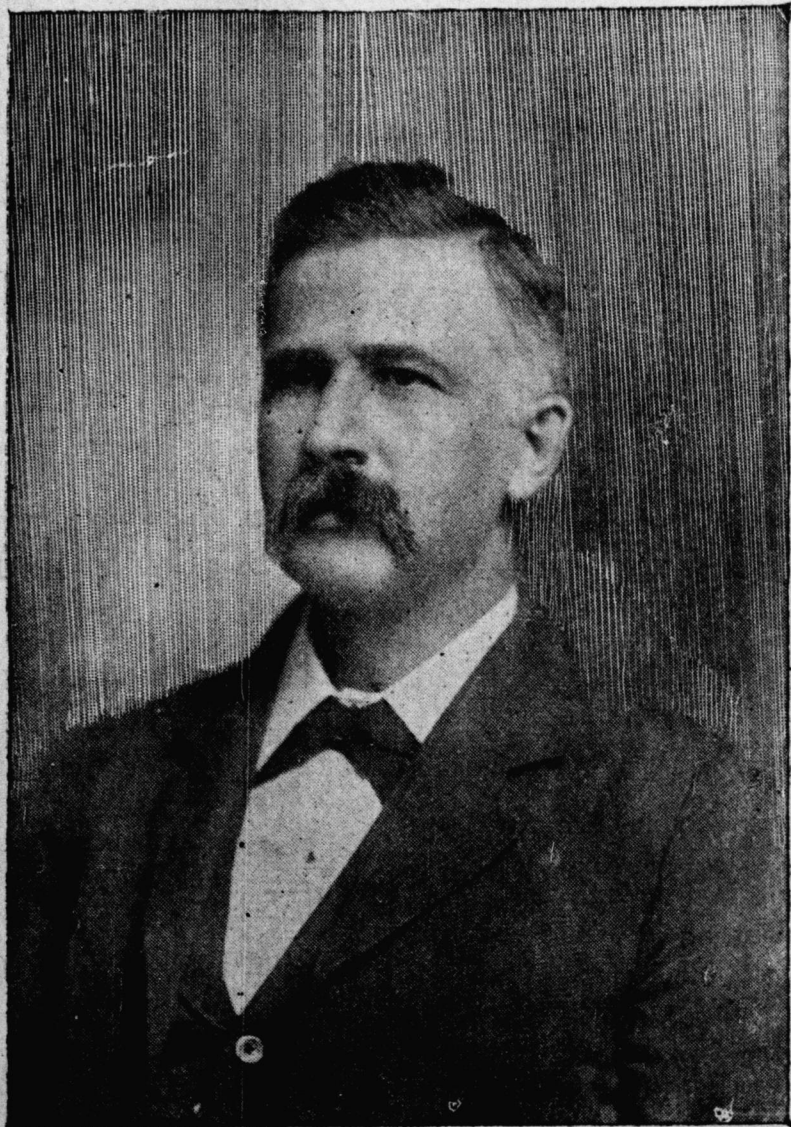


A POPULAR LAWYER

Is W. N. Jones, One of the Best Known Lawyers Practicing at the Raleigh Bar.

Member of the State Board of Charities, President of the Baptist Female University.



WESLEY N. JONES.

As a man he is trusted for his qualities of mind and character is a successful lawyer and business man. He has the entire confidence of all those who have been brought into business relations with him. This is a summary of the characteristics of one of North Carolina's best known lawyers and citizens—W. N. Jones, Esquire.

He was born in Wake county in 1852, and his ancestry is among the old and prominent families in the State. He is the son of Wesley M. and Mrs. (Norwood) Jones. My subject was educated at Wake Forest College, matriculating there in 1875, and was graduated therefrom in 1879 with the degree of A. B.

Subsequently he began the study of law under Judge Strong and was admitted to the bar in 1880 by the Supreme Court of the State, and at once began the active practice of his chosen profession at Raleigh. Mr. Jones is now in the possession of a large and lucrative practice, which is constantly increasing.

