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PREFACE

Under the authority contained in Section five (5) of the Act of February 27, 1901, this volume has been prepared and published. The section is as follows:

“An official and statistical register of the State of Alabama shall be compiled every two years by the Director, to contain (1) brief sketches of the several State officials, the members of Congress from Alabama, the Supreme Court Judges, the members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Alabama; (2) rosters of all State and County officials; (3) lists of all State institutions, with officials; (4) State and County population and election statistics, and (5) miscellaneous statistics; and said register shall be published in an edition of one thousand copies for free distribution, the printing and binding to be paid for as other printing and binding hereinbefore provided.”

The object of the publication is to present, in authoritative statistical form, the details of the organization of the State government, lists of officials, sketches of officials, and such miscellaneous and general data on the State and State affairs as may be of helpful service. The compilation has been made with great care. All names and dates are drawn from official sources as far as possible. No facts, not believed to be reliable and well-authenticated, have been admitted.

Throughout the country, books of this character are regarded as of first importance. It is hoped that this volume will prove not only of immediate use and value, but that it will be a permanent contribution to the official literature of Alabama.

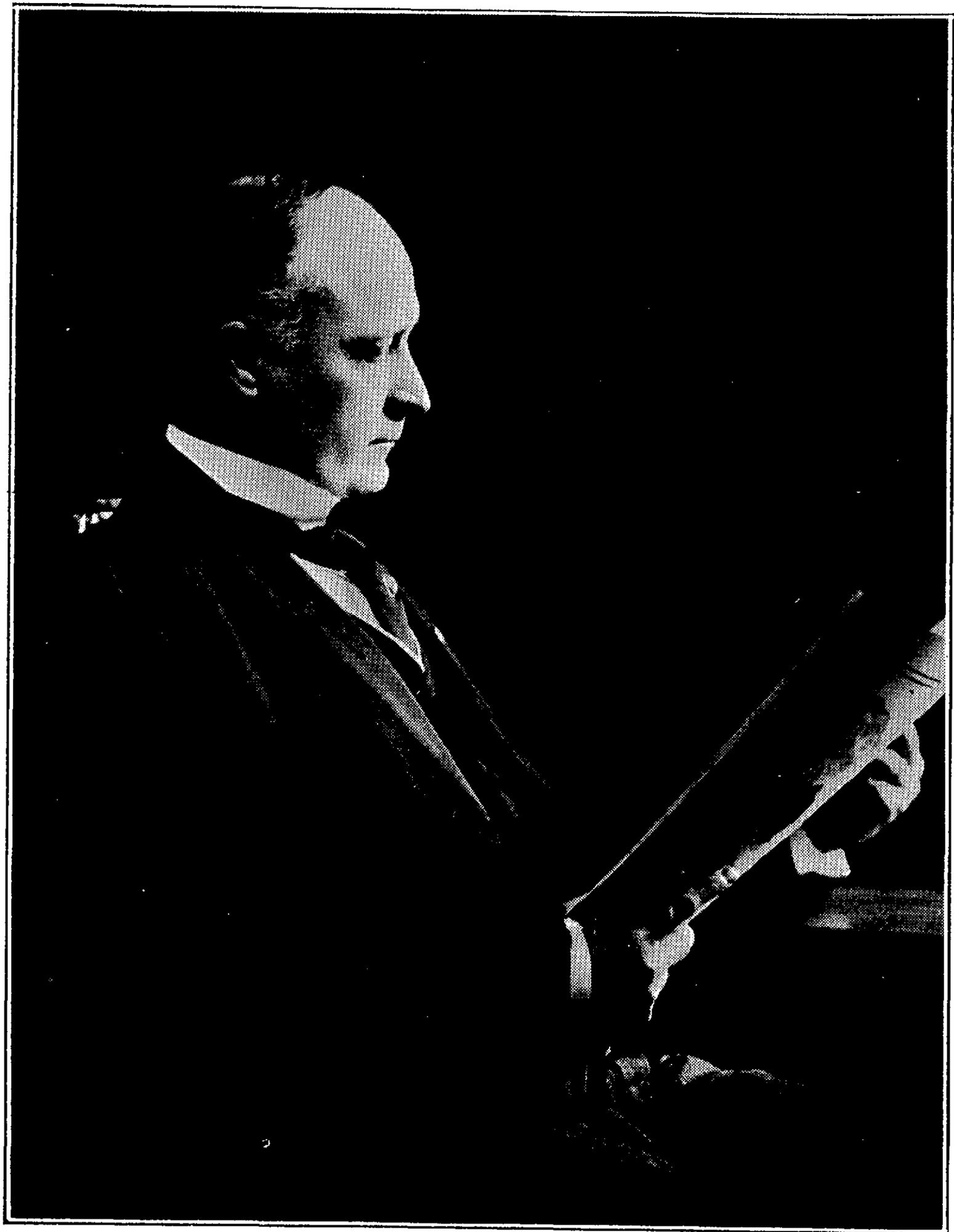
Upon the Legislature changing from biennial to quadrennial meetings, terms of County and other officials being extended from the former term of two years to terms of four and six years, it is not necessary to produce an Official and Statistical Register more frequently than each four years. The last issue was published in 1927.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

It gives me pleasure to acknowledge with sincere appreciation, invaluable assistance rendered in the compilation of this Register by Thomas M. Owen, Jr., formerly Assistant to the Director, Miss Mary R. Mullen, Librarian of the Department, thirteen years in its service as Librarian and recognized by students as an expert research worker, and to Mrs. I. H. Sayers, Stenographer and Statistician of the Department and for eleven years in its employment. Other members of the staff have co-operated to the extent of demands made upon them, including Miss Frances Hails, State Archives Clerk, Mrs. L. E. Wright, Assistant Librarian and Miss Mattie Alexander, Clerk.

MRS. MARIE B. OWEN, Director.





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*Founder and for twenty years Director of the Alabama State Department
of Archives and History*

DEDICATION

This edition, 1931-35, of the quadrennial issue of the Official and Statistical Register of Alabama, is dedicated to the memory of the late Thomas McAdory Owen, founder and for twenty years Director of the Department. From the beginning of his service with the State in 1901, until his death in 1920, Dr. Owen devoted himself whole-heartedly to the preservation and propagation of Alabama history. In addition to the performance of his administrative duties he was the author of a four volume encyclopedia of the State's history, a portion of which was devoted to biographies of men and women who have created the State.

In addition to that monumental work, Dr. Owen was the author of other publications and initiated as part of his official duties the compilation of the Official and Statistical Register which appears concurrently with each new gubernatorial administration.

It seemed to the Trustees of the Department a proper time and a just tribute to dedicate this book to the man who was responsible more than any other person, for the distinguished place the Department holds in the esteem of historical students and of our own people. It was felt that such a tribute was particularly appropriate at this time when we are celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Department's founding.

Thomas McAdory Owen was born December 15, 1866, at the residence of his maternal grandfather, Thomas McAdory, near Jonesboro, two miles below the present town of Bessemer, in Jefferson County. He died March 25, 1920, at his home in Montgomery and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery in that city. Descended from men and women who had come from the British Isles during the Colonial period of American history, and from grandparents who had located in Alabama in its pioneer period, Dr. Owen had every reason to possess the patriotic devotion which he always showed towards his country and his State. He received his early education in the common schools of his native county and was prepared for college by his uncle, Prof. Isaac W. McAdory, at the Pleasant Hill Academy in Jefferson County. He

graduated with highest honors at the University of Alabama with the degrees of A.B. and LL.B. in 1887. His Alma Mater bestowed upon him the honorary degrees of A.M. in 1893, and LL.D. in 1904. He practised law at Bessemer, Carrollton and Birmingham and was City Solicitor of Bessemer, Assistant Solicitor of Jefferson County and later Chief Clerk in the Division of Postoffice Inspectors, Postoffice Department, Washington, D. C. He was Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Jefferson County in 1890-92, and always manifested deep interest in political activities.

