

1859, to Miss Mary Jane George, daughter of Ezekiel George, formerly of Anderson County. They have four children living, three of whom are sons.

Mr. Tolly now has a mammoth furniture establishment, equal to anything of the kind in the State. He has two very large business rooms, two stories in height, the one 109 by 30 feet, and the other 107 by 40 feet. The four floors are all occupied. He carries the finest line of furniture, not excelled by the best stock in the largest cities. He has built up a very extensive trade all over upper South Carolina, and when once he gets a customer it is a customer for life.

Mayor Tolly is one of the most popular men in Anderson, which can be seen by his frequent elections to the position of Mayor.

He was elected again in August, 1896, to serve for two more years.

WILL R. HUBBARD.

Mr. Will R. Hubbard, proprietor of one of the largest jewelry establishments in the upper part of South Carolina, and who has for a number of years been a prominent young citizen of Anderson, was born in October, 1864. At the age of fourteen he went into the jewelry business with his brother, and they began to do general repairing on an exceedingly small scale. The business increased rapidly, and it was not long until a small stock was added to the shop where they were doing a repair work. They formed a partnership under the firm name of John M. Hubbard & Brother. They continued in business until 1892, when the firm was dissolved and Mr. Will Hubbard continued business at the old stand. Mr. John M. Hubbard then established his jewelry store in the Hotel Chiquola block.



The store of W. R. Hubbard is today one of the prettiest establishments of the kind in the State. Everything is arranged in order, and there is nothing to detract from the general appearance of the building. He now carries a stock of goods estimated at \$10,000, and he is gradually adding to this every year. Every article in the jewelry line that one could call for is in this store, and of the best quality are guaranteed. Watches, silverware, clocks, china, novelties, glassware, spectacles, gold beaded canes, and hundreds of other things. Much attention is paid to the department of spectacles, and care is taken that all glasses fitted shall be suitable in every respect to the wearer.

The repair feature of the business adds considerable each year to the income of the establishment. Mr. Hubbard is a practical workman, understanding all the intricate work about watches and other pieces of jewelry, and all the work turned out from his store is guaranteed to last.

He also makes a specialty of wedding and engagement rings. The engraving in rings and other work is all done by Mr. Hubbard, and will compare favorably with that to be found in any establishment. Mr. Hubbard's business is not confined to the city and county alone, but to all the neighboring towns and cities in the upper part of the State. He pays close attention to orders by mail, which are all filled promptly and give entire satisfaction.

Mr. Hubbard was awarded the contract to furnish all of the silverware for Clemson College. There were a number of Atlanta and other large firms competing, but his work was considered the best and cheapest, so he was given the contract. He also furnished nine medals for the recent Graded School Commencement.

Mr. Hubbard is a practical business man who owns what he does to-day by hard and diligent work, and he is among those who believe in advertising as the best paying investment of the day.

THE EVANS PHARMACY.

Mr. George W. Evans, who is at the head of the firm known as the Evans Pharmacy, is a young man who has made a great success in the line of his life work. He began work as a drug clerk, and showing a remarkably aptitude for the business was soon promoted from one position to another until to-day he owns one of the

finest drug establishment in the city.

Mr. Evans was born in 1868 in Anderson, and in 1883 he entered the drug business as a clerk for Orr & Sloan. He was a small lad at this time, but it was not very long before he was rapidly progressing and winning the confidence and esteem of those for whom he worked. Mr. Evans remained with Orr & Sloan until 1893, when the Evans Pharmacy was established. Dr. J. C. Harris and Mr. J. M. Evans constitute the remaining members of the firm. J. M. Evans entered the drug store of Messrs. Orr & Sloan in 1889 and remained there until the present firm was established.

George Evans was given a license by the State Board of Medical Examiners in 1887. It was said at that time that he passed one of the best examinations that that body had ever seen.

The Evans Pharmacy is located in the Hotel Chiquola block, at one of the most desirable stands in the city. It is handsomely fitted up with all the modern conveniences used in the druggist's line and by close attention to business the firm has been able to command a very large share of the trade in the city. Besides, the many small towns around Anderson are supplied to a great extent from this house. This is a proof that the prices charged for goods are very low, as the druggists in this section can buy from the Pharmacy and then sell with a reasonable profit to themselves.

Strict attention is given to the drug trade. Every article purchased in this line is of the best quality and always guaranteed. Inks, oils, varnishes, cigars and tobacco are kept in large quantities, and the sales of these during a year amounts to a great deal. They make a specialty of prescriptions, Mr. Evans, who has had considerable experience in this line, personally superintending the work.

The store inside, as well as on the exterior, is one of the most handsome in the city. It is kept in splendid condition, and is a great resort for ladies in the summer months who want the very best cold drinks from their magnificent fountain. This department receives much attention, and the drinks at the Evans Pharmacy are very popular all over the city.



