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ALFRED HAYWOOD
(1817 -- 1893)

Alfred Haywood was a successful businessman and public servant who lived, worked, and served in the city of Savannah for almost half a century. Mr. Haywood not only made his mark in the local business world, but also, through civic participation, made a significant contribution to the growth and development of the city. Born in Oxford, England, in the year 1817, the son of Ebenezer and Elizabeth Haywood, he married Mary Fagan, a native of Ireland, in Liverpool, February 2, 1834. They immigrated to New York soon thereafter. While living in New York with his father, two

children were born to the couple, a daughter Margaret, in 1836, and a son Ebenezer, in 1837.¹

In 1845 Mr. Haywood arrived in Savannah with his family,² joining his brother Joseph who had preceded him in 1841.³ Starting out in the grocery business,⁴ he quickly showed his business acumen and by 1861 was well established in the ice business, having entered into a partnership with Mr. Charles O. Gage of Massachusetts.⁵ Haywood and Gage flourished, but because of the Civil War and the subsequent suspension of ice shipments from the North, the firm was forced to close in 1862.⁶ Reopening as Haywood, Gage and Company⁷ after the war, the firm quickly reestablished itself and by 1868 had the ice monopoly in Savannah.⁸ In 1865 Mr. Haywood entered into business with Mr. Adrian V. LaRoche of Savannah for the purpose of manufacturing bricks, but the partnership lasted only two years, and in 1867 the brickyard was sold.⁹ Mr. Haywood stayed active in the ice industry until 1883 when he sold the majority in the company to Mr. Gage. In 1889 he severed all ties with Haywood, Gage and Company.¹⁰

In 1869 Mr. Haywood was elected to the city council as an alderman from the 3rd District, serving for three terms.¹¹ The last two terms he served as Chairman and in November 1871 became Acting Mayor for a short period of time.¹² In the election race for his last term he was elected by the largest vote in the history of the city.¹³ During his terms on the council Mr. Haywood chaired many important committees, including the prestigious Market, and Street and Lanes committees.¹⁴ In these positions of influence he was instrumental in effecting the completion of the city sewage system¹⁵ and on many occasions officiated at public functions, including the laying of the cornerstone for the City Market,¹⁶ a project

he had personally supervised. His service to the community also manifested itself in other ways. As President of the Coast Line Railroad, for example, he officiated at the opening of the Broughton Street line in September 1874,¹⁷ and as a representative of Zerubbabel Lodge #15 F. and A.M., of which he was a member for over thirty years, helped lay the cornerstones for new buildings at Bethesda Boy's Home.¹⁸ Mr. Haywood also served on many company boards, both as a director and an officer (see APPENDIX II). A long time member of St. John's Episcopal Church, he participated in the parochial functions both as a vestryman and a warden, and on several occasions represented the church at state meetings.¹⁹

Mr. Haywood's first wife, Mary, died on 24 October, 1852, of consumption.²⁰ On January 16, 1857, his son, Ebenezer, died from injuries received in a buggy accident.²¹ Two years later, his daughter, Margaret, died of a lung hemorrhage at the age of 22 years.²² On August 25, 1859, he married Georgianna Trenholm of Beaufort, S.C.,²³ and of this union had six children, five surviving him.²⁴ On November 11, 1878, he legally adopted his granddaughter, Mary Elizabeth Doherty, changing her name to Haywood.²⁵ Georgianna died in New York on June 1, 1877,²⁶ and two years later, on June 10, 1879, Mr. Haywood married Harriott Guerard of Charleston, S.C.²⁷ There were no children born of this marriage.