It was through a bill drafted by Dr. Owen that the Department of Archives and History was authorized by a legislative Act of February 27, 1901. He was at once elected Director of the Department by the Board of Trustees, and re-elected at the expiration of each successive term of office. The Department is charged with the care of the official archives of the State and the promotion of all of the historical activities demanded on the part of the State. Passage of this Act was the first known recognition and application of the principle of public support of archives preservation, and historical work and enterprise through a separate bureau, commission or department of State, located in the capitol and administered by a State official regularly chosen and required to devote his entire time to his duties. Following the adoption of this plan by Alabama twenty other States have enacted similar legislation, some using Alabama's Act in full.

Dr. Owen was married to Marie, daughter of John Hollis and Tallulah (*Brockman*) Bankhead, at Fayette, Ala., April 12, 1893. Two sons were born of this union, Thomas M. Owen Jr., and John Bankhead Owen, the latter dying in childhood.

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

To His Excellency,
Governor B. M. Miller,
Executive Office,
Montgomery, Ala.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the Alabama Official and Statistical Register for 1931, which under the law is issued every four years. Every effort has been made to present in these pages accurate information about the official personnel of the State at the present time together with a considerable body of material concerning political and economic matters.

One thousand copies of this volume will be issued by the State for free distribution to public officials, public libraries, etc.

Respectfully,

MARIE BANKHEAD OWEN,
Director.

November 30th, 1931.

INTRODUCTION

STATE NAME

The etymology of the word or name Alabama has evoked much discussion among American philological students. It was the name of a noted Southern Indian tribe, whose habitat, when first known to Europeans, was in central Alabama. The greatest river in the State received its name from this tribe, and from the river, in turn, the name of the State was derived. The tribal name Alabama is spelled in various ways by the early chroniclers, Spanish, French and English, some of which forms are here given: Alabama, Albama, Alebamon, Alibama, Alibamo, Alibamou, Alibamon, Alabamu, Allibamou. The name first occurs in three of the chronicles of DeSoto's expedition, of 1540, written Alibamo by La Vega, Alimamu by the Knight of Elvas, and Limamu by Ranjel. In the last form the initial vowel is dropped, and in both the last two the first "m" is used for "b", an interchange of these two consonants being common in Indian languages. The name, as recorded by these chroniclers, in this case, was the name of a subdivision of the Chickasaws, not the historic Alabamas of later times.

The popular belief, which is engrafted in a number of current histories and geographies, is that Alabama signifies, "Here we rest." This very pleasing etymology, during the fifties of the last century, obtained a wide currency through the writings of Judge A. B. Meek. But the very first account of the origin of the name as far as is now known, is contained in an issue of the *Jacksonville Republican*, Jacksonville, Ala., July 27, 1842. Whether Judge Meek himself was the author of this etymology, traced back to this source, is a question as yet unanswered.

As to the Muscogee origin of the name, thorough experts in that dialect have confessed their inability to find in it any word or phrase similar to Alabama and meaning "Here we rest."

But the problem is not hopeless. According to the recent investigations of Indianologists, the tribal name, Alabama, must be sought in the Choctaw tongue, as it was not uncommon for tribes to accept, as a national or tribal name, an appellation bestowed upon them by some contiguous tribe. The late Rev. Allen

Wright, a highly educated Choctaw, translates the name as "Thicket-clearers," compounded of "Alba," a *thicket or mass of vegetation*, and "amo," *to clear, to collect, to gather up*.

H. S. Halbert by independent study, about the same time, arrived at the same conclusion as that given by Mr. Wright, and translates the name as "Vegetation-gatherers," that is, gatherers of vegetation in clearing land for agricultural purposes. The word "alba" means such small vegetation as herbs, plants, shrubs and bushes, which were gathered in clearing land, and the word can be applied collectively to a thicket. Hence the translation as given by the Rev. Allen Wright and that of Mr. Halbert practically agree. The passive voice of amo is almo. In elaborating his views in defense of his position, Mr. Halbert gives two examples of Choctaw local names, "Kantak almo" and "Osiki almo," meaning respectively, "*China brier there gathered*, and *Cane there gathered*. If the tribes or clans living at these localities had received special names from their avocations, they would have been known as Kantakamo and Oskamo, just as the noted Indian tribe in the pre-historic past could well have received the name Alba amo, by fusion of vowels Albamo, from some neighboring Choctaw-speaking tribe, not yet emerged from the hunting into the agricultural state.

Confirmatory of the position of Rev. Allen Wright and the independent conclusions of Mr. Halbert, the definitions of "alba" and "amo" in Rev. Cyrus Byington's "Dictionary of the Choctaw Language" are given below. The manuscript of this work, prepared prior to 1856, has been published by the Bureau of American Ethnology, under the editorial direction of Dr. John R. Swanton and Mr. Halbert. The words and their definitions are as follows:

"alba, n., vegetation; herbs; plants; weeds.

"amo, v. t. pl. to pick; to pull; to trim; to mow; to reap, Matt. 6:26; to cut clip; to gather, Luke 6:44; to cut off; to crop; to rid; to shear; to slip; *panki an aiamo*, gather grapes of, Matt. 7:16; *shumati akon aiamo*, gather of thistles; *tabli*, sing.

"amo, n., a gatherer; a picker; a shearer."

It is an interesting fact that the late Dr. Albert S. Gatschet: *Creek Migration Legend*, p. 85, accepts the etymology of Rev. Allen Wright as above set forth.

Dr. Wm. S. Wyman, of Tuscaloosa, one of the best known students of the State, inclined to the belief that the word means *Mulberry people*. He says that on the oldest French maps the Alabama river is called "Coussa," from which he conjectures that the name Alabama was first given to it by the French, after they built Fort Toulouse in 1714. He says further that in Tristan de Luna's time (1559) the river was sometimes called "Olibahali," or "Ullibali," which is pretty close to the French form, "Alibamon," or "Alabamo." In the language of the Alabama tribe he says that "Ullebehalli" means *Mulberry people*.

Inquiry among the early Indians themselves appears to have been without results as to the meaning of the word. Gen. Thomas S. Woodward in his fascinating book of *Reminiscences of the Creek or Muscogee Indians*, p. 12, says: "I had heard Col. Hawkins say in his time, that he had made every inquiry in his power to ascertain if *Alabama* had any other meaning than the mere name of an Indian town, but never could, unless the name—as it was possible—might be the Indian corruption of the Spanish word for *good water*, though he doubted that.'

Discarding then, "Here we rest" as something philologically untenable, but retaining it as something that may hold its own in the realm of poetry and romance, we may look forward with confidence to the investigations of scholars which may fully solve the mystery of the name. And until supplanted by something upon which not a shadow of doubt may rest, we may for the present be content with the "Vegetation-gatherers," who in their aboriginal field-making, were surely and necessarily "Thicket-clearers."

