871; started practice as a member of the firm of Walker & Bacot, later becoming a member of McCrady Sons & Bacot, admitted to the U. S. Supreme Court,