

## Edward Branch Seay

Edward Branch Seay was born in Tusculum, Ala., January 8, 1829. Moved at 11 years of age to Murfreesboro, Tenn., and lived there until 1858; then moved to Memphis, Tenn., and remained until 1856, when he came with his mother to Huntsville, and lived two years, then moved to Madisonville, where he lived the remainder of his life. He was married to Sarah J. Ford, January 10, 1861. She died January 7, 1870, leaving two children, Mrs. S. W. Tinsley and M. D. Seay, the other three having died in infancy.

Captain Seay was again married to Mrs. Nannie Seay on August 4, 1870, and to this union were born five children, Sarah, Bella, Edward Branch Jr., Sam Antony and Mase Charles Seay. Two of these,

Mrs. Rella Morris and E. B. Seay Jr.; his aged wife together with the children by his former marriage, and two brothers, George A. and Charles T. Rather, survive him.

Captain Seay had been in declining health for a number of years but his last illness was of only a few weeks duration. on the morning of September 6 he passed into the Great Beyond and left to all who claimed his acquaintance a priceless heritage—his memory. He was respected by all, admired by many and loved by everyone who possessed a share in his affections. Strength, honor and loyalty were his dominant characteristics. He was a man of firmness, yet kindly; loving, yet strong, never pausing on the threshold of his conscience.

He had wide business interests. At one time he was president of the First National Bank of Madisonville, but had retired on account of ill health. On an improvement he returned as vice president, in which capacity he served until his death. He served two terms as Sheriff of his county in an early day, fearlessly discharging every duty. Prior to this time he served four years in the war between the States in Rountree's Division and did valiant service for his Southland.

Only a few years ago he was Democratic committeeman from his district.

He was a consistent member of the Christian Church, from which on the day following his death, the funeral cortege moved slowly to his last resting place. The Rev. John Durst read the service, and all that was mortal of this man, father, husband, brother and loved one was placed beneath the sod, consecrated with his remains. Handsome floral offerings literally covered the mound. As the Sabbath sun sank to rest, the first beams were cast across the rose crushed bower and the grief stricken loved ones returned reluctantly homeward, yet thanking God that "there was no moaning of the bar when he put out to sea."

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