The suggested etymology may be thought a trifle prosaic as compared with the romantic expression, heretofore associated with the Indian anabasis from the west, but in truth it is quite as poetic, besides, it far more nearly represents the character of Alabamians, both in the past and in the present era of growth, when with uplifted aspiration and clear vision they are *opening the way to newer ideals and the development of the best in life and human endeavor*.

STATE BOUNDARIES

Alabama is bounded on the north by Tennessee, east by Georgia, south by Florida and the Gulf of Mexico, and west by the State of Mississippi. The several sections of the Code of Alabama, 1923, containing a description of the State boundaries, with reference to the decisions of the courts thereon, are as follows:

85. (83) (623) (12) (12) (16) (15) *Boundaries of State.*—The boundaries of this State are established and declared to be as follows, that is to say: Beginning at the point where the thirty-first degree of north latitude crosses the Perdido river; thence east to the western boundary line of the State of Georgia; thence along said line to the southern boundary line of the State of Tennessee. Thence west along the southern boundary line of the State of Tennessee, crossing the Tennessee river, and on to the second intersection of said river by said line; thence up said river to the mouth of Big Bear Creek; thence by a direct line, to the northwest corner of Washington county, in this State as originally formed; thence southerly along the line of the State of Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico; thence eastwardly, including all islands within six leagues of the shore, to the Perdido river; and thence up the said river to the beginning.

Boundaries of Mississippi Territory, Toulmin's *Digest*, p. 76; territory ceded by Georgia, Toulmin's *Digest*, p. 77; territory called Alabama; Toulmin's *Digest*, p. 78. (Aiken's *Digest*, p. 29, par. 4; p. 30, par. 6; Clay's *Digest*, p. 47, par. 4; p. 48, par. 6.)

Note.—A strip twelve miles wide on the northern part of the State was ceded by South Carolina to the United States, and then granted to the Mississippi Territory.

86. (84) (624) (13) (13) (17) (16) *Boundary Between Alabama and Georgia.*—The boundary line between Alabama and Georgia commences on the west side of the Chattahoochee river, at the point where it enters the State of Florida; from thence up the river, along the western bank thereof, to the point on Miller's Bend, next above the place where the Uchee creek empties into such river; thence in a direct line to the Nickajack.

Clay's *Digest*, p. 48, par. 9. In *Howard v. Ingersoll*, 17 Ala. 780, the boundary of the State, it was held commenced at low-water mark, on the west side of the Chattahoochee river, from the point where it enters the

present State of Florida, to the "great bend" next above the place where the Uchee creek empties into the said river. In other words, low-water mark on the west side of the Chattahoochee river was the line which separated the jurisdiction of the State of Alabama from the State of Georgia. On writ of error to the Supreme Court of the United States, the decision was reversed, a majority of the court holding that the boundary line between the two States was not low-water mark on the west side of the Chattahoochee river, but a line running up the river on and along its western bank, and that the jurisdiction of Georgia extended to the line which is washed by the water wherever it covers the bed of the river within its banks. The permanent fast land bank governs the line. From the lower edge of that bank the bed of the river commences, and the jurisdiction of Georgia extends to the lower edge of the bank on the west side of the river. Nelson and Grier, JJ., dissenting, held, that the true boundary line between the States of Georgia and Alabama, was not a line drawn on the bank or bluff of the river, at high-water mark, but the line marked by the permanent bed of the river, by the flow of the water at its usual and accustomed stage, and where the water will be found at all times in the season, except when diminished by drought or swollen by freshet.—*Howard v. Ingersoll*, 13 Howard 381.

The boundary line between the States of Georgia and Alabama depends upon the construction of the following words of the contract of cession between the United States and Georgia, describing the boundary of the latter, namely: "West of a line beginning on the western bank of the Chattahoochee river, where the same crosses the boundary between the United States and Spain, running up the said river, and along the western bank thereof."—*State of Alabama v. State of Georgia*, 23 Howard, U. S. 505.

"It is the opinion of this court that the language implies that there is ownership of soil and jurisdiction in Georgia, in the bed of the river Chattahoochee, and that the bed of the river is that portion of its soil which is alternately covered and left bare, as there may be an increase or diminution in the supply of water, and which is adequate to contain it at its average and mean stage during the entire year, without reference to extraordinary freshets of the winter and spring, or the extreme drought of summer or autumn."—*Ib.*

The western line of the cession on the Chattahoochee river must be traced on the water-line of the acclivity of the western bank, and along that bank where that is defined; and in such places on the river where the western bank is not defined, it must be continued up the river on the line of its bed, as that is made by the average and mean stage of the water, as that is expressed in the conclusion of the above recited paragraph."—*Ib.*

By the contract of cession, the navigation of the river is free to both parties.—*Ib.*

87. (85) (625) (14) (14) (18) (17) *Boundary Between Alabama and Florida.*—The boundary line between Alabama and

Florida is the line commonly known as the "mound line," or "Ellicott's line," as distinguished from a "blazed line," known as the "Upper" or "Coffee line," commencing at a point on the Chattahoochee river, near a place known as "Irwin's Mills;" and from thence to the Perdido river, marked the whole distance by blazes on the trees and by mounds of earth, at distances of about one mile.

STATE CAPITAL

During its existence as a Territory and State, since March 3, 1817, Alabama has had several capitals. St. Stephens was designated in the act creating the Territory as the temporary seat of government, and there the two sessions of the Territorial legislature were held. The first constitutional convention was held, in accordance with the enabling act, in Huntsville in 1819, and the first session of the State Legislature was also held there.

The Territorial Legislature, however, had chosen Cahaba as the site for the capital of the State, and the second session of the Legislature was held there in 1820. Cahaba was designated as the seat of government in the constitution, but the Legislature was required at the session of 1825-26 "to designate by law (to which the executive concurrence shall not be required) the permanent seat of government, which shall not thereafter be changed." Cahaba proved to be a very poor and injudicious selection, owing to health conditions, and to its situation, being subject to overflow. In 1826 Tuscaloosa was chosen as the location of the capital, and there it remained until the session of 1845-46. At this time, after a sharp contest between many rival towns, Montgomery was selected. The session previous had proposed a constitutional amendment, striking out the section permanently locating the seat of government, and this amendment had been adopted at the polls.

In selecting Montgomery the Legislature expressly provided by act that the State should be put to no expense in securing lands or in the erection of a capitol building. The citizens of the town at once organized, under the leadership of Col. Charles T. Pollard, Col. A. J. Pickett and others, secured the site, and

began the erection of a building. Bonds for \$75,000.00 were issued by the municipality to pay for construction. These bonds were taken up by local real estate dealers and by local capitalists. The plan of the new capitol was drawn by Stephen D. Button; and the contractors were Messrs. B. F. Robinson and R. W. R. Bardwell. It was completed and occupied by the Legislature at its session of 1847-48, the first session held in Montgomery. On December 14, 1849, during the second session held in Montgomery, the building was destroyed by fire. On February 11, 1850, the Legislature made an appropriation of \$60,000.00, with which the central section of the present building was erected substantially on the foundations of the burned structure.

During the administration of Gov. William H. Smith several improvements were made, which added convenience and beauty to the lower floor of the building.

From the time of its completion in 1851 until 1885 no increase in its capacity had been made. In the latter year, Feb. 17, the Legislature made an appropriation of \$25,000.00 for "needed enlargement." This expenditure resulted in the erection of the rear extension, that is, all that part from the basement to the roof east of the stairway leading to the State and Supreme Court library.

