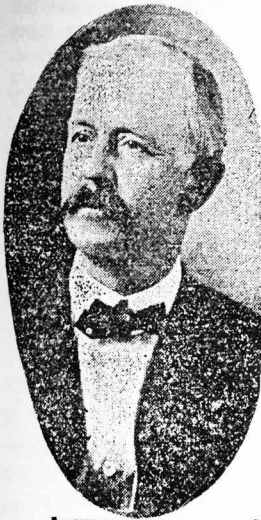


Notes on Officers and Directors
Mineral City Mining, Manufacturing and Land Company

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J. FRANK BICKERS
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W. E. Bibb died 10 December 1910, at 64 years in the City of Richmond (where he had recently removed). He is buried at the Louisa Town Cemetery. The Federal census for Louisa County 1860 census shows a William E. Bibb (11 years); son of William T. and Lucy A. Bibb; his father is a farmer; he has one brother, James E. Bibb. On his tombstone is written, "William Emmet Bibb - 1848-1910- Southern Soldier, Virginia Statesman, Christian Gentleman." He became a Master Mason in Day Lodge #58 at Louisa Courthouse in 1871 and a Worshipful Master in 1884 and 1893.¹ On 28 December 1876, William Emmet Bibb married Kate Lester Cammack. Their children were: Janet Herndon; E. Cammack; William Chew; John Pendleton; and Kathleen Bibb.³ He was listed as a principle farmer and as Commonwealth's Attorney in the Louisa Directory of 1884. In 1896, William E Bibb owned The Piedmont Hotel in the town of Louisa.⁴ In 1907, he qualified as Commonwealth's Attorney and resigned 3 March 1910, to be succeeded by his son W. C. Bibb.⁵ In 1887, he was a State Senator representing Louisa in the legislature.⁶

In the resolutions to his death on January 10th 1911, he was called the "oldest surviving member of this bar, member of the State Senate, Commonwealth's Attorney and Attorney General of Virginia."⁷

J. F. Bickers was a Worshipful Master in the Louisa Courthouse Day Lodge No 58, A.F. & A.M. and petitioned that organization in 1893.⁸ He was born 17 May 1866, a son of James Madison Bickers and Julia Etta Bibb Bickers. He died 17 December 1950. He is buried at Oakland Cemetery. Mr. Bickers was at one time a member of the Louisa Board of Supervisors. He had been sheriff of Louisa County for 20 years. As a tobacco auctioneer, he worked for many years at the Shockho

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Warehouse in Richmond. His children are J. Frank Bickers, Jr., William C. Bickers, a step-daughter, Mrs. J. R. Mathews, and a step-son, Beauford Rogers of Dumbarton. At his death, his wife was Bettie McKean Bickers.⁹ James Frank Bickers married on the 30th May 1888, Sarah E. Bibb, daughter of William T. and Lucy Bibb. At that time he was a deputy sheriff.¹⁰

John William Flannagan was born June 30, 1855, in Missouri and died July 17, 1919. Buried beside him were his children Samuel H. (1891-1893) and Lizzie Lyle (1882-1885). He is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery.¹¹ John W. Flannagan married Bessie Haskins Wills in Louisa on January 20, 1881.¹² Bessie W. Flannagan's list of heirs in 1912 were: W. W. (age 43); John W. (age 40); and H. A. (age 38) Flannagan.¹³ John W. Flannagan was the son of W. W. and Sarah E. Flannagan.¹⁴ In 1884, he was listed as a principle farmer at Greensprings Depot. In 1909, he is listed as a cattle dealer at Trevilians. From the Mechanicville voting register, we learn that on July 10, 1888, J. W. Flannagan was a 30-year old farmer at "Cloverdale." He had been in the county and state for 16 years. At that time he moved to Louisa Court House.¹⁵ In 1889 J. W. Flannagan petitioned the Day Lodge No. 58 to become a Master Mason.¹⁶ In 1890 his children were the first baptized at Wills Memorial Church: Wills Waddell; John William, Jr.; and Henry Samuel Flannagan.¹⁷ By November 11, 1891 he had moved back to Trevilians. J. W. Flannagan owned a store in Mineral with R. P. Talley on block 12 called Flannagan and Talley.¹⁸

Weir R. Goodwin was the son of Dr. Edmund P. and Lucy A. Chiles Goodwin of Louisa and was listed as 4 years old in 1860.¹⁹ By 1867, he lived with his mother in the town of Louisa on Depot Street.²⁰ By his first marriage to Lilly Murray Goodwin he had one daughter.²¹ Lilly Marshall Murray was the daughter of Henry W. Murray who moved to Louisa from Ireland to become a prominent Louisa citizen and lawyer. Lily Goodwin died in 1888.²² In 1888, Weir R. Goodwin petitioned from Roanoke to the Masonic Day Lodge No. 58 at Louisa Courthouse. Evidently he moved back to Louisa at the death of his first wife. On October 7, 1895, W. R. Goodwin, a widower, married Virginia C. Chiles, the daughter of Henry and Esa P. Chiles. He listed himself as a tobacconist.²³ He was deputy clerk of Louisa in 1900 and 1909. In 1890, he took the place of R. L. Gordon on the Louisa Town Council. He was a member of the Louisa Town Council 1891, 1894-95, 1901-1908.²⁴ He died 11 July 1910, at 56 years in Roanoke.²⁵ Resolutions of respect are found in the Louisa Law Order Book 1904-11 to Weir Randolph Goodwin for his service to Louisa County.²⁶