He is the attorney for Wake Forest College, the Dime Savings Bank, etc. Mr. Jones has been a member of the State Board of Charities since 1892. He takes a great deal of interest in matters educational, and is an ardent advocate of the education of all. Since 1898 he has been a member of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institution, and is President of the Board of the Baptist Female University. He also takes a great deal of interest in church matters. For a period of ten or twelve years he was auditor of the Baptist State Convention, and is a Deacon in the First Baptist church of Raleigh.

In matter relating to the progress of Raleigh he is heartily in accord, and is President of the Chamber of Commerce. During the years 1887 and 1889 he served as the first Commissioner of Labor of North Carolina. He has served as a member of the Board of Aldermen from the Fayetteville street ward, known as the Third ward. While taking an active interest in the success of the Democratic party, he has never sought political preferment.

In 1887 he married Miss Sallie Bailey, the accomplished and talented daughter of Dr. C. T. Bailey, who formerly edited the Biblical Recorder for twenty years. This union has been blessed with three children. Mr. Jones is a stockholder and Vice-President of the News and Observer Publishing Company.

In summing up the characteristics of this popular and progressive gentleman it may be said that he is a cultured, polished gentleman, an eminent lawyer and an esteemed citizen.

R. O. BURTON, ESQ.

This gentleman is a son of the late Rev. R. O. Burton, D. D., one of the ablest preachers the State has known. After graduation at Randolph-Macon College, Mr. Burton began the practice of law in Halifax. He moved to Raleigh about fifteen years ago and is easily not only one of the leaders of the Raleigh bar but also one of the ablest lawyers in the State. He has been connected with many important suits, notably the action brought by the State which resulted in placing the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad on the lists for taxation.

FABIUS H. BUSBEE, ESQ.

Mr. Busbee is a native of Raleigh and one of the most brilliant members of the Raleigh bar. He has been connected with many important suits in this and other States. During the first Cleveland administration Mr. Busbee was District Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina. One of the leading cases with which he has recently been connected was as counsel for the State Board of Agriculture in the suit brought by fertilizer companies to test constitutionality of the fertilizer tax. The State won its suit in the Supreme Court of the United States.

C. D. WILDES, ESQ.

Mr. Wilder is one of the most industrious and capable of the younger members of the Raleigh bar, and has a bright future.

ROBERT C. STRONG

A Prominent Member of the Raleigh Bar and a Gentleman Whose

CITIZENSHIP IS OF THE

Very Best. He Enjoys a Large and Lucrative Practice and

Is the Attorney for a Number of Large and Well-known Corporations.

The successful lawyer goes through trial and vicissitude perhaps more than men in other professions. In the law he who would wear the "Golden Spurs" must win them by sheer merit. At the Raleigh bar are many who have won honor and distinction, and among these gentlemen I mention Robert C. Strong, who with a well balanced and cultivated intellect, a genial temperament and a buoyant energy is walking up the pathway of life to a manhood replete with a noble influence for the great responsibilities of the present eventful period, and full of golden promises for honorable duty upon the battlefield of the coming future.

Mr. Strong is a North Carolinian by birth and first saw the light of day at Thomasville, June 5th, 1865. His ancestry is numbered among the old and distinguished families of the Old North State. His (maternal) grandfather was prominent in National as well as State affairs. He was Governor of North Carolina and a contemporary of Henry Clay and Daniel Webster in the United States Senate. It may here be said that he was the youngest man that ever went to the National Senate.

Our subject's father, the late lamented George V. Strong was recognized not only as one of the leading lawyers of the State, but one of the foremost men of his day. His forebears were granted the county of Sampson by the King of England. Our subject's mother was a Miss Cowan of Wilmington.

When quite young the parents of our subject moved to Raleigh, and here young Strong was reared and educated. Fortune endowed him with a clear mind, a stout heart, and excellent health. His youth was passed in securing an education. Subsequently he began the study

of law under his father in 1891, and was admitted to the bar during the fall of 1892 by the Supreme Court of the State. Subsequently he became associated with his father in the practice of law, the firm being known as Strong & Strong. Since that period Mr. Strong has enjoyed a large and successful practice, which has grown with the flight of time. While doing a general practice he devotes a great deal of his time to corporation and mercantile law, in which he has been very successful. He is the attorney for the Western Union Telegraph Company, the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, the Equity and Life Association of Virginia, the English American Trust Company of Atlanta and others. He numbers among his clients the leading business men and concerns of Raleigh.