In 1903 the Legislature appropriated \$150,000 with which the South end of the Capital Square was purchased and the South wing erected in 1905-06; and in 1911 an appropriation of \$100,000 was made with which a North wing was added.

STATE EXECUTIVE MANSION

The Governor's Mansion is located in the City of Montgomery, at No. 702 South Perry Street. It was erected in 1906 and was purchased by the State from Moses Sabel, by whom it was built. The price paid was forty-six thousand, five hundred dollars (\$46,500), including sundry furnishings. It is a two-story pressed brick structure, with mansard roof, and presents a very attractive and stately appearance.

Until the purchase of this building, the State had never owned an official residence for the use of its governors. The

Legislature of 1911 passed "an act to make an appropriation for the purchase of a residence for the Governor of Alabama, and grounds and furnishings therefor, and for the acquisition by condemnation or purchase of any real estate necessary or beneficial for such purpose, to provide a building commission for such purpose, and to make an annual appropriation for the maintenance of such residence," approved Feb. 14, 1911.

A commission of seven members was provided by this act, four of whom were the incumbents respectively of the offices of Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney-General and the Director of the Department of Archives and History, and three citizens of the City or County of Montgomery to be appointed by the Governor. After the appointment of the three members required to be named by the Governor, the following constituted the membership of the Commission: Emmet O'Neal, Governor; Cyrus B. Brown, Secretary of State; Robert C. Brickell, Attorney-General; Thomas M. Owen, Director of the Department of Archives and History; and Michel H. Screws, William T. Sheehan, and William G. Covington, the last three being citizens of Montgomery. The first meeting of the Commission was held April 27, 1911. Other meetings were held, and the purchase of the property mentioned above was agreed upon. The deed of conveyance bears date, May 29, and was filed for record in Montgomery county, June 1, 1911.

STATE SEAL

The original State seal consisted of a circular disk, on which was a map of Alabama, displaying the principal rivers. This design was in 1818, suggested by Governor William Wyatt Bibb, for the use of Alabama Territory, and when the constitution of 1819 was adopted, it was provided (Sec. 12, Art. IV) that "the present seal of the territory shall be the seal of the State, until otherwise directed by the General Assembly." This seal remained in use until changed by act of December 29, 1868.—*Acts*, 1868, p. 77.





GREAT SEAL OF ALABAMA

Adopted December 29th, 1868

This act, descriptive of the present State seal, carried forward, through successive revisions, to the *Code of Alabama*, 1923, vol. I, is as follows:

“2932. (1994) (3727) (18). *Great Seal of the State*.—The seal shall be circular, and the diameter thereof two and a quarter inches; near the edge of the circle shall be the word ‘Alabama,’ and opposite this word, at the same distance from the edge shall be the words ‘Great Seal.’ In the center of the seal there shall be a representation of an eagle, and a shield, and upon such part of the seal as the governor may direct, there shall be the words ‘Here we rest.’ The seal shall be called the ‘Great Seal of the State of Alabama.’”

TO THE GREAT SEAL OF ALABAMA

By Samuel Minturn Peck

Great Seal of Alabama—
 Whose sunny skies of blue
 Smile an eternal welcome
 To loyal hearts and true—
 To thee, her legal symbol,
 A song to day I bring,
 Well-knowing poet never
 Fit song to thee will sing.

O Seal, upon thee gazing,
 Thine eagle first I see,
 On shield, alert and watchful,
 For every foe there be;
 And any murmur rising
 Of danger, on the gale,
 With beak and talons ready
 The peril to assail.

Great Seal of Alabama,
 Anon my Fancy strays
 And, lo, her past and future
 Unroll before my gaze:
 A sigh, for all her troubles—
 A smile, that most are past,
 And stars upon her horoscope
 A glorious age forecast.

Her feet beside the Mexic Sea,
 Brow veiled my mountain mist,
 I see the Sleeping Beauty
 By Prince of Progress kist;
 Her Fairy Prince adores her,
 Yet well he knows her dower,
 Her rich mines, fields, and rivers,
 Their future wealth and power.

O Seal, then backward glancing,
 By Fancy still possest,
 I see a band of Redmen
 On Legendary quest;
 The weary Chief is happy
 No further need they roam:
 "Alabama, here we rest—
 'Tis here we make our home"

Great Seal, so runs thy motto
 Whose beauty haunts the breast;
 On Memory's ear it lingers:
 "Alabama, here we rest;—"
 Her arms are ever open
 To weary hearts that roam;
 To tired feet She's calling:
 "Alabama, here is Home."

STATE FLAG

The flag of the State of Alabama was adopted by Act of February 16, 1895, introduced into the House of Representatives by Hon. John W. A. Sanford, Jr., then a member from Montgomery county. See *Acts*, 1894-95, p. 719. The following is the statutory description, taken from the *Code of Alabama*, 1907, vol. 1, section 2058 and 2059:

"2058. (3751) *Flag of the State*.—The flag of the State of Alabama shall be a crimson cross of St. Andrew on a field of white. The bars forming the cross shall not be less than six inches broad and must extend diagonally across the flag, from side to side."

"2059. (3752). *When Displayed*.—The flag of the State shall be hoisted on the dome of the capitol when the two houses of the Legislature are in session, and shall be used by the State on all occasions when it may be necessary or customary to display a flag, except when, in the opinion of the governor, the national flag should be displayed."

From the foregoing description, and from local inquiry as to the form of the design submitted in connection with the original bill, the flag was intended by the Legislature to preserve in permanent form some of the more distinctive features of the Confederate battle flag, particularly the St. Andrews' cross. This being true, the Alabama flag should be square, and in all of its lines and measurements conform to the well-known battle flag of the Confederacy.

On referring to the regulations governing the Confederate battle flag, it is found that it must be forty-eight inches square, with the arms of the cross eight and one-half inches wide over all, that is, the blue arms with the white border. The law providing for the Alabama State flag merely declares that the arms shall not be less than six inches broad, with the further provision that they must "extend diagonally across the flag from side to side." The latter is intended to mean that the bars must cross each other at right angles, and that the ends of the bars must divide equally at each corner. In the event a larger or smaller size should be desired, the measurements increase or diminish proportionately.

The regulations for the battle-flag also provide for a border of one and one-half inches. Therefore, the proper size for the Alabama State flag would be fifty-one inches square over all, with the arms of the St. Andrew's cross eight and one-half inches wide over all, extending diagonally across the flag from side to side, the ends of the bars dividing equally at each corner.

Under an Act approved September 26, 1923, the flag of the State, as well as the flag of the United States, is required to be displayed every day on which school is in session, at all schools in the State which are supported even in part by public funds. The Act does not intend the flag to be displayed on the walls of the building, but the State Superintendent of Education has ruled that it shall be hoisted on a pole provided for this purpose. Section 4 of the Act requires the School Boards of the county to furnish and pay for the several flags used in the county. Hon. George W. Randall, Senator from the Eighteenth District, is the author of this latest Act.

BANNER OF OUR STATE

By Annie Southerne Tardy

Our souls revere you, banner of our State!
 The purity of your fair field enfolds
 Our hearts. Your crimson cross in memory holds
 The honor of the past inviolate.
 War's tragedy is gone and fortunate,
 Glad Peace abides with us, within her smile
 We rest. No vicious weapon shall defile
 The flag we love, and serve, and venerate.

