

OBITUARIES

THOMAS McADORY OWEN

Thomas McAdory Owen died March 25, 1920, at Montgomery, Alabama. He was born in Jefferson County, December 15, 1866, the son of Dr. William M. and Nancy L. McAdory Owen. He was graduated from the University of Alabama in 1887, receiving at that time the degrees of A.B. and LL.B., and the honorary degrees of A.M. in 1893 and of LL.D. in 1904. He practiced law from 1887 to 1901, during which period he was also city solicitor of Bessemer from 1890 to 1893, assistant solicitor of Jefferson County in 1892 and chief clerk of the inspecting division of the Post Office Department at Washington from 1894 to 1897. He was chairman of the Democratic executive committee at Jefferson County from 1890 to 1892.

Dr. Owen took much interest in all forms of historical work and enterprise. He was Secretary of the Society of the Sons of the Revolution in Alabama since its organization in 1894, was one of the founders of the Southern History Association in 1896; was Secretary of the Alabama Historical Society since its reorganization in 1898; and was Historian-General of the Alabama Division of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans since 1907. In 1901 he was elected the first Director of the Alabama Department of Archives and History, for a term of six years, being re-elected in 1907, 1913 and 1919. He was one of the founders of the Gulf States Historical Magazine and edited its first volume; founder of the Alabama Library Association in 1904 and President since that date; one of the founders of the Alabama Anthropological Society in 1907; Secretary of the Alabama Conference Historical Society, and a member of several national historical

organizations. He prepared an elaborate Bibliography of Alabama which was printed in the 1897 Report of the American Historical Association, and followed this two years later by a Bibliography of Mississippi. He made a Report on the Alabama Archives for the Annual Report of 1904. He compiled the Alabama Official Register in 1907, wrote several genealogical pamphlets and contributed frequently to the publications of various historical societies.

He was elected a member of the American Antiquarian Society in 1907, although distance prevented him from attending its meetings. He was a frequent correspondent, however, and in one of his last letters written shortly before his death, he said, "I beg to express my continuing appreciation of the courtesy of the Society in retaining my name on its roll of members. I always look forward with keen interest to the receipt of the Society's publications. The output is wholesome, and is well up to the standard of the best historical traditions." At the time of his death he was preparing a reprint of Bernard Romans' "Florida, 1775," with elaborate annotations, but this work with other historical projects was unfortunately never finished. However, Dr. Owen's four volume history of Alabama was in press at the time of his death and when issued in the spring will form the source book for historical students in the Alabama field. On April 12, 1893, Dr. Owen married at Fayette, Alabama, Marie Susan, daughter of Hon. John Hollis Bankhead, United States Senator from Alabama. His widow was elected by the Board of Trustees to fill his unexpired term as Director of the Alabama Department of Archives.

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JAMES SCHOULER

James Schouler was born at Arlington, Mass., March 20, 1839, and died at North Conway, N. H., April 16, 1920. He was the son of William and

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