At his death in 1910, he left his second wife, Virgie C. Goodwin, and two children: Virginia R. Goodwin and W. R. Goodwin from this marriage. His widow married Frank T. West, Louisa school superintendent.²⁷

R. Lindsay Gordon, Jr. died in a Richmond Hospital the 25th of December 1939, at the age of 84 years. He was survived by his wife, Mary Gordon, and his son, R. Lindsay Gordon, 3rd. He had two sisters, Bettie and Lucy Gordon, and one brother, A. T. Gordon of Louisa. He is buried in Oakland Cemetery.²⁸ His first marriage was to Alice Maud Winston, daughter of William A. and Lucy P. Winston, on 28 October 1884. Alice Maud Gordon died in 1919.²⁹ R. Lindsay Gordon, Jr. was the son of Reuben L. Gordon (1820-1887) and Eliza Somerville Beale, daughter of William C. Beale, and grandson of William F. and Elizabeth Lindsay Gordon.³⁰ He was born 21 January 1855, at Edgewood in Albemarle County³¹. He moved to Louisa County where he practiced law. R. Lindsay Gordon was the Constitutional Convention

Representative from Louisa County in 1901-2.³² He held the office of Commonwealth's Attorney of Louisa County for sixteen years until 1914. At that time, he ran for the House of Delegates to which he was elected. He retired from this office in 1928. He was the chairman of the House Committee on Insurance and Banking and was a leading member of several other committees.³³

Philip Barton Porter was born in Louisa County; a son of Jesse J. Porter (Louisa County Clerk and Mayor of the Town of Louisa) and Gabrielle Mallory on November 5, 1867.³⁴ He was 79 years of age when he died 4 July 1946, in Augusta County at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Taylor M. Boxley, and was buried at Oakland Cemetery. Philip Porter was on the Louisa Town Council from 1911 to 1917.³⁵ He was Deputy Clerk (1913-1935) and County Clerk of Louisa Circuit Court for more than 24 years. He succeeded his brother, James E. Porter. Mr. Porter was a former member of the Board of Supervisors, for the Louisa District, and also served as Judge of the Trial Justice Court for some years. He retired in June of 1946.³⁶ He was a cashier at the Bank of Louisa. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, the Westmoreland Club of Richmond, and a lifetime member of the Virginia Fox Hunters Association. He was a member of Masonic Day Lodge No. 58, A.F. & A.M. at Louisa Courthouse and Worshipful Master in 1896. His wife was Bessie Crawford Hanger Porter of Fisherville, who died in 1916. Philip Porter had three children: Philip B., Jr. who married Margery Terrell; Mildred D. who married Taylor M. Boxley;³⁸ and Mrs. T. N. Spence of Cherry Point, North Carolina was his third child.³⁹

Dr. Walton Origin Smith was a dentist in the Town of Louisa. Walton O. Smith was born 16 March 1850.⁴⁰ He was the son of Dr. Edwin L. Smith, also a dentist in the town of Louisa, and Mary Ann Walton Smith. He died 13 October 1910.⁴¹ He was raised in the present home of Griswold Boxley.⁴² He married Maggie L. Ennis of Caroline County in 1886 on the 13th of December.⁴³ He and his family lived in the old Louisa Hospital and later next to the Hadder House. He was on the Louisa Town Council from 1877 to 1879 and 1884 to 1890 and 1899 to 1905 when he resigned.

Robert P. Talley was the son of Joseph C. Talley and Mary S. Carroll who married in Louisa County 29 Oct. 1851, in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Robert P. Talley was born about 1852 as he is listed in the 1860 census as aged 8 years. His father was the depot agent at Trevilians. He was married to Lula M. Talley. They had two sons born in Louisa: Robert M. on February 1, 1887, and Robert P. on 21 February 1882. In the 1880 census, we find Robert (age 28) living with his stepfather Miletus T. Gooch, Louisa County Treasurer, his mother, and Lula Talley (19 years). The Talley family and Gooch family lived at "Grey Gables" in Louisa County. In her will, Mary S. Gooch listed Robert P. Talley as her grandson, a child of her son, as her heir on 28 July 1894.⁴⁴

Robert P. Talley was a member of the Louisa Town Council from 1888 to 1890. Robert P. Talley was a merchant.⁴⁵ He is listed as a merchant at Louisa Courthouse in Chataigne's Gazetteer in his store Flannagan (S. H.) & Talley.

1. Masonic Minutes of Day Lodge No. 58, Louisa Courthouse.
2. Louisa County Marriage Book 3 p. 16 line 23.
3. Oakland Cemetery Tombstones, Museum listing.
4. Manuscript Box-20, Louisa County Historical Museum.