

JOHN RANDOLPH BARRON

John Randolph Barron was born May 5, 1858 in the Clay Hill section of York County, the son of John LeRoy and Amanda Barnette Barron. His forebears came to America from Ireland although his father was of pure Scotch descent. They settled in Pennsylvania just before the Revolutionary War and later moved to York County--South Carolina.

When a young man, John moved to Clover, South Carolina where he managed a general merchandise store. There he was married to Cynthia Lucinda Jackson of Clover on February 14, 1882.

Of this union, were born the following children-

Beulah (Mrs. C. E. Johnson, Jr., Columbia, S. C.) deceased

Bess (Mrs. W. E. Boyd, Columbia, S. C.)

Lila (died in infancy)

James LeRoy (wife- Mildred Koonce, Rock Hill)

Maud (Mrs. Dunlap Roddey, Rock Hill)

Randolph Jackson (died in early childhood)

Frank (wife-Dorothy Robertson, Boykin, S. C.)

In 1895 he moved his family to Rock Hill where he built the Manchester cotton mill of which he was President. For a third of a century he was active in the industrial, social and religious life of the community. He was a Mason and a Shriner and among his business connections was a directorship in the Central Union Bank. He was a leader in the building of the Bible School connected with the Oakland Avenue Presbyterian church in which he served as a deacon for many years.

In 1920, he sold his cotton mill interests and at that time the Manchester mill became known as the Blue Buckle and today is the Industrial Cotton mill. From this time until his death on January 2, 1933, he lived a retired life, spending portions of his time in Florida and at Montreat, North Carolina, where he maintained homes.

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