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teral grandfather, W. S. Mathews, who also was of English descent, was a native of Georgia, a farmer by vocation and a veteran of the Confederate army.

Victor Hugo Bennett attended the public schools of his native town and Martin Institute, where he was graduated. He was then for two years a student in the University of Georgia, after which he matriculated in the Atlanta School of Medicine, now Emory University, where he was graduated, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, in 1910. He was president of the senior class. In that year he returned to Jefferson and entered upon the practice of his profession, to which he devoted his attention for eighteen months, at the end of which time he moved to Gay, Meriwether county, where he has continued practice to the present time. He has been very successful being specially strong as a diagnostician, with which he combines an accurate and comprehensive knowledge of the medicinal properties of drugs, so that he has gained an enviable standing throughout the community as an able and skillful physician and surgeon. He possesses to a notable degree those personal qualities which are the necessary qualifications of the successful doctor and which, by inspiring confidence on the part of the patient and their friends, assist materially in winning desired results.

Doctor Bennett votes the democratic ticket and takes a commendable interest in all public questions affecting the welfare and prosperity of his fellow citizens. He has not been a persistent seeker after public office, but was elected by his fellow citizens to the office of mayor of Gay, holding the position four years, and he has also served two years as a member of the city council. During the World war, his partner was very desirous of entering the army, and in order that he might do so Dr. Bennett agreed to remain at home and look after the practice, which he did. He has been successful financially, and is now the owner of a nice farm in this county, in the operation of which he derives both pleasure and profit. Fraternally, he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has attained the Royal Arch degrees. He is a member of the Meriwether County Medical Society, the Georgia State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. His religious connection is with the Baptist church, in which he is actively interested and has served as superintendent of the Sunday school several years.

Doctor Bennett was married, July 15, 1916, at Rome, Georgia, to Miss Elizabeth Burney, daughter of Stark J. Burney, who engaged in mercantile business at Rome, Georgia, and died at the age of about fifty years. His wife, whose maiden name was Nellie Bass, survives him. Mrs. Bennett is a member of the Baptist church and is president of the Women's Missionary Union. To Doctor and Mrs. Bennett have been born three children: Caroline B. and Miriam Mathews and Nellie Gordon, twins. Personally, Doctor Bennett is a man of most likable character, cordial and agreeable and of an optimistic disposition, and has attained an enviable place in the confidence and good will of the entire community.

#### CLINTON F. SHINGLER.

Among the early settlers of southwestern Georgia was the Shingler family, the present generation being worthily represented by Clinton F. Shingler, the able and popular mayor of Ashburn, Turner county. He has spent practically all of his life in this vicinity, contributing to the development of this part of the state, and he has built up a highly creditable reputation as a man of upright character and indomitable industry. Mr. Shingler is a native of Turner county and was born on the 27th day of August, 1890, and is a son of James S. and Emma (Baldwin) Shingler, both of whom are living. The father came to this section of the state from Holly Hill, South Carolina, in 1887, and here engaged in farming. He also was engaged in mercantile business and operated a turpentine distillery for a number of

years but is now retired from active business life. He is a member of the Georgia State Senate in the session of 1911-12 and views and has always taken a deep interest in public affairs.

Clinton F. Shingler received his early education in the public school of Turner county, and then entered the University of Georgia, in the session of 1909. He next studied in Eastman Business College, where he was graduated in 1911. On his return home he at once joined with his father in the naval stores and turpentine business, and in subsequent years has also devoted considerable attention to farming, on the breeding and raising of full-blooded Herford cattle, having success in the raising of fruit and is a member of the Fruit Society. He is also a member of the Ashburn Board of Trade.

Mr. Shingler was married to Miss Stella Elizabeth Julian, daughter of G. W. and Laura (Kirkland) Julian, of Tifton, Tift County, Georgia, in 1912. Mr. and Mrs. Shingler have three children, G. W., Jr., Julian, Simon and Bettie. Mrs. Shingler is a member of the Woman's Club and is active in the work of the Methodist church, which she is a member, and of which Mr. Shingler is a member. He is a democrat in his political predilections and in 1924 was elected mayor of Ashburn, which office he is still holding, discharging his duties with judgment, broad views and pronounced opinions on the questions which come before him. His influence is exerted in every progressive and public-spirited way, and he has done much for the building and development of the town and vicinity. Because of his capacity, his fine public spirit and his friendly manner, he has won for him the commendation of the entire community. He has an unbounded confidence and good will of the entire community.