In 1872 Mr. Haywood personally planned and supervised the construction of the new family residence at 86 McDonough Street, a home that still stands.²⁸ In addition, he was responsible for the construction of another building located at 217 - 219 Abercorn Street.²⁹ The McDonough Street home remained in the family until it was sold in 1901.³⁰

Alfred Haywood died of paralysis December 8, 1893, a few minutes before midnight.³¹ His was a life that had been devoted to his family, his business, and the community. Of him was said, "He was a gentleman of many admirable traits of character and popular in a wide circle of acquaintances,"³² and "in death, as in life, the merits of Alfred Haywood rest upon a self-reliant, honorable, and unblemished career."³³ Mr. Haywood can certainly be remembered as a distinguished contributor to the history and growth of the city of Savannah.

12. GHS, Microfilm File No. N-12, issue of November 10, 1871, p. 3, c. 2. Mr. H.H. Nichols, great grandson of Alfred Haywood, 711 E. 48th St., Savannah, has in his possession a cane presented to Alfred Haywood by Mayor Screven, inscribed, "John Screven to the Hon. Alfred Haywood Acting Mayor of Savannah."
13. ibid., issue of October 13, 1871, p. 3, c. 2, and Screven, p. 93.
14. Screven, p. 92, and GHS, Microfilm File No. N-11, issue of December 27, 1870, p. 3, c. 2, and GHS, Microfilm File No. N-12, issue of June 3, 1871, p. 3, c. 2.
15. Screven; p. 92.
16. GHS, Microfilm File No. N-11, issue of December 27, 1870, p. 3, c. 2.
17. GHS, Microfilm File No. N-12, issue of September 16, 1874 p. 3, c. 3.
18. Zerubbabel Lodge #15 F. & A.M. Records, Savannah, 1839-1895, and GHS, Microfilm File No. N-11, issue of April 26, 1870, p. 3, c. 3.
19. Georgia Historical Society, Microfilm File No. M-2, St. John's Episcopal Church (Savannah) Records.
20. Bureau of Vital Statistics, Index of Deaths 1803-present (and files), Chatham County, Section H, 1852.
21. ibid., Section H, 1857.
22. ibid., Section H, 1858.
23. Haywood Family Bible.
24. ibid., and Screven, p. 92.
25. Superior Court, Civil Minutes Dec 1874-Nov 1875, Chatham County, Book 32, page 569.

26. Georgia Historical Society, Microfilm File No. N-13, Savannah Morning News, 1877-June 30, 1883, Savannah, issue of June 2, 1877, p.3, c. 2.
27. Court of Ordinary, Index of Marriages, 1806-1957 (and files), Chatham County, Book B, page 150.
28. GHS, Microfilm File No. N-12, issue of February 2, 1872, p. 3, c. 6. The address of the house is now 124 McDonough Street. Mr. William Thompson, of the Historic Savannah Foundation, recalls a conversation with Mrs. Isadore R. Haywood (Alfred Haywood's daughter-in-law) many years ago, during which she told him that the house had been referred to as "Haywood's Folly" because it was one of the first homes in Savannah to have indoor plumbing. The building is now listed as EXCEPTIONAL by the Foundation.
29. Georgia Historical Society, City Tax Digest 1872, Savannah, Section H. The building is listed as NOTABLE by the Historic Savannah Foundation.
30. Georgia Historical Society, City Tax Digest 1901, Savannah, Section H.
31. BVS, Index of Deaths, Section H, 1893, and Screven, p. 93, and Haywood Family Bible.
32. Georgia Historical Society, Microfilm File No. N-16, Savannah Morning News, June 1, 1893-August 31, 1897, Savannah, issue of December 9, 1893, p. 3, c. 1.
33. Screven, p. 93.

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ASSOCIATIONS, BOARD POSITIONS,
CIVIC ACTIVITIES, CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS AND SOCIETIES

During his long business and civic career Alfred Haywood belonged to, and participated in many civic clubs and organizations, and served on many company boards, both as an officer and a director. Although the list is lengthy, it is not necessarily complete. Except where noted, the information on dates and positions was taken from Annals of Savannah, 1850-1937. Savannah, WPA Project No. 3724, 1937.