As a matter of reference he refers to such well known gentlemen as the Justices of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, Hon. John W. Daniel, George H. Fennings, General Counsel Western Union Telegraph Company, Edward P. Meany, American Long Distance Telephone and Telegraph Company; E. M. Funkhauser, Secretary English Life Association of Staunton, Va.; Julius Lewis, retired merchant of Raleigh, and others.

Mr. Strong is a stockholder and director in the Underwriters of Greensboro, North Carolina. He was married September 25th, 1895, to Miss Daisy L. Horner, of Oxford, daughter of the founder of the famous Horner School of that point. The union has been blessed with two children, a boy and a girl.

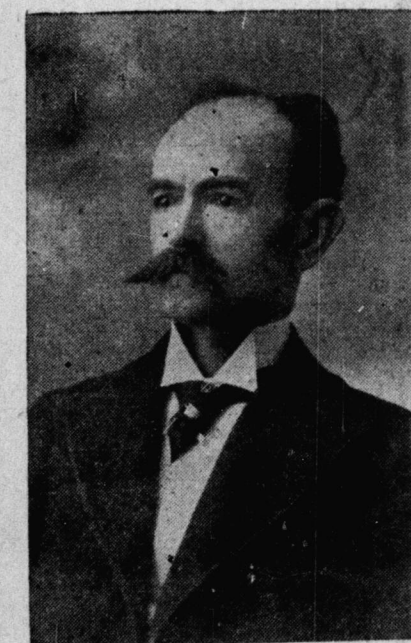
While not a politician in the sense of the word, he has always been an active exponent of the principles of Democracy, and has always devoted his energy to the building up of his party. He has been requested a number of times to run for office, but has always declined, preferring to attend to his large and increasing practice rather than enter the uncertainties of a political career. As a citizen he is progressive and thoroughly in accord with everything that has as its basis the building up and onward progress of Raleigh, and is ever ready and willing to devote his time and means to the accomplishment of that object.

He is a student by nature and thought and thoroughly devoted to his profession and delights in unravelling a knotty legal problem, hence his success at the bar.

No lawyer among the younger element enjoys the confidence and esteem of the community more than Robert C. Strong. He is considered an able advocate and has a keen, searching mind that is prone to pierce his adversary's armor. By sheer energy, tact and skill he has forged to the front of his chosen profession and achieved that success which true merit always wins and which he so richly deserves.

M. N. AMIS.

Among the prominent members of the Raleigh bar the Moses N. Amis, Esq., the subject of this sketch, who is a lawyer of fine ability, and reputation and a gentleman who lends dignity and honor to the profession. In addition to his law practice, Mr. Amis is the author of several law books, notable among which is a criminal digest bearing his name. This



MOSES N. AMIS.

book is the best arranged and most satisfactory to the profession of any work of like character, and was highly endorsed by the State Supreme Court. His late revised edition of the North Carolina Manual of Law and Forms is used by more people than any other law book in the State. Mr. Amis is a man of wide information, broad views, quick perception and firm in his convictions. He is also a gentleman of culture, refinement, generous impulses and courteous bearing, which secure for him the admiration and esteem of all who know him. At the recent municipal election he was urged by many prominent men of Raleigh for City Attorney, because of his eminent fitness for this position. Mr. Amis combines with his legal attainments a trenchant pen, being a fluent and ready writer and possessed of a remarkably clear and logical style. His papers are terse and vigorous and carry with them strength and conviction.

R. C. LAWRENCE, ESQ.

This gentleman is the youngest member of the Raleigh bar. He graduated with honor at Wake Forest, and has a bright future. He is associated in the practice with Col. John W. Himsdale.

CHANGE OF RED CROSS FLAG.