#### EDWIN CLARK HILL.

Although but thirty-one years of age at the time of his death, Hill had established a reputation for business ability and energy throughout the south, and a career of unusual promise was cut off in November, 1924, when he passed away in Atlanta, where he had his home in 1920.

Mr. Hill was born January 19, 1893, in Cleveland, Ohio. He attended the public school and in 1916 was graduated from the Case School of Applied Science at Cleveland, Ohio, where he received a diploma in electrical engineering. He entered the employ of the Westinghouse Electric Company of Cleveland and soon afterward was made one of its sales representatives, selling X-ray supplies. He knew his subject well and made a remarkable record as a salesman, covering the territory in the high order of salesmanship, covering the territory in the city of Cleveland. In 1923 he opened an office at No. 39 Forrest avenue in Atlanta, Georgia, and installing X-ray machines. He organized the Hill X-ray company after the establishment of his business was the recipient of the highest commendation throughout the south as being in this line, becoming recognized throughout the south as everything pertaining to this form of radiant energy.

On the 7th of June, 1922, Mr. Hill was married to Miss Genevieve Deegan, daughter of the late William James Deegan and Genevieve Deegan, both of whom are living. To this union there has been born one son, Edwin Clark Hill, Jr. He is a member of one of the old and prominent families of the city of Atlanta. To this union he has added a leading real estate dealer of Atlanta. Mr. Hill was a member of the Sigma Tau Delta

years but is now retired from active business life. He is a man of pronounced views and has always taken a deep interest in public affairs, having served as a member of the Georgia State Senate in the session of 1911-12 and 1919-20.

Clinton F. Shingler received his early education in the public schools of Turner county, and then entered the University of Georgia, where he was graduated in 1909. He next studied in Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie, New York, where he was graduated in 1911. On his return home he at once became associated with his father in the naval stores and turpentine business, and during the subsequent years has also devoted considerable attention to farming, centering his efforts on the breeding and raising of full-blooded Herford cattle, having at one time one of the finest herds of Herfords in southwest Georgia. He has had considerable success in the raising of fruit and is a member of the Fruit Growers Association. He is also a member of the Ashburn Board of Trade.

Mr. Shingler was married to Miss Stella Elizabeth Julian, the daughter of Dr. G. W. and Laura (Kirkland) Julian, of Tifton, Tift County, Georgia. Mrs. Shingler attended the Tifton public schools, the Agnes Scott School and Belmont College, at Washington, D. C. Mr. and Mrs. Shingler are the parents of four children, Clinton F. Jr., Julian, Simon and Bettie. Mrs. Shingler is a member of the Ashburn Woman's Club and is active in the work of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which she is a member, and of which Mr. Shingler is a member and a steward. He is a democrat in his political predilections and in 1924 was elected mayor of Ashburn, which office he is still holding, discharging his duties in a manner that has won for him the commendation of the entire community. He is a man of sound judgment, broad views and pronounced opinions on the questions of the day. Progressive and public-spirited, his influence is exerted in every possible way for the up-building and development of the town and vicinity. Because of his marked business capacity, his fine public spirit and his friendly manner, he has won and retains the unbounded confidence and good will of the entire community.

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#### EDWIN CLARK HILL.

Although but thirty-one years of age at the time of his death, Edwin Clark Hill had established a reputation for business ability and probity which extended throughout the south, and a career of unusual promise was ended on the 5th of November, 1924, when he passed away in Atlanta, where he had established his home in 1920.

Mr. Hill was born January 19, 1893, in Cleveland, Ohio, and was a son of Edward and Mary (Deegan) Hill. He attended the public schools of his native city and in 1916 was graduated from the Case School of Applied Science, completing a course in electrical engineering. He entered the employ of the Engeln Electrical Company of Cleveland and soon afterward was made one of their traveling representatives, selling X-ray supplies. He knew his subject so thoroughly that he made a remarkable record as a salesman, combining scientific knowledge with a high order of salesmanship, covering the territory in the five southeastern states. In 1923 he opened an office at No. 39 Forrest avenue in Atlanta and began selling and installing X-ray machines. He organized the Hill X-ray Supply Company and after the establishment of his business was the recipient of all of the local trade in this line, becoming recognized throughout the south as the leading authority on everything pertaining to this form of radiant energy.

On the 7th of June, 1922, Mr. Hill was married to Miss Genevieve Harper, a daughter of the late William James and Genevieve (Dean) Harper, the former a member of one of the old and prominent families of the south and for many years a leading real estate dealer of Atlanta. To this union was born one child, Edwin Clark, Jr. Mr. Hill was a member of the Sigma Tau Delta fraternity and the East