Then spread your gorgeous colors to the breeze!
 Waft to and fro the white, waft to and fro
 The red. In exultation loyal, true,
 All future foe and danger to appease,
 We join in sacred oratorio,
 And pledge our love, our lives, our all, to you!

THE FLAG OF ALABAMA

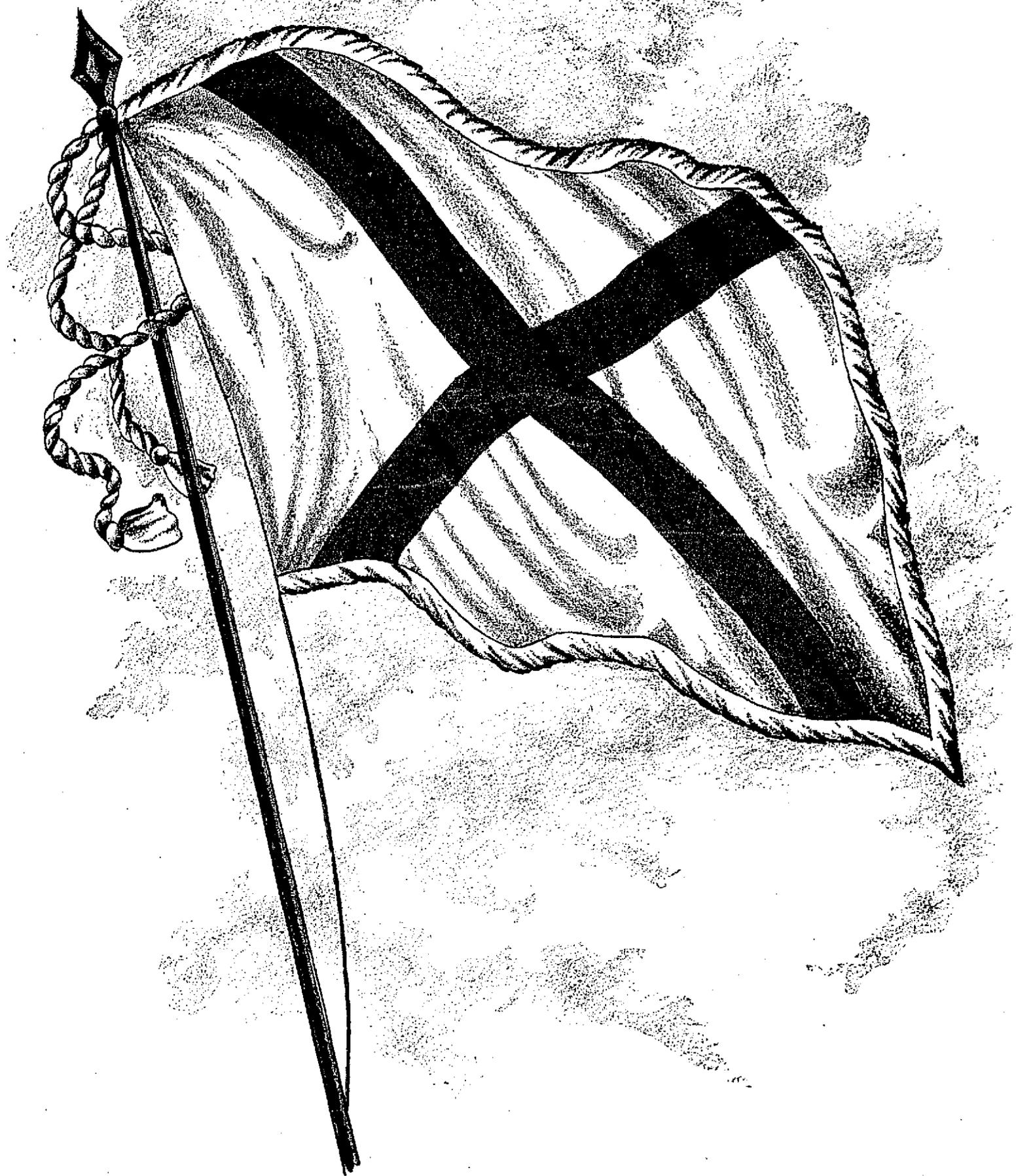
By Elizabeth Winston Sheehan

They took a piece of white long cloth
 And one of oil-boiled red,
 And made our Alabama flag—
 Those Sanford folk, long dead.

“My father, lend me now your ear—
 What shall our flag portray?”
 So spake John Sanford to his sire,
 The General, wise and gray.

That soldier of Secession's war,
 Now passed these thirty years,
 Bethought him of his battle flag—
 His eyes were filmed with tears.

“No other flag could bring the thrill
 Of that square crimson field
 On which were crossed bright bars of blue
 Which stars of white revealed;



FLAG OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Adopted February 16, 1895



“So take the cross—St. Andrew’s—son,
And feature it in red,
Then give it an eternal home
On pure white field,” he said.

“Will you, my dear, apply your skill
And bring this dream to life?”
“My stitches joyfully I’ll give,”
Said young John Sanford’s wife.

Then with a piece of white long cloth
And one of oil-boiled red,
They made an Alabama flag—
Those Sanford folk, long dead.

To legislative halls it went;
Young Sanford pled its cause;
And when he showed his dream fulfilled
It met with wild applause.

The year of eighteen-ninety-five
First saw that flag unfurled—
A crimson cross on field of white—
A signal to the world.

Of courage high, which saltire¹ shows,
To leap into the fray
To keep our field of white unstained,
And all right calls obey.

Since then our Alabama flag
Has done its part and more;
It waved at home when stars and stripes
Had sought a foreign shore.

Sometimes in silk it swishes past;
In bunting every day
It floats above foot-packed school yards
Where happy children play,

Because they took some white long cloth,
And some of oil-boiled red,
And made our Alabama flag,
Those Sanford folk, long dead.

1. The St. Andrew’s Cross is in the heraldic form of the *Saltire*, an ancient scaling ladder; from the Latin verb *Salto*, meaning “to leap.”

STATE FLOWER

A bill introduced in the Legislature, 1927, by Representative T. E. Martin, of Montgomery county, making the Goldenrod the State Flower, became a law, September 6, 1927. Alabama's interest in the Goldenrod as its State Flower is due to efforts made by Mrs. Aurora Pryor McClellan, of Athens, Ala., beginning at a floral convention held in Athens, October 25, 1889. At that time interest was widespread in suggestions for a National flower. Mrs. McClellan advocated the Goldenrod and continued her advocacy of that flower until her death.

ALABAMA'S GOLDENROD

By Frances R. Durham

From the Gulf in the south to the mountains
 That lift their fair strength to the skies,
 The goldenrod springs in bright fountains,
 The crest of the goldenrod flies.
 Out of the dusk of the grasses
 Where the meadows lie rich and broad
 Are spun the starry masses
 Alabama's goldenrod.

A largesse for all of her living
 A wreath for her sacred dead;
 This land that is fruitful with giving
 This land by a thousand streams fed,
 Acclaims a gallant flower,
 By every hill and road,
 As her emblem of pride and power,
 Alabama's goldenrod.

