

THOMAS R. RIPLEY

Thomas R. Ripley, the subject of this sketch, was born at Salem, New York, October 4, 1823. His father was Allen Ripley of Boston, Mass., and his grandfather was Jephtha Ripley, who was a Revolutionary soldier from the State of Massachusetts, in Colonel Dagget's regiment; and he saw service in the State of Rhode Island and other states during the war.

Mr. Ripley spent his early days in the State of New York, and came to Charleston, S.C., in 1848, and from there removed to Atlanta, Ga., in 1849, when Atlanta was in its infancy.

In 1850, he established a china and crockery store on Whitehall Street near the railroad, and was one of the leading merchants of the City of Atlanta for forty-eight years, and until the time of his death.

In 1852, he married Miss Laura D. Connor, who still survives him, and who now resides at Kirkwood, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Ripley have raised a large family, and were among the leading citizens of Atlanta for nearly half a century. Their old home is on Peachtree Street, where W. D. Grant now resides.

Mr. Ripley died in Decatur, Ga., 4 September 1888, and is buried at Oakland with two of his children.

His wife and seven of his children survive him. They are as follows: Mrs. Georgia L. Robertson, Warrenton, Va.; Mrs. D. S. Henderson, Aiken, S.C.; Miss Sarah M. Ripley, Kirkwood, Ga.; Thomas J. Ripley, Atlanta, Ga.; T. A. Ripley, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Dr. E. O. Ripley, Barnesville, Ga.; and Allen W. Ripley, Kirkwood, Ga.

No citizen believed more firmly in the future of Atlanta than Mr. Ripley.

He was a member of the Presbyterian Church at the time of his death, and his wife was a charter member of the Central Presbyterian church of this city.

Pages 374-376, "History of Atlanta and its Pioneers", Pioneer Society of Atlanta, Pb. 1902.

A picture of Thomas R. Ripley is on page 373 of the above book.