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DANIEL JACKSON WILLIAMS, JR., was born in Woodford County, Ky., July 10, 1821. His father, after whom he was named, was for many years one of the leading citizens of Woodford County, where he engaged in teaching, surveying and farming. He was a man of great strength of character, of rare intellectual force, and noted for his superiority in mathematical science. He was also a consistent member of the Baptist Church during his lifetime, and was prematurely cut off in the height of his usefulness by a fall which he experienced while mounting his horse. He was a son of Daniel Williams, who came originally from Virginia and settled in Pendleton County, Ky., at an early day. He married Sallie Hicks, and had a large family of children, of whom only two, Daniel J. Williams, Jr., and John Hicks arrived at years of maturity. Daniel Jackson Williams, Jr., received a careful preparatory education at home, under the tuition of his father, who for many years taught the high school in Woodford County, and finally entered college at Georgetown, whence he was graduated at the early age of sixteen. He subsequently entered Transylvania University, Lexington, where he pursued the prescribed course of study in both law and medicine, and was duly graduated from each department. Returning home he entered at once into active co-operation with his father, and engaged in farming operations and in teaching and surveying, he, too, being remarkable for his thorough knowledge of mathematics and the languages. For many years he was one of the most successful and extensive farmers of Woodford County, Ky. Politically he was first a Whig, but after the close of the war acted with the Democratic party. He took no active part in the war, but sympathized strongly with the Southern cause. As a man he was open, generous and sincere, of strong convictions, and possessing one of the best balanced minds that Woodford County ever produced. He was noted for his good judgment and executive ability, and succeeded in accumulating a large landed estate in Kentucky and other States, owning at one time nearly 2,000 acres of land in Woodford County. He united, when a young man, with the Baptist Church at Glenn's Creek, of which was a consistent member through life and a deacon at the time of his demise. He was one of the founders of the Bank of Woodford, at Versailles, and a director in that institution from its organization until his death. He donated some \$15,000 to the Orphan Institution of Woodford County, and at the time of his death was planning other benefactions for that institution. His personal integrity and general uprightness of life ranked him among the most representative citizens of Woodford County. He passed away after a brief illness, October 6, 1881. Mr. Williams was twice married, first in 1851 to Miss Amanda Weathers, of Fayette County, who died in 1854, leaving one child, Laura, who is the wife of a minister of the Baptist Church. A son, James Daniel, died at the age of five years. March 5, 1857, he married for his second wife, Miss Susan McClure, daughter of John A. and Elizabeth McClure, of Anderson County, who survives him, residing at Versailles. Of this union was born one daughter, Miss S. Elizabeth Williams, who is the wife of John O. Rogers of Harrodsburg.

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