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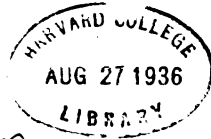
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identified with the social and religious affairs of the city. Judge Martin is an extensive owner of business and residence property in Little Rock, is highly regarded as a lawyer and as a man, and possesses the esteem and respect of all who know him.



JOSEPH WILBERFORCE MARTIN, of Little Rock, Ark., a prominent lawyer and for many years judge of the Sixth judicial circuit of Arkansas, was born in Clinton, Ala., June 6, 1836, son of Rev. James Martin, a prominent Presbyterian minister, and of his wife, Nancy R. Gillespie. He came to Arkansas with his parents in December, 1850, and settled on a farm in Prairie county. He attended the schools of his native state, was graduated from Sylvania academy in 1853, and from Princeton college, New Jersey, with

the class of 1855. He studied law privately and in 1857 was licensed to practice first in Tennessee and then in Arkansas. He began his practice at Desarc, Ark., and two years later removed to Little Rock and formed a partnership with Judge Sam W. Williams, which continued until the opening of the Civil war. Judge Martin joined the Confederate army as a private in Company A, Sixth Arkansas infantry, was in 1862 elected captain of Company K, same regiment, and served in this capacity until the close of the war. He was so severely wounded at Chickamauga that he was incapacitated for field service, and was assigned to post duty at Demopolis, Ala., where he continued until peace was declared. Returning to Little Rock he resumed the practice of law, became a member of the firm of Clark, Williams & Martin, composed of Solomon F. Clark, Sam W. Williams and himself, and remained with this firm until 1868, when he entered upon an independent practice. In 1871 he formed a partnership with Freeman W. Compton, ex-judge of the supreme court, and this pleasant and profitable association continued until 1876. In 1874 he was elected prosecuting attorney of the Sixth judicial circuit and served one term; in 1876 he was elected judge of the Sixth judicial circuit and altogether has served as circuit judge for eighteen years. During this period Judge Martin retired from the bench on two different occasions, resolving to devote his attention

to the practice of his profession, but on each withdrawal he was persuaded to return. In 1902 he retired from the judgeship and since has practiced law in Little Rock. Judge Martin was admitted to the United States supreme court in 1868 and practices in all the state and federal courts. He received the Master of Arts degree from Princeton college in 1858, and the degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred on him by Arkansas College in 1890. He has been an elder in the First Presbyterian church of Little Rock since 1874 and was moderator of the general assembly of Southern Presbyterians which met at Atlanta, Ga., in May, 1900. He was married on January 8, 1866, to Emma C., daughter of Roswell Beebe, a wealthy and prominent citizen of Arkansas, who was the first president of the Cairo & Fulton Railroad, now the Iron Mountain Railway.

URATUS LEE MEADE, of Russellville, Ark., a prominent attorney, was born in Monroe county, W. Va., April 16, 1863. He accompanied his parents to Fannin county, Texas, when very small and received his education in the schools of that section, graduating at the high school of Stephenville, Tex. He then read law under Lusk & Thurmond, of Bonham, Tex., and completed his legal studies under Judge J. G. Wallace of Russellville, Ark., now state railroad commissioner. He was admitted to the bar in 1893, his preceptor, Judge Wallace, occupying the bench. Judge Wallace soon retired from the bench and the firm of Wallace & Meade was formed and enjoyed a splendid practice until Judge Wallace became railroad commissioner. Then Mr. Meade practiced independently for a time, being admitted to the supreme court in 1897. Recently he has admitted Mr. A. H. Ferguson as a partner and the firm of Meade & Ferguson starts out under bright auspices. Mr. Meade is prominently identified with the secret orders of Arkansas and is a Royal Arch and Chapter Mason, a member of the Odd Fellows and Knights of Honor and affiliates with the Associated Reformed Presbyterian church. He was united in marriage at Russellville, Ark., March 20, 1887, to Jennie May Tucker, of that city, and they have three interesting