AGRICULTURE AND MECHANICAL ASSOC. OF GEORGIA
Board of Directors 1875 - 1879
Vice-President 1880

CITIZEN'S MUTUAL LOAN ASSOC.
Board of Directors 1874 - 1876

FOREST CITY MUTUAL LOAN ASSOC.
President 1869 - 1876

SAVANNAH MUTUAL LOAN ASSOC.
Board of Directors 1866
Treasurer 1868

SOUTHERN MUTUAL LOAN ASSOC.
Board of Directors 1879

WORKING MEN'S RELIEF ASSOC.
Board of Directors 1869 - 1871

ARKWRIGHT COTTON MANUFACTURING CO.
Board of Directors 1873 - 1879

SAVANNAH SAVINGS AND LOAN CO.
Board of Directors 1883

ATLANTIC AND GULF RAILROAD
Board of Directors 1873 - 1877

COAST LINE RAILROAD
President 1874 - 1882

LOUISE KING ORGANIZATION (ANIMAL CRUELTY)
Committeeman 1880

SOCIETY FOR PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN
President 1879

GEORGIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Member 1873 - 1893

(Notation found inside family photograph album belonging to H.H. Nichols, great grandson of Alfred Haywood)

ST. GEORGE SOCIETY

Treasurer 1868 - 1871

Vice-President 1872 - 1873

President 1874 - 1876

SAVANNAH BENEVOLENT ASSOC.

Member 1873 - 1893

(Screven, John. The Savannah Benevolent Association. Savannah, Morning News Print, 1896.)

ZERUBBABEL LODGE # 15 F. & A.M. (MASONS)

Initiate 1858

Past Master 1861, 1862

Treasurer 1863 - 1876

Life Member 1876

(Zerubbabel Lodge #15 F. & A.M. Records. Savannah, 1839-1895.)

GEORGIA MASONIC RELIEF ASSOC.

Treasurer 1865

FAIR GROND ASSOC.

Board of Directors 1876

CITY GOVERNMENT

Alderman 3rd District 1869 - 1870

Alderman 3rd District, Chairman 1871

Acting Mayor 1871 - 1872

Committees: Building, Market, Rules, Streets & Lanes

CIVIC DUTIES

Jury 1865, 1876

Grand Jury 1859, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1875(Foreman)

APPENDIX III

PROPERTY HOLDINGS (PARTIAL LISTING)

This is only a partial listing of property owned by Alfred Haywood. The general information provided was primarily extracted from City Tax Digests, Savannah, 1841-1901. Any exceptions are noted. Extensive information on his complete holdings, including his business holdings, is available in the Index to Deeds, etc. F-L, Grantor 1785-1910 (and files). Chatham County, Court of Ordinary.

DECKER WARD, Carpenter Tything

Lot #6, east $\frac{1}{2}$ (Bryan & Barnard Streets, N.E. corner lot)
Purchased 1848
Sold 1875

MONTEREY WARD

Lot #30 (Gordon & Drayton Streets, 2nd lot West of Drayton)
Purchased 1852
Sold 1863

DAVIS WARD (originally known as Garden Lots)

Lot #7
Purchased 1857
Sold 1865

REYNOLDS WARD, 3rd Tything

Lot #7 (Abercorn & Broughton, N.W. corner, 2nd lot West)
Purchased 1857
Sold east $\frac{1}{2}$ 1872
Sold west $\frac{1}{2}$ 1875

BROWN WARD

Lot #70 (Abercorn & McDonough Streets, N.W. corner)
Purchased 1861
Improved 1872 - building still standing at 124 McDonough Street -
listed as EXCEPTIONAL by the Historic Savannah Foundation
Sold 1901

Lot #71 (Abercorn & Hull Streets, N.W. corner)

Purchased 1858
Improved 1872 - building still standing at 217-219 Abercorn Street
(including Lot #72) - listed as NOTABLE by the Historic
Savannah Foundation
Sold 1880