JAMES F. FANT.

There is one man in Anderson who runs a truck farm in Florida and sells his own goods. Everybody knows that Mr. James F. Fant sells the finest fruits that can be found anywhere, but all of them do not know that his fine oranges are raised on his own farm.

Mr. Fant was born in Marion County, Florida, in 1866. He is the son of Mr. Valentine Fant, who moved from Anderson county to Florida just before the war. Young Fant spent his early life in Florida, and, in fact, remained there until 1889, when he came to Anderson. He had been in business for a long time before leaving Florida, and had been very successful. Since opening business in this city he has met with even greater success than he did in Florida. What he has made here has been by hard work.

Mr. Fant handles a large supply of fruits and vegetables shipped mostly from his plantation. He carries a nice line of confectioneries, tobacco, cigars and family groceries. He also handles fish and oysters in season. He is agent for the Anderson Ice Company and sells a great deal of ice during the summer months.

Mr. Fant owns a fine plantation in Marion county, Florida, and runs an extensive truck farm and orange grove. The stuff that he keeps here is shipped from his farm, and by that means Mr. Fant knows that he gets the best on the market. He does both a wholesale and retail business in oranges, the grove in Florida bringing in to him large returns every year. Mr. Fant enjoys a large and lucrative trade in this city, where, by close attention to the wants of the people, he has won a major share of the fruit and confectionery trade. He is at all times courteous to his customers, and will not sell them anything but the best.

Mr. Fant was married in 1888 to Miss Essie Sassard, of Florida, and is the father of three children.

Mr. Fant is a progressive citizen and uses his influence at all times to advance the interest and prosperity of

the city of Anderson. He is a public spirited man, and believes that there is no place like Anderson, unless it is his old home in Florida.

U. E. SEYBT.



Mr. U. E. Seybt, dealer in dry goods, notions, shoes, millinery and other articles of that trade, was born at Cokesbury, Abbeville County, June 4, 1861. He spent his early life at that place attending the country schools and learning to some extent the business which he was to follow. In 1881 he came to Anderson and secured a position with W. A. Chapman and remained with him for six years. During that time his work was of the best kind and he gave perfect satisfaction. He also gained considerable experience in this line, and when he left was master of his trade.

In February, 1888, Mr. Seybt went into the firm of Crayton, Jones & Seybt and remained in that partnership for some time, but at the present time is in business by himself. He has by hard work built up a large trade and won the confidence and respect of the people in and around Anderson. He has always made it a point to give his customers the very best goods for the smallest amount of money, and by honest dealings coupled to this he has amassed considerable business in this section.

Mr. Seybt carries a general stock of dry goods, notions, shoes, carpets, rugs, and in fact everything that one could call for in an establishment of this kind. The millinery department is complete and is presided over by competent ladies, who thoroughly understand that business.

In the spring and fall of each year this department is exceedingly popular with the ladies of Anderson and the surrounding towns. He frequently gets mail orders from distant towns for goods, and none of these have ever been known to come back to him. All who have had dealings at this store know that when Mr. Seybt recommends an article to be first class that it certainly will be found to be just like he said it was.

He carries a big line of ladies' fine shoes, of all styles and makes, and these go at rock bottom prices. Mr. Seybt goes to the Northern markets himself and buys such goods as he knows will suit the Anderson people. He pays cash and gets some fine bargains in this way, and is therefore enabled to offer special inducements to his customers. He is a fine judge of dress goods, and the other things he keeps in stock.

JOHN H. CLARKE.

Mr. John H. Clarke, the leading merchant tailor of Anderson, was born in this city in 1845, and was a son of the late Mr. J. B. Clarke, who for forty years conducted a merchant tailoring business in this city.



Mr. Clarke spent his early boyhood days in Anderson and received a good English education from the teachers of the day. At an early age he volunteered in the Confederate service and was a member of Gary's brigade of cavalry, in Col. A. C. Haskell's regiment. Afterwards he joined Trenholm's squadron, and served on the coast of South Carolina, and later in Virginia. He was with Lee's army when it surrendered at Appomattox, and when his soldier's life was finished he returned to Anderson, and at once began in business with his father. He was a partner with his father

for twenty years—from 1868 until the latter's death in 1888. Mr. Clarke then took complete charge of the business and has run it ever since.

There is, perhaps, no better tailoring establishment in this State than that of Mr. Clarke's. He is an experienced man in this department, and spent two years in New York, where he took a special course in cutting. He has thoroughly mastered this feature of the business, and all the work that he turns out of his establishment is of the best kind and gives universal satisfaction. He employs none but experienced workmen, and his goods are all up-to-date.

Mr. Clarke's business is now in fine operation, and he has met with great success since beginning work in Anderson. He is known to be a reliable tailor, and, for that reason, has had at some times more work than he could possibly get through with. He keeps a full line of samples and also piece goods. The latter has been on a small scale, but he will add to this department, and can make up a suit of clothes at short notice.

