

WILLIAM M. HERRIAN, M.D.

A veteran of the Forty-second regiment Georgia infantry, and Post Commander of Atlanta Camp, No. 159, United Confederate Veterans, was born in Clarke County, Georgia, 10 May 1846. Son of Dr. W. H. Durham and Sallie Lane, the latter of whom died when he was but eight years of age.

In 1859 he came to Atlanta, where he passed his youth until fifteen years of age, when in 1862 he enlisted as a private in Company K, Forty-second infantry, under Captain W. L. Calhoun and Colonel Robert J. Henderson.

In 1862-63, he participated in the Kent Tennessee, Kentucky and Mississippi Campaigns, fighting at Towell, Tenn., Perryville, Ky., Chickasaw Bayou, Bakera Creek and Big Black River, Miss., and was on duty in the trenches at Vicksburg throughout the siege.

When General Pemberton surrendered he was paroled, after which he walked most of the distance home to Atlanta.

His regiment rendezvoused at Decatur, near Atlanta, and there the whole command was exchanged in time to participate in the battle of Missionary Ridge, 25 November, 1863, and his brigade, under the command of General Stevall, was assigned to Stewart's Division, Hood's Corps, army of Tennessee, with this command he was engaged in the battles of 1864 at Rocky Face Gap, Resaca, New Hope Church, Pumpkin Vine Creek, Kenesaw Mountain, Peachtree Creek, Atlanta (July 22d and 28th), Jonesboro, Franklin and Nashville.

After the battle of Nashville, 1864, he was promoted to adjutant of his regiment, which rank he held to the close of the war.

In the campaign in the Carolinas in the spring of 1865, he fought at Edisto River, Bunker's Bridge, Orangeburgs, Kinston, and Bentonville, and surrendered with Johnson's army at Greensboro, N.C., April 26, 1865.

Throughout this active and gallant career, he was never wounded or missed a day's service from his command.

The war being over he at once commenced the study of medicine with his father, and attended lectures in Atlanta, 1866, completing his studies in Philadelphia in 1868, twenty-three years after his father received his diploma in that city.

Since then he has had a highly honorable and successful career in Atlanta. He has been professor of Eclectic Medicine and Surgery for twenty years; is an ex-president of the National Eclectic Association, and has been secretary of the Georgia Eclectic Medical Association for twenty-seven years.

Dr. Durham was married in 1870 to Myrtle Vincent, of Athens, Ga., who died in 1887, and has one daughter, Lucy Vincent Durham.

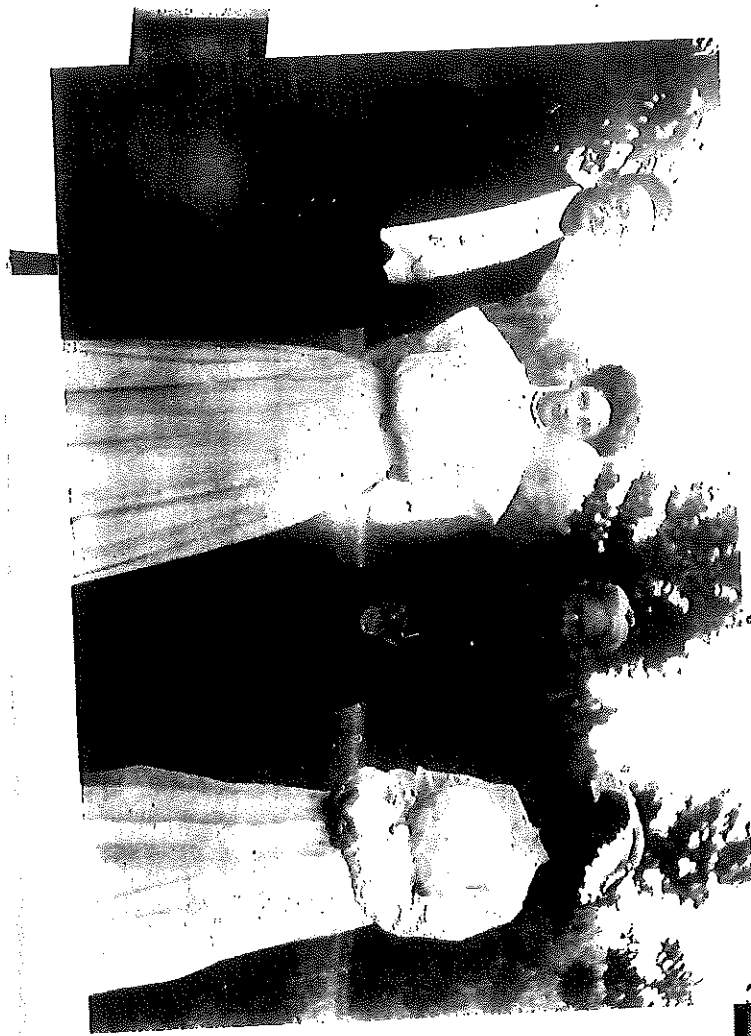
He has always taken a prominent interest in all Confederate movements, is a staunch friend of every measure that could benefit his comrades and untiringly defended their good name and fame.

He has faithfully discharged his duties in all official stations.

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(2) Left to right:  
Mr. Mrs. M. Dickham, his daughter, Lucy Vincent  
Dickham, his stepmother, Mrs. Mrs. M. Dickham,  
his half-sister, Jennie Dickham. (All of  
the latter - but in this Aug. 1910 photograph  
were visiting at Borden Hillie Springs, Va.  
[Mr. Mrs. M. Dickham - home was on Hyman's  
Hill - at W. Landlie - where Sam Leiper home, and  
later Recreation Center stood. There were a  
number across Landlie, perhaps a higher  
elevation or was Milledge Lane.]