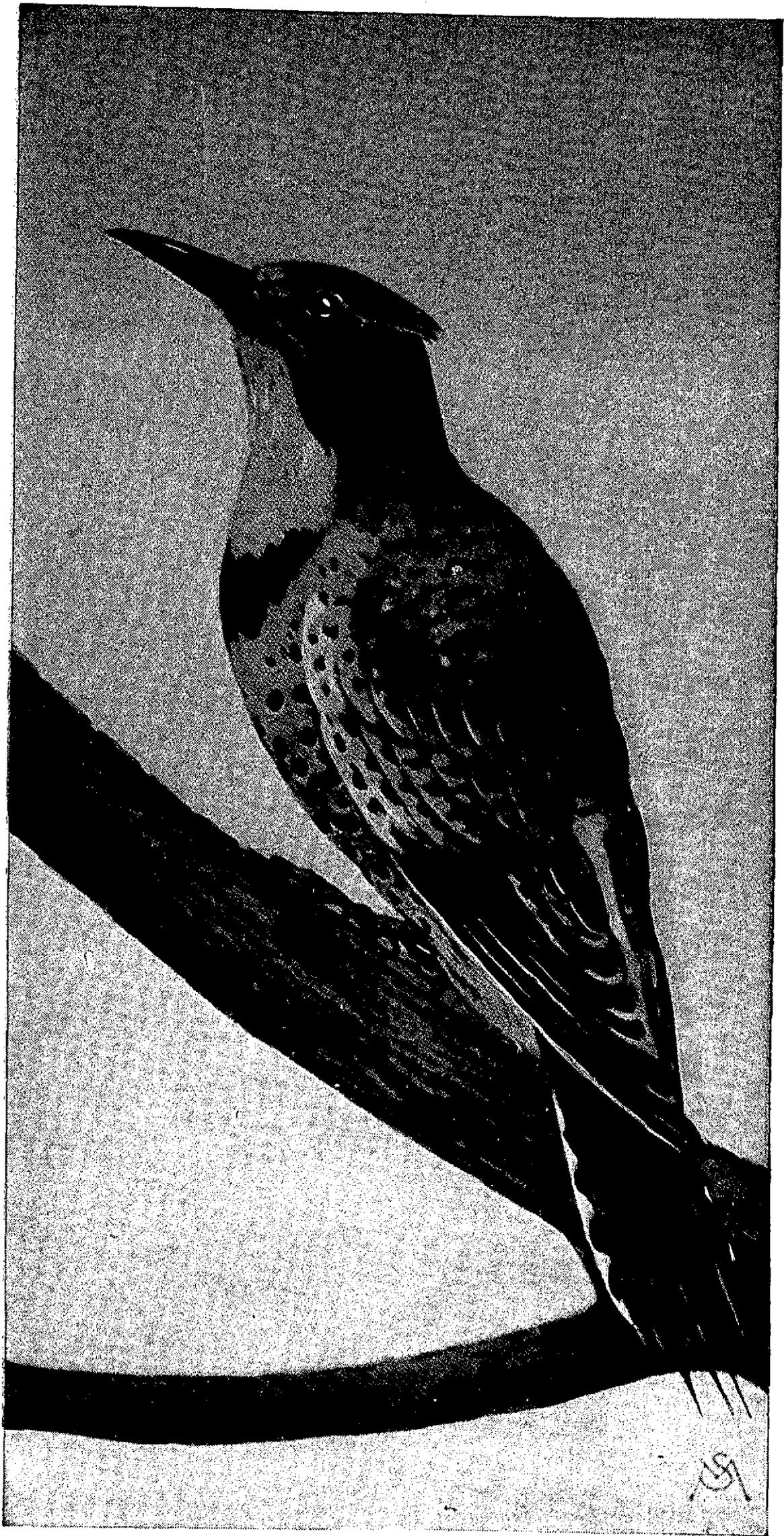
STATE BIRD

A bill introduced in the Legislature, 1927, by Representative T. E. Martin, of Montgomery county, making the Yellowhammer the State Bird, became a law September 6, 1927. Alabama has been known since the period of the War Between the States as the "Yellowhammer State." This nickname was ap-



GOLDENROD
STATE FLOWER OF ALABAMA

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YELLOW-HAMMER

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plied to the Confederate soldiers from Alabama owing to the fact that the colors of the Confederate uniform and the yellow trimmings of the cavalry correspond to that bird. Mr. John D. Giddens, of Leighton, Colbert county, Ala., a member of Co. E., Russell's Brigade, Confederate States Army, is responsible for the following account of the incident that led to the name being given to Alabama soldiers:

"The term, Yellowhammer, applied to Alabama and the Alabamians originated with a Confederate soldier named Will Arnett who belonged to Company A of N. B. Forrest's original regiment at Hopkinsville, Ky., in 1861.

"When the company from Huntsville, Alabama, the Captain of which was Rev. D. C. Kelly, who became one of Forrest's Majors, and which was afterwards commanded by Lieutenant Nance, arrived at Hopkinsville, the officers and men were handsomely uniformed and on the sleeves, collars and tails of their coats were bits of brilliant yellow cloth. Forrest's troops all turned out to receive the Alabamians. As they marched past Company A, Will Arnett, who was a great wag, cried out at sight of their yellow trimmed coats, 'Yellowhammer—yellowhammer—flicker—flicker—flicker.' There was a roar of laughter at this apt wit and from that moment the Huntsville soldiers were spoken of as the Yellowhammer Company. A term that quickly spread throughout the Confederate Army and was applied to the State of Alabama, so today we have the Yellowhammer State."

ALABAMA YELLOW HAMMER

By Elizabeth Winter Watts

Alabama Yellow Hammer!
 Miracle of Nature's art,
 Winging into earth's big drama,
 How you've played your feathered part!

Once you were a gallant pattern
 Of a soldier, debonair;
 Now you are a pompous major
 With a military flair.

Once you drummed a daring war beat—
 Softly! Spring is on the air—
 Now your "drum-drum," loudly sweet,
 Lures a Flicker Lady Fair.

Once a silver mist, at dawning,
Brushed you with Confederate grey;
Could it be that bullets, spawning,
Polka-dotted you with spray?

There's a scrap of red bandana
(Memory has a subtle way)
And perhaps her soft manana¹
Chose your scarlet scarf one day.

Chose your wings with yellow lining . . .
Could they be forever spread
In a golden benediction
Over Alababma's dead!

Alabama Yellow Hammer!
Was it destiny or fate
Marking you with beauty, glamour—
Fitting you to name a State?

Ere her lovely dream was ended,
Nature in a fine caprice,
With your warring colors, blended
A white patch—the pledge of peace.

(1) A spanish word meaning "tomorrow" or sometime in the future.
Pronounced ma-nya-na.



MISS JULIA STRUDWICK TUTWILER, *Author, Educator, Philanthropist*

STATE SONG

ALABAMA

By Miss Julia S. Tutwiler

The music by Mrs. Edna Goeckel Gussen, of Birmingham, was adopted by the State Federation of Music Clubs, and through their efforts the following H. J. R. was adopted March 3, 1931, by the Legislature:

No. 128

H. J. R. 74

Goodwyn

To approve and adopt the original musical setting by Mrs. Edna Goeckel Gussen, of Birmingham, Alabama, of the words of the poem "Alabama," by Julia S. Tutwiler and make the same the State song of Alabama.

Approved by the Governor,
March 9, 1931.

Al - a - bam - a. Al - a - bam - a, we will aye be true to thee,

From thy South-ern shores where grow-eth By the sea thy o - range tree.

To thy North-ern vale where flow-eth Deep and blue thy Ten-nes - see, —

Al a - bam - a, Al - a - bam - a, we will aye be true to thee.