His establishment is in the Wilhite building, on the east side of the public square.

C. S. MINOR & CO.



C. S. MINOR.

Mr. C. S. Minor, of the firm of C. S. Minor & Co., was born in Hancock County, Ga., in 1864. He lived on a farm until he was 17, when, with his father's family, he moved to Milledgeville, attending the schools and graduated from the Middle Georgia Agricultural College, a department of the State University, in 1887, receiving a medal for oratory and one for scholarship. He afterwards taught school in Georgia, and then travelled for a tombstone house. Later he was connected with the firm of Wood & Co., of Gadsden, Ala., and in 1889 moved to Anderson, where he has been in active business ever since.

Mr. Minor began business in this city on a small scale, selling nothing higher than ten cents, and conducting his affairs on the plan of one price and short profits. The demand for the higher priced goods compelled him to add this feature, which increased the volume of his trade. He has now nearly everything in stock, which is estimated at \$25,000. His stand on the South side of the Public Square, occupies three floors, and every bit of space in his establishment is filled. Mr. Minor makes a specialty of glassware, tinware, crockery, jewelry, notions and novelties. He also carries dry goods, wooden and willow ware, and a splendid assortment of household hardware. In the last two or three years he has done considerable wholesale business, selling to the merchants near this city. This department of his establishment is rapidly growing.

One of the elements of Mr. Minor's success has been the treating of every customer alike, and always has the same things that he advertises.

Mr. Minor's success has been phenomenal. Nine years ago he left college penniless and in debt, but with a stiff backbone and lots of pluck and patience he has pushed his business during that time with a vim seldom exhibited and never surpassed. His motto has been never to allow the business to push him but to push the business. He never acts on the defensive but invariably on the offensive. Another of his mottoes is to underbuy and to undersell, "and hew to the line, letting the chips fall where they may."

Mr. Minor buys everything on an extensive scale, such as one hundred dozen brooms, 50 cases of lamp chimneys, &c. He makes big contracts far ahead, which is a big risk, but by this means he manages to get goods at a much lower rate than otherwise. Quick sales and small profits has been the one reason of his great success, and to day Mr. Minor does one of the largest and most profitable businesses in the city of Anderson.

J. A. BROCK.



Mr. James Albert Brock, President of the Bank of Anderson, was the second son of the late Mr. — Brock, and was born at Honea Path, in this county. He received his early education and training at the schools in this State and made rapid advances in every department. At an early age he embarked into the mercantile business, and his first venture proved a great success. Some time later, however, he was offered the position of Auditor of the Columbia & Greenville Railroad, now a branch of the Southern system, and held that office for some time, proving to be eminently qualified for all the duties connected with that position. At that time the road was not on a very firm basis financially, and much of the credit of its later success is due to the unflinching labors of Mr. Brock.

When the National Bank of Anderson was organized, in 1872, Mr. Brock was unanimously elected cashier, which was his first work in a bank. Under his able management, this institution had remarkable success, attaining third rank among the banks of the South as to book value of its stock. Mr. Brock continued in the office of cashier until the bank went into voluntary liquidation in 1891, when he was unanimously elected President and still holds that position.

He is also President of the Anderson Cotton Mills and of the Anderson Oil and Fertilizer Company. He is connected with almost every enterprise in the city of Anderson, and is a director of the Port Royal and Western Carolina Railway company.

Few men have had a brighter career, and which, too, was based on their own merits, than J. A. Brock. He began life as a merchant on a very small scale, but by his close attention to business and his fine business qualities, he rapidly forged himself to the front, and in this respect to-day is one of the leaders in South Carolina. His business career has been marked with unusual activity and success, and his life characterized by integrity and usefulness in a prominent degree, in every sphere of duty—his church, of which he is an active and official member, not excepted.

Mr. Brock has won for himself the confidence and esteem of every citizen of Anderson, and no man has taken more interest in the welfare and up-building of the city than himself. This has been one of the means of his great success, and what he has done has been without any outside help.

B. F. MAULDIN.



Mr. B. F. Mauldin, Cashier in the Bank of Anderson, was born at Calhoun, Anderson County, in 1850. When he was five years of age his parents moved to Williamston, where he attended the schools in that place until he was sixteen years of age. He then entered Furman University and spent two years at that institution.

After leaving school Mr. Mauldin accepted a position as clerk in the office of Assessor of Internal Revenue at Anderson, and went to Columbia when the office was removed to that place in 1869. He retained this position until the fall of 1892, when he resigned to accept the position as assistant cashier in the State Saving and Insurance Bank at Anderson, which afterwards became the National Bank of Anderson. Mr. Mauldin continued to hold this place until the Bank went into voluntary liquidation in 1891. The name was then changed to the Bank of Anderson, and Mr