There is a movement afoot to change the Red Cross Flag. The Red Cross Society is known far and wide for its magnificent work. It seems a pity to change the signum which stands for as much good to humanity in another war as the name Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It strikes at the root of almost all illness—the stomach—making it strong and hearty. A healthy stomach invariably means health. If you have constipation, indigestion, dyspepsia, nervousness, insomnia, or liver and kidney troubles, try Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It has cured these ills for half a century. See that a private Revenue Stamp covers the neck of the bottle.

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Robert Terelius Gray,

An Eminent Member of the North Carolina Bar. Prominent as a Developer.

And as a Citizen—A Career of Usefulness—A Gentleman

Who While Never Having Sought Political Preference, Has Taken An Active Part in Democratic Supremacy.



ROBERT T. GRAY.

Mr. Robert T. Gray, the senior member of the firm of R. T. and R. L. Gray has spent an active life in the practice at the bar of this State, and one that has had a diversity of interests, and has in no small measure been identified with the progress of the State and of Raleigh, his adopted home.

He was born in Randolph county of prominent and progressive parents, his father, a merchant, who moved to Winston, North Carolina, in 1852, buying the first lot in the community and being one of the pioneers of the progress that has metamorphosed that then hamlet into one of the State's foremost cities.

During his youth Mr. Gray attended the original Bingham School at Mebane, where he was prepared for college and in 1867 matriculated at the University of Virginia from which he graduated in 1870. Subsequently he taught school as principal of the Winston Male Academy, at the same time beginning the study of law under Judge Thomas J. Wilson. Afterwards he attended the famous law school of Chief Justice Pearson in Yadin county for two years and was admitted to the bar by the Supreme court in 1872, beginning the practice of his profession in Winston, North Carolina. In 1873 he moved to Raleigh and became the associate editor of the Raleigh Christian Advocate, which he conducted with success until 1878, at the same time opening a law office in Raleigh. In 1876 Mr. Gray became associated with Mr. E. R. Stamps under the firm name of Gray and Stamps and the partnership continued until the death of Mr. Stamps in 1891. The late Judge George V. Strong became a member of the firm in 1887, the firm being known as that of Strong, Gray and Stamps until the death of Mr. Stamps, after which Mr. Gray practiced alone until the formation of the firm of R. T. and R. L. Gray in 1898.

Although a life-long Democrat, interested in the welfare and success of the party, Mr. Gray has never sought official place and has held but two political positions, both of which were in the line of his profession. In 1883, without his previous knowledge or effort on his part, he was elected City Attorney of Raleigh and served in that capacity until 1890 when he voluntarily resigned, owing to stress of other work. As City Attorney, he drew the contracts for the construction of the water-works and sewerage systems of Raleigh, and in 1889 supervised and prepared the State and Municipal legislation authorizing the issuance of bonds for funding the City's debt and for street improvement and sewerage bonds. These bonds marked the beginning of the era of progress upon which Raleigh has of late years so prominently embarked. Mr. Gray was again prominent in the development of Raleigh when, in 1885, he organized the Thompson, Houston Electric Light Company and installed, with one exception, the first electric light company in the country, south of Richmond. In 1887 he, in connection with Mr. F. H. Busbee and Dr. V. E. Turner purchased the Raleigh Street Railway and has been connected with the company since its organization as director and attorney in the corporation.

In 1893 the Supreme court elected Mr. Gray Supreme Court reporter and as such he edited and issued eleven volumes of the North Carolina reports. He was succeeded in this position by Judge R. P. Buxton of Fayetteville, who being of like political faith with a majority of the present Supreme court was elected in 1898. It may be remarked that during the century there have been but sixteen Supreme Court Reporters.

As identified with the progress of the State at large, Mr. Gray was a member of the syndicate which purchased the State's interest in the Cape Fear and

Yadkin Valley Railroad and organized the North State Improvement Company, which constructed about three hundred miles of the road. While the venture did not prove fortunate to the syndicate it was one of the most important achievements in the matter of State development ever inaugurated and accomplished. He was a director of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad and attorney for the North State Improvement Company until the completion of the road which they had developed. Later, Mr. Gray was Assistant President and financial agent of the North Carolina Steel and Iron Company, which had in view the important industrial development of Greensboro and the adjoining country along the line of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad. The furnaces which this company erected, but which owing to the panic of 1893 had never been operated, are now running full blast and will doubtless realize for Greensboro the hopes which were entertained by the promoters of the company.

