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EDITORIAL

This issue of the *Alabama Historical Quarterly*, Number 2, of Volume 6, is devoted to the publication of the Civil and Military Appointments in Alabama Territory, 1818, and in the State of Alabama, 1819-1822. These appointments include those made by Governor William Wyatt Bibb, Territorial Governor, 1817-1819, and Governor Thomas Bibb, 1820-21, who as President of the Senate succeeded his brother following his accidental death. Israel Pickens, the third Governor, made the appointments recorded through 1822. In addition to the civil, military and judicial appointments made by the Governors, the names are given of the first State Legislative Representatives both in the House and Senate. There is included also a list of the first lawyers of the State.

In compiling this volume great care has been taken to reproduce the original records, and therefore no effort has been made to correct spelling, punctuation or other clerical errors. Frequently a family name, or the name of an individual is spelled two or more ways, so that further research would be necessary to determine the correct spelling. This work has been compared several times with the original entries, and is generally accurate, although the old handwriting proved difficult in a few instances.

The originals of these records are in the Department of Archives and History, along with all other records of this character. The Department has made a card index of the Civil and Military Appointments from these manuscripts up to 1869 and the index will be brought up to date as soon as clerical assistance and time will permit. The record presented herewith applies to the following Counties: Autauga, Baldwin, Blount, Butler, Cahawba (now Bibb), Clark; Conecuh, Cotaco (now Morgan), Dallas, Franklin, Greene, Henry, Jackson, Jefferson, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marengo, Marion, Mobile, Monroe, Montgomery, Perry, Pickens, St. Clair, Shelby, Tuscaloosa, Washington and Wilcox.

In order to present this material which is not only of historical but of biographical interest, the *Quarterly* for lack of space cannot produce its usual miscellaneous historical material. The next two issues will be given over to Revolutionary soldiers buried in Alabama and Census Returns for 1820.

The Editor of this magazine cannot refrain from paying a proper tribute to the splendid work being done in the division of civil records by the State Archivist, Miss Frances M. Hails, a native of Montgomery, who has been with the Department in that capacity for twenty-three years. The mass of State archives stored on the ground floor in the World War Memorial Building covers its Territorial period, 1817, to the present time. This material proves of great value not only for business reasons but for historical and biographical needs. Before the present war necessitated the abridgment of travel the records of the Department of Archives and History and its great collection of old bound newspapers, were in use by adult students and research workers from half the States in the Union. Numerous historical books have been written from this material. The State officials consult the records as their needs require and in one box receipts were found that saved the State repaying a bill of \$150,000. Miss Hails, the Archivist is so familiar with this vast collection of material which goes into millions of items, that she can in a moment produce any record that is needed. It has been the policy of the Department of Archives and History to make careful and appropriate selections of its staff and in its long history of forty-four years very few changes in personnel have taken place. For that reason the head of each division is an expert and it gives the Editor of this magazine who is also the Director of the Alabama State Department of Archives and History, great pleasure to make this acknowledgment of the painstaking work and fine personal qualities of the State Archivist, Frances Matthews Hails.