1

Alabama, Alabama,
 We will aye be true to thee,
 From thy Southern shore where
 groweth,
 By the sea thine orange tree.
 To thy Northern vale where floweth,
 Deep and blue thy Tennessee,
 Alabama, Alabama,
 We will aye be true to thee!

2

Broad the Stream whose name thou
 bearest;
 Grand thy Bigbee rolls along;
 Fair thy Coosa—Tallapoosa
 Bold thy Warrior, dark and strong;
 Goodlier than the land that Moses
 Climbed lone Nebo's Mount to see,
 Alabama, Alabama,
 We will aye be true to thee!

3

From thy prairies broad and fertile,
 Where thy snow-white cotton shines,
 To the hills where coal and iron
 Hide in thine exhaustless mines,
 Strong-armed miners—sturdy farm-
 ers;
 Loyal hearts whate'er we be,
 Alabama, Alabama,
 We will aye be true to thee!

4

From thy quarries where the marble
 White as that of Paros gleams
 Waiting till thy sculptors' chisel,
 Wake to life thy poet's dreams;
 For not only wealth of nature,
 Wealth of mind hast thou to fee,
 Alabama, Alabama,
 We will aye be true to thee!

5

Where the perfumed south-wind
 whispers,
 Thy magnolia groves among,
 Softer than a mother's kisses,
 Sweeter than a mother's song;
 Where the golden jasmine trailing,
 Woos the treasure-laden bee,
 Alabama, Alabama,
 We will aye be true to thee!

6

Brave and pure thy men and women,
 Better this than corn and wine,
 Make us worthy, God in heaven,
 Of this goodly land of Thine;
 Hearts as open as our doorways,
 Liberal lands and spirits free,
 Alabama, Alabama,
 We will aye be true to thee!

7

Little, little, can I give thee,
 Alabama, mother mine;
 But that little—hand, brain, spirit,
 All I have and am are thine,
 Take, O take the gift and giver,
 Take and serve thyself with me,
 Alabama, Alabama,
 I will aye be true to thee!

STATE HOLIDAYS

(Code of Alabama, 1907, sec. 5144; General Laws of Alabama, 1911, pp. 91, 120; 1919, p. 885.)

Sunday.

January first, New Year's Day.

January nineteenth, Robert E. Lee's birthday.

February twenty-second, Washington's birthday.

Mardi Gras, Shrove Tuesday.

April thirteenth, Thomas Jefferson's birthday.

April twenty-sixth, Memorial Day.

June third, Jefferson Davis' birthday.

July fourth, Independence Day.

First Monday in September, Labor Day.

Second Tuesday in October—Fraternal Day.

November eleventh, Armistice Day.

Thanksgiving Day.

December twenty-fifth, Christmas Day.

GOVERNORS 1798-1931

GOVERNORS OF MISSISSIPPI TERRITORY

Winthrop Sargent, of Massachusetts.....	May 7, 1798
William Charles Cole Claiborne, of Tennessee.....	May 25, 1800
Robert Williams, of North Carolina.....	March 1, 1805
David Holmes, of Virginia.....	March 7, 1809

GOVERNOR OF ALABAMA TERRITORY

William Wyatt Bibb, of Georgia.....	September 25, 1817
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GOVERNORS OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA

William Wyatt Bibb, of Autauga.....	November 9, 1819
Thomas Bibb, of Limestone.....	July 15, 1820
Israel Pickens, of Greene.....	November 9, 1821
John Murphy, of Monroe.....	November 25, 1825
Gabriel Moore, of Madison.....	November 25, 1829
Samuel B. Moore, of Jackson.....	March 3, 1831
John Gayle, of Greene.....	November 26, 1831
Clement Comer Clay, of Madison.....	November 21, 1835
Hugh McVay, of Lauderdale.....	July, 1837
Arthur Pendleton Bagby, of Monroe.....	November 21, 1837
Benjamin Fitzpatrick, of Autauga.....	November 22, 1841
Joshua Lanier Martin, of Tuskalooosa.....	December 10, 1845

Reuben Chapman, of Madison.....	December 16, 1847
Henry Watkins Collier, of Tuscaloosa.....	December 17, 1849
John Anthony Winston, of Sumter.....	December 20, 1853
Andrew Barry More, of Perry.....	December 1, 1857
John Gill Shorter, of Barbour.....	December 2, 1861
Thomas Hill Watts, of Montgomery	December 1, 1863
(Interregnum of two months after the surrender of the military department of the Confederate government to the Federal authorities).	
Lewis E. Parsons, provisional governor, of Talladega.....	June 21, 1865
Robert Miller Patton, of Lauderdale.....	December 20, 1865
William Hugh Smith, of Randolph.....	July 14, 1868
Robert Burns Lindsay, of Colbert.....	November 26, 1870
David Peter Lewis, of Madison*.....	November 17, 1872
George Smith Houston, of Limestone.....	November 24, 1874
Rufus W. Cobb, of Shelby.....	November 28, 1878
Edward Asbury O'Neal, of Lauderdale.....	December 1, 1882
Thomas Seay, of Hale.....	December 1, 1886
Thomas Goode Jones, of Montgomery.....	December 1, 1890
William Calvin Oates, of Henry.....	December 1, 1894
Joseph Forney Johnston, of Jefferson.....	December 1, 1896
William James Samford, of Lee.....	December 26, 1900
William Dorsey Jelks, acting Governor, of Barbour.....	December 1-26, 1900
William Dorsey Jelks, of Barbour.....	June 11, 1901
William Dorsey Jelks, of Barbour.....	1903
Dr Russell McWhorter Cunningham, acting Governor of Jefferson County	April 25, 1904-March 15, 1905
Braxton Bragg Comer, of Jefferson.....	January 14, 1907
Emmett O'Neal, of Lauderdale.....	January 17, 1911
Charles Henderson, of Pike.....	January 18, 1915
Thomas Erby Kilby, of Calhoun.....	January 20, 1919
William Woodward Brandon, of Tuscaloosa.....	January 15, 1923
Bibb Graves, of Montgomery.....	January 17, 1927
B. M. Miller, of Camden.....	January 19, 1931

*Not inaugurated on that date on account of contest between Democratic and Republican claimant for the office. Governor Lewis, Republican, was recognized about one week later.

COUNTIES IN ALABAMA

Name	Date	Origin of Names	County Seats
Autauga	Nov. 21, 1819	Indian name	Prattville.
Baldwin	Dec. 21, 1809	Senator Abraham Baldwin, of Ga.....	Bay Minette.
Barbour	Dec. 18, 1832	Gov. James Barbour, of Va.....	Clayton.
Bibb ¹	Feb. 7, 1818	Gov. William W. Bibb, of Ala.....	Centerville.
Blount	Feb. 7, 1818	Gov. Willie G. Blount, of Tenn.....	Oneonta.
Bullock	Dec. 5, 1866	Col. E. C. Bullock, of Ala.....	Union Spgs.
Butler	Dec. 13, 1819	Capt. William Butler, of Ala.....	Greenville.