BROWN WARD (Continued)

Lot #72 (north of Lot #71)
 Purchased 1868
 Improved 1872 (see Lot #71)
 Sold 1880

LIBERTY WARD

Lot #23 (York & Montgomery Streets, S.E. corner)
 Purchased 1874
 Sold 1874

STEPHENS WARD

Lot #13
 Purchased 1875
 Sold 1882

MARIETTA, GEORGIA

Lot and home on Atlanta Street
 Purchased 1872
 Sold 1879

(Temple, Sarah. The First One Hundred Years, Short History of Cobb County in Georgia. Atlanta, W.W. Brown Publishing Co., 1935)

DOOLY COUNTY, GEORGIA

202 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres in 13th District
(Index to Estates A-Z, 1742-1955, and files. Chatham County, Court of Ordinary. File #600)

DESCENDANTS OF ALFRED HAYWOOD - GENEALOGICAL CHART

Mary Elizabeth Haywood ⁵

B: 8/29/58 D:

N: Savannah, Ga

M: 10/6/80-Savannah, Ga

H. Conner Bailey

B: D:

N: Columbus, Ga

Infant ¹

B: 11/11/95 D: 11/17/95

N: Savannah, Ga

Francis M. Jr

B: 11/11/35 D: 4/14/74

N: Savannah, Ga

M: 8/15/59

Evelyn Frost

B: 6/18/38 D:

N: Richmond, Va

Julia Robinson ²

B: 10/6/06 D: 1/7/71

N: Savannah, Ga

M: 11/21/29

Francis Marion Nichols

B: D: 7/3/56

Judith Anne Wilson

B: 5/27/44 D:

N: Savannah, Ga

M: 3/26/66

Evelyn Isobel

B: 8/3/60

N: Aiken, S.C.

Katherine Haywood

B: 3/17/66

N: Chapel Hill, N.C.

Julia Rebecca

B: 3/31/68

N: Bad Canstatt, W.Ger.

B: 1870 D: 7/1/71
N: Savannah, Ga

George Trenholm
B: 1868 D: 8/12/36
N: Savannah, Ga

M: 12/15/92-Savannah, Ga
Mary Hopkins
B: 1869 D: 6/12/21
N:

Infant
B: 11/11/95 D: 11/17/95
N: Savannah, Ga

Alfred Haywood

M: 8/25/59
Georgianna Trenholm
B: 1832 D: 6/1/77
N:

Henry (Harry) Oxford
B: 9/23/72 D: 9/27/41
N: Marietta, Ga

M: 6/24/96-Newnan, Ga
Isadore Robinson
B: 4/11/76 D: 5/7/61
N: Newnan, Ga

Julia Robinson
B: 10/6/06 D: 1/7/71
N: Savannah, Ga

M: 11/21/29
Francis Marion Nichols
B: D: 7/3/56
N:

William A.
B: D:
N:

M: 11/9/88-Ft. Collins, Co
Louisa A. Smith
B: D:
N: Denver, Co

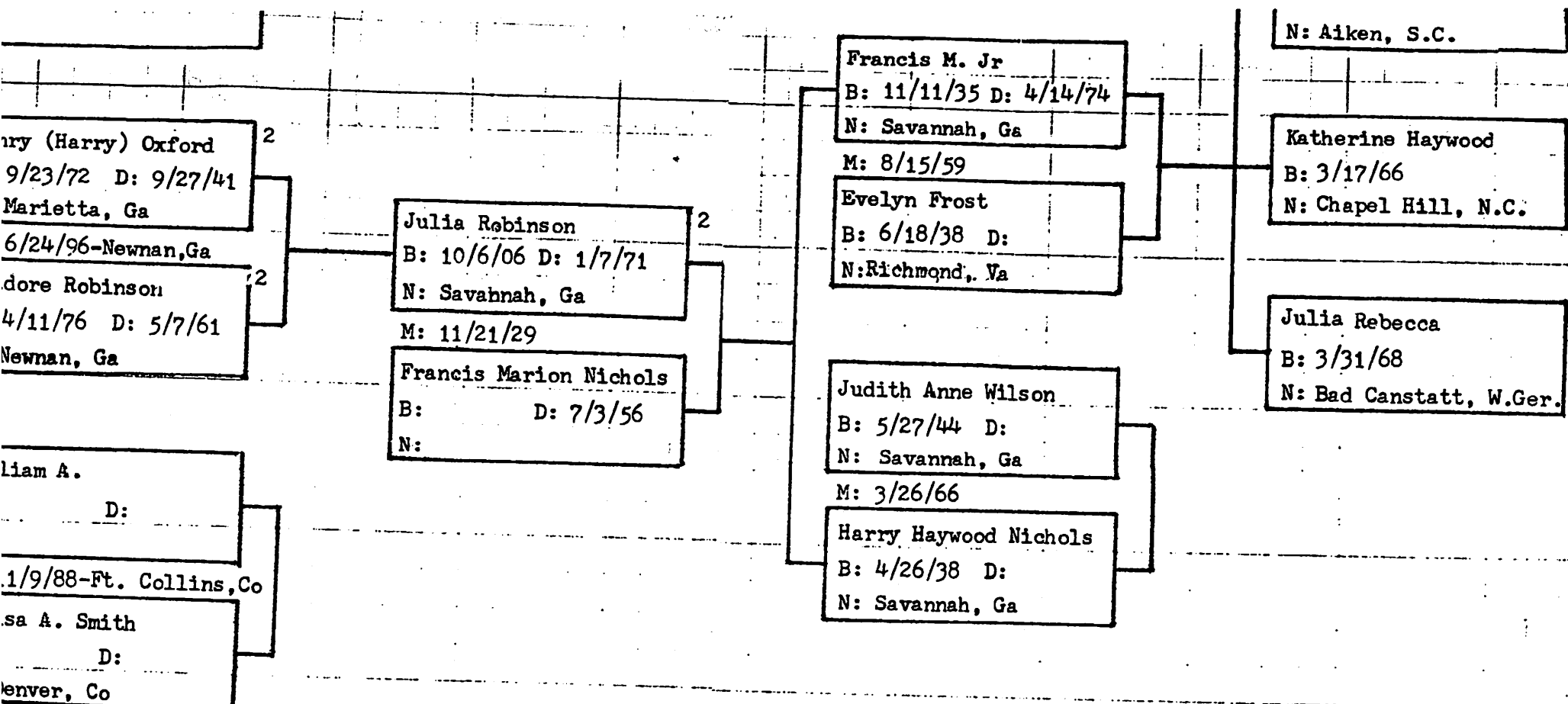
Alfred Haywood

M: 6/10/79-Savannah, Ga
Harriott Guerard
B: 1825 D: 8/16/18
N: Beaufort, S.C.

Anna J.
B: D:
N:

M: 11/2/82-Savannah, Ga
John S. Connelly
B: D:
N: Pittsburgh, Pa

Jane Chennel
B: 12/22/63 D: 3/11/49
N: Savannah, Ga



Liam A.
 D:
 1/9/88-Ft. Collins, Co

Lisa A. Smith
 D:
 Denver, Co

J.
 D:
 1/2/82-Savannah, Ga

S. Connelly
 D:
 Pittsburgh, Pa

Chennel
 1
 1/22/63 D: 3/11/49
 Savannah, Ga

- CODE
- 1 Buried in Laurel Grove Cemetery, Lot #178
 - 2 Buried in Laurel Grove Cemetery, Lot #179
 - 3 Buried in Laurel Grove Cemetery, Lot #731
 - 4 Buried in Laurel Grove Cemetery, Lot #514
 - 5 Legally adopted by A. Haywood, November 11, 1875