

James E. Barton was the proprietor of one of Anderson's largest lumber and planing mills. He was the son of Mr. E.A. Barton, a "substantial" citizen of Pickens county. He was raised on his father's farm, and in 1879 moved to Anderson, where he established his plant. His efforts were "crowned with success in his adopted home."



James E. Barton
Dec. 26, 1857-Nov. 11, 1921



Walter Hunn Nardin
Oct. 24, 1837 – May 30, 1908

Walter H. Nardin was one of the most prominent and successful physicians in the state. Educated at the University of Virginia and the University of New York, he practiced medicine in Anderson and served in the Confederate Army as a surgeon. He was elected Mayor and was "at all times ready to help advance the interest and prosperity of his native town."

We built this City.



Samuel M. Orr was a physician and son of Gov. James L. Orr. He attended Jefferson Medical College and practiced under Dr. W. H. Nardin. He served as a director of the Farmers & Merchants Bank, the Anderson cotton mills, the Building and Loan association, and was a stockholder of the Hotel Chiquola. He was a vestryman in the Episcopal Church and was married to Miss Althea Allen, a descendant of the Huguenots.

Samuel M. Orr
June 5, 1855 – April 14, 1909

Milton Pyles Tribble was "one of the most popular and highly esteemed citizens of Anderson," as he served as "the efficient and courteous postmaster" to the City. He was born on a farm in Laurens and moved to Anderson after serving bravely in the Confederate Army. He also served for two terms as Clerk of Court giving "the best of satisfaction to all with whom he had to deal."



Milton Pyles Tribble
Aug. 27, 1840 – Jan. 15, 1909

John W. Dillingham served as Anderson's chief of police in the late 1800s. It was said that under his leadership, "Anderson was better than any other town in the State from a moral standpoint," as he kept crime at bay. He was described as a great believer in Anderson, and always did everything in his power for "the up building of the City." He was followed as chief by his twin brother, James.



John W. Dillingham
Jan. 14, 1869 – Mar. 1, 1902

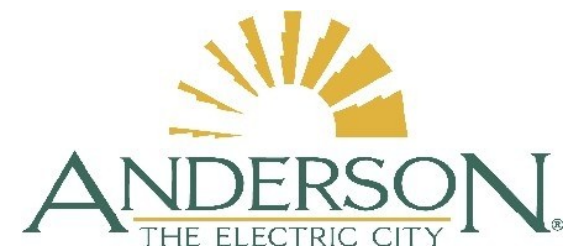


Joseph Newton Brown
Dec.16, 1832 – Jan. 24, 1920

Joseph N. Brown was educated at the classical school in Williamston. Prior to the Civil War, he was a grocer and lawyer in Laurens. His service to the Confederacy included the battles at Gettysburg and Manassas. He was taken prisoner at North Anna, Virginia in May of 1864. After the war, he was a lawyer and bank president in Anderson.

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This walking tour of Silver Brook Cemetery features the stories of 15 people who helped lay the foundation for the City of Anderson. We know them well from their namesake streets and buildings, but who were they?





Frank T. Wilhite was born in Anderson and graduated from the Chicago College of Pharmacy. He operated a pharmacy in the City in partnership with his father. He was instrumental in the building of the Hotel Chiquola, a director in the Opera House, and had stock in many other enterprises. He served as an Alderman, and was described as "a public spirited citizen in its broadest sense."

Frank Turner Wilhite
Mar. 16, 1857 - 1900/01?
(date is not on tombstone)



Sylvester Bleckley was a merchant who amassed many land holdings. He served as County Commissioner, on City Council, and was a stockholder in the Anderson cotton mills, the Oil & Fertilizer Company, the Hotel Chiquola, the Bank of Anderson and the Farmers & Merchant Bank and was member of the Baptist church. He was described as a "fine appearing, intelligent gentleman, large, portly and dignified, and deservedly popular."

Sylvester Bleckley
July 16, 1832 - Oct. 5, 1896



Baylis F. Crayton was a merchant, a legislator, a director of the National Bank of Anderson and a stockholder of the C&G railroad. It was noted that "few men have contributed more to progress and development (and) his influence has not been merely local, but state-wide." He and his wife "generously dispensed true Southern hospitality" at their country home.

Baylis F. Crayton
July 11, 1820 - Feb. 5 1907

B.F. Mauldin was born in Anderson County and raised in Williamston. After attending Furman University, he became a clerk in the office of Internal Revenue in Anderson. The office moved to Columbia where he continued to serve until he moved back to Anderson to the employ of The Bank of Anderson. He was an officer of the Anderson Oil Mill, a stockholder in many other enterprises and a member of the Baptist Church.



B.F. Mauldin
Mar. 24, 1850 - May 3, 1921

James M. Sullivan was a State Legislator. In business, he was the senior member of the Sullivan Company, a firm which allowed Anderson to "boast of having the largest hardware establishment" in the Upstate. The stock of the store included handle implements, machinery, hardware and bicycles. Other members of the firm were N.B. Sullivan and C.S. Sullivan, brothers of James. They were "long been identified with the progress and welfare of Anderson."



J.M. Sullivan
Sept. 8, 1855-Nov. 2 1910

William R. Osborne worked on his father's Anderson County farm as a child. He attended school in Anderson and then began to work with mercantile interests in the city including the firm of Sylvester Bleckley, where he became a partner. It was said that he "was destined to make a success in any calling of life." He was active in the Methodist church and an officer of the Anderson Telephone Company.



William R. Osborne
June 9, 1864 - July 2, 1924



Thomas F. Hill moved to Anderson from Hart County Georgia in 1856. As a pharmacist, he operated a drug store "filled with every article in that line; all of his stock was of the best quality." He served on City Council and as a school trustee. As he worked for the good of Anderson, it was his stated belief that "this city will yet outrank every other in South Carolina."

Thomas F. Hill
Feb. 2, 1856 - July 9, 1899



Will R. Hubbard
Oct. 6, 1865 - Dec.16, 1899

Will R. Hubbard was the proprietor of one of the largest jewelry stores in the Upstate. Located in the Hotel Chiquola block, the store featured watches, silverware, china, glassware, gold headed canes, wedding rings and more. Mr. Hubbard was awarded the contract to furnish all of the silverware for Clemson College, beating out many other bids. A practical business man he owes what he did to "hard and diligent work."



Robert C. Webb
Sept. 19, 1856 - Feb. 28 1913

Robert C. Webb, Sr. was born in Anderson, the son of Elijah Webb, the City's longtime Clerk of Court. After being educated in Anderson, he was connected to several mercantile firms in the City. He was instrumental in the growth of C. F. Jones & Company and expanded that store's offerings to a large stock of clothing and furnished other goods to the citizens on a large scale.