Name	Date	Origin of Names	County Seats
Calhoun ²	Dec. 18, 1832	Senator John C. Calhoun, of S. C.....	Anniston.
Chambers	Dec. 18, 1832	Senator Henry C. Chambers, of Ala.	Lafayette.
Cherokee	Jan. 9, 1836	Indian tribe	Center.
Chilton ³	Dec. 30, 1868	Judge Wm. P. Chilton, of Ala.....	Clanton.
Choctaw	Dec. 29, 1847	Indian tribe	Butler.
Clarke	Dec. 10, 1812	Gov. John Clarke, of Ga.....	Grove Hill.
Clay	Dec. 7, 1866	Senator Henry Clay, of Ky.....	Ashland.
Cleburne	Dec. 6, 1866	Gen. Pat. R. Cleburne, of Ark.....	Edwardsville
Coffee	Dec. 29, 1841	Gen. John Coffee, of Ala.....	Elba.
Colbert ⁴	Feb. 6, 1867	George and Levi Colbert.....	Tuscumbia.
Conecuh	Feb. 13, 1818	Indian name	Evergreen.
Coosa	Dec. 18, 1832	Indian name	Rockford.
Covington ⁵	Dec. 7, 1821	Gen. Leonard W. Covington, of Md..	Andalusia.
Crenshaw	Nov. 24, 1866	Judge Anderson Crenshaw, of Ala..	Luverne.
Cullman	Jan. 24, 1877	John G. Cullman, of Ala.....	Cullman.
Dale	Dec. 22, 1824	Gen. Saml. Dale, of Ala.....	Ozark.
Dallas	Feb. 9, 1818	A. J. Dallas, Esq., of Pa.....	Selma.
DeKalb	Jan. 9, 1836	Gen. DeKalb, of Am. Revolution....	Ft. Payne.
Elmore	Feb. 15, 1866	Gen. John A. Elmore, of Ala.....	Wetumpka.
Escambia	Dec. 10, 1868	Escambia River	Brewton.
Etowah ⁶	Dec. 7, 1866	Indian name.....	Gadsden.
Fayette	Dec. 20, 1824	Gen. Lafayette	Fayette.
Franklin	Feb. 6, 1818	Benj. Franklin, of Pa.....	Russellville.
Geneva	Dec. 26, 1868	Geneva, Switzerland	Geneva.
Greene	Dec. 13, 1819	Gen. Nathaniel Greene, of Ga.....	Eutaw.
Hale	Jan. 30, 1867	Stephen F. Hale, of Ala.....	Greensboro.
Henry	Dec. 13, 1819	Gov. Patrick Henry, of Va.....	Abbeville.
Houston	Feb. 9, 1903	Gov. George S. Houston.....	Dothan.
Jackson ⁷	Dec. 13, 1819	Gen. Andrew Jackson, of Tenn....	Scottsboro.
Jefferson	Dec. 13, 1819	Pres. Thomas Jefferson, of Va....	Birmingham
Lamar ⁸	Feb. 4, 1867	L. Q. C. Lamar, of Miss.....	Vernon.
Lauderdale	Feb. 6, 1818	Col. James Lauderdale, of Tenn...	Florence.
Lawrence	Feb. 6, 1818	Capt. Jas. Lawrence, of Vt., U.S.N..	Moulton.
Lee	Dec. 5, 1866	Gen. Robert E. Lee, of Va.....	Opelika.
Limestone	Feb. 6, 1818	Creek of that name.....	Athens.
Lowndes	Jan. 20, 1830	Wm. Lowndes, of S. C.....	Hayneville.
Macon	Dec. 18, 1832	Senator Nathaniel Macon, of N. C...	Tuskegee.
Madison	Dec. 13, 1808	President James Madison, of Va...	Huntsville.
Marengo	Feb. 6, 1818	French Battlefield	Linden.
Marion	Feb. 13, 1818	Gen. Francis Marion, of S. C.....	Hamilton.
Marshall	Jan. 9, 1836	Judge John Marshall, of Va.....	Guntersville.
Mobile ⁹	Aug. 1, 1812	See note	Mobile.
Monroe	June 29, 1815	Pres. James Monroe, of Va.....	Monroeville.
Montgomery	Dec. 6, 1816	Lt. L. P. Montgomery, of Tenn....	Montgomery.

Name	Date	Origin of Names	County Seats
Morgan ¹⁰	Feb. 6, 1818	Gen. Daniel Morgan, of Va.....	Decatur.
Perry	Dec. 13, 1819	Commodore O. H. Perry, of R. I....	Marion.
Pickens	Dec. 19, 1820	Gen. Andrew Pickens, of S. C.....	Carrollton.
Pike	Dec. 7, 1821	Z. M. Pike, of N. J.....	Troy.
Randolph	Dec. 18, 1832	Senator John Randolph, of Va.....	Wedowee.
Russell	Dec. 18, 1832	Col. Gilbert C. Russell, of Ala.....	Seale.
St. Clair	Nov. 20, 1818	Gen. Arthur St. Clair, of Pa.....	Ashville.
Shelby	Feb. 7, 1818	Gov. Isaac Shelby, of Ky.....	Columbiana.
Sumter	Dec. 18, 1832	Gen. Thomas Sumter, of S. C.....	Livingston.
Talladega	Dec. 18, 1832	Indian name	Talladega.
Tallapoosa	Dec. 18, 1832	Indian name	Dadeville.
Tuscaloosa	Feb. 7, 1818	Indian name	Tuscaloosa.
Walker	Dec. 26, 1823	Senator John W. Walker, of Ala.	Jasper.
Washington	June 4, 1800	George Washington, of Va.....	Chatom.
Wilcox	Dec. 13, 1819	Lt. Jos. M. Wilcox, U. S. Army....	Camden.
Winston ¹	Feb. 12, 1850	Gov. J. A. Winston, of Ala.....	Double Spgs.

¹Originally "Cahaba;" changed to present name Dec. 4, 1820.—Acts, 1820, p. 63.

²Originally "Benton," for Senator Thomas H. Benton, of Mo.; changed to present name Jan. 29, 1858.—Acts, 1857-58, p. 318.

³Originally "Baker," for Albert Baker, of the county; changed to present name Dec. 17, 1874.—Acts, 1874-75, pp. 178-180.

⁴Abolished Nov. 29, 1867, by the Constitutional Convention (Acts, 1868, p. 163); reestablished Dec. 9, 1869.—Acts, 169-70, p. 6.

⁵Name changed to "Jones" Aug. 6, 1868; and Oct. 10, 1868, changed to original and present name.—Acts, 1868, pp. 84, 257.

⁶Originally "Baine," for Col. D. W. Baine, of Lowndes county; abolished Dec. 3, 1867, by the Constitutional Convention; re-established with present name by Act. Dec. 1, 1868.—Acts, 1868, pp. 178, 359-361.

⁷"Decatur" county was created Dec. 7, 1821 (Acts, 1821, p. 72) but was abolished in 1824, and its territory given to Madison and Jackson; Marshall county now has a portion of it. Woodville, in Jackson, was the county seat.

⁸Originally "Jones," for E. P. Jones, of Fayette county; abolished Nov. 13, 1867, by the Constitutional Convention; re-established Oct. 8, 1868, as "Sanford," for H. C. Sanford, of Cherokee county (Acts, 1868, p. 216); changed to present name Feb. 8, 1877.—Acts, 1876-77, p. 232.

⁹Named for the town, river and bay. It is the "Mauvila," or "Mobila" of the Spanish and the "Mobile" of the French.

¹⁰Originally "Cotaco," of Indian origin; changed to present name June 14, 1821. Toulmin, p. 85.

¹¹Originally "Hancock," for Gen. John Hancock, of Mass.; changed to present name Jan. 22, 1858.—Acts, 1857-58, p. 327.