

organizations of representative character and in their religious faith the England family are consistent members of the Baptist church, to whose good works they are liberal contributors of their time and means.

EUGENE WILLIAMS. Among the representative citizens and business men of Forrest City, St. Francis county, Arkansas, whose contributions to progress and good government have been of the most insistent order, is Eugene Williams, an influential banker in eastern Arkansas and at the present time, in 1911, treasurer of the St. Francis Levee Board.

Mr. Williams is a native son of Forrest City and the date of his nativity was December 23, 1882. His parents, W. E. and Eddie Chambliss (Mallory) Williams, are both living, and concerning the career of the father further data appears elsewhere in this volume in the sketch dedicated to him. He served as sheriff of St. Francis county for a period of sixteen years and is a man of power in the political world in this section of the state. After completing the curriculum of the public schools of Forrest City Eugene Williams, the immediate subject of this review, attended a male academy at West Point, Mississippi, for one year. When sixteen years of age he returned to his home city, where he assumed the responsibilities of deputy clerk in the office of his father, who was then sheriff of the county. In 1902, at the age of twenty years, he promoted and organized the Bank of Forrest City, of which he is manager and cashier. This stable monetary institution has a capital, surplus and undivided profits amounting to eighty-three thousand dollars and it is an important factor in the financial affairs of eastern Arkansas.

In politics Mr. Williams is aligned as a loyal supporter of the cause of the Democratic party and he has ever done all in his power to advance the general welfare of the community. He is treasurer of the St. Francis Levee Board and it may be said here that this organization has been one of the most potent influences in the development of this section of Arkansas, where it has been the means of enriching the planting interests to a point never dreamed of in the earlier days. This board is notable also for being the strongest single force in the political affairs of the entire state. In the most significant sense of the word Mr. Williams is a resourceful, public-spirited and eminently useful citizen. In a fraternal way he is connected with the Masonic order, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and other representative organizations.

In the year 1901 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Williams to Miss Sadie Moseley, of West Point, Mississippi. They have two children, Eugene, Jr., and Mortimer. In their religious faith Mr. and Mrs. Williams are stanch adherents of the teachings of the Methodist church and they are prominent factors in connection with the best social activities of the younger generation in this city.

SILAS D. CAMPBELL. It is with distinctive satisfaction that the biographer directs attention to the life history of him to whom this sketch is dedicated, for not only is the lesson of personal worth and accomplishment such as bears its lesson, but in the tracing of his ancestral history there issue many points of interest,—a narrative that tells of honest and industrious sons of the American Republic, that gives evidence of the deeds of loyal men and soldiers of a lost cause, who nevertheless distinguished themselves for faithfulness and personal bravery.

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