For a number of years Mr. Gray was a director of the Institution for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind at Raleigh, and of the National Bank of Raleigh and other institutions.

He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the University, is a director of the North Carolina State Home Insurance Company and is Attorney for the Farina Roller Mills; Bobbitt-Wynne Drug Company, Beaver Creek and Bluff Mills, of Fayetteville, the News and Observer and various other enterprises. He is a member of the Society of Masons and of Odd Fellows and is a member of the Methodist church.

Mr. Gray was married in early life to Miss Caro Lilly, a daughter of Mr. E. J. Lilly, of Fayetteville, and three children have resulted from the union.

Mr. Gray's life has been active, unselfish and useful. He has been devoted in his zeal as a progressive member of society to his State and city, as a lawyer to the conscientious practice of his profession. He well deserves the high place he holds as a member of the bar and a useful citizen.

ROBERT LILLY GRAY.

Junior Member of the Legal Firm of R. T. and R. L. Gray

One of the Coming Young Lawyers of the State. A Gentleman Whose Friends Are Legion.

Mr. R. L. Gray, the junior member of the firm of R. T. and R. L. Gray, was born in Fayetteville, North Carolina, but has spent his life in Raleigh.

He was prepared for college at the Raleigh Male Academy of this city, and was educated at the University of North Carolina.

Immediately after leaving college Mr. Gray became the city editor of the Evening Visitor and for two years was engaged in the newspaper business in Raleigh, serving during that time upon the staff of the News and Observer and the Press-Visitor.

In 1896 he entered the University Law School at Chapel Hill and studied law under the late Doctor John Manning and ex-Chief Justice Shepherd, and was admitted to the State bar in the fall of the following year. In January, 1898, he became associated with his father under the present firm name of R. T. and R. L. Gray.

At the outbreak of the Spanish Am-

erican war Mr. Gray joined the Governor's Guards of this city and enlisted in the First Regiment North Carolina Volunteers as a private, serving in that capacity until his promotion and transfer to the Adjutancy of the Second North Carolina Regiment of Volunteers, with which he served until the muster out of the command in November last. After muster-out Mr. Gray re-entered and is now practicing in the firm of R. T. and R. L. Gray.

V. E. TURNER

A Charter Member of the North Carolina State Dental Society, Pres. of the N. C. Dental Examining Board.

As an active member of the Dental profession Dr. Turner has been fully identified with its progress, and is respected and useful citizen. He was born in Franklin county, his ancestor were from Virginia, graduating at the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery in 1858 and began the practice of his profession in Henderson, went into the army in 1861 as a lieutenant of the 25th North Carolina Regiment, was promoted to captain and served on the staff of Major General Pickett. After his death, served with General J. A. Walker. Moved to Raleigh in 1871, where he has since resided in the active practice of his profession. He is married, and a member and vestryman of Christ's Episcopal church. He is a director of the Raleigh street railway, and was one of the promoters of the first street cars in Raleigh. Also a director of the Raleigh Savings Bank since its organization.

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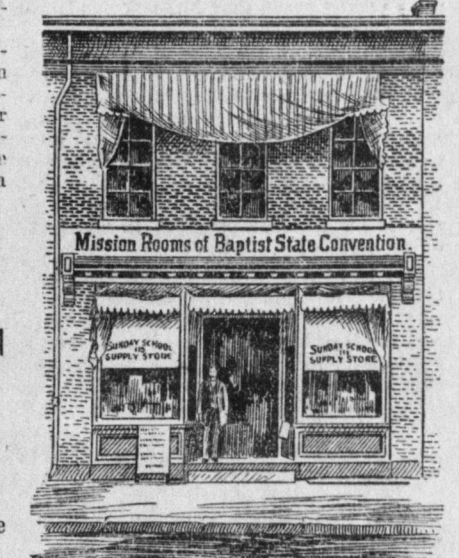
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