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HON. M. SURATT

Hon. Micajah Suratt was one of Tishomingo County's prominent lawyers, successful merchants and well-to-do planters. He was a man of many noble qualities, and earned and retained the respect of all by courteous and gentlemanly conduct. Whether in the walks of private life, or on the bloody fields of battle, or in the legislative halls, he was ever the same—frank, honest, upright and courageous. He was a native of Alabama, and after attending public schools for a number of years entered college at North Bend, Ind., from which institution he graduated. He settled in old Tishomingo County in 1838 and married Miss Amanda Sorell, a native of Virginia. They became the parents of one child, Thomas, who was killed in the civil war. Mr. Suratt was elected to the legislature from Tishomingo County before the war, and served several terms with conspicuous ability. He enlisted as a private in Company A, 2nd Mississippi Regiment of Infantry, and was later promoted to regimental quartermaster, which position he most creditably filled until the surrender. Returning home after the war, he was appointed agent for the Mobile and Ohio railroad at Booneville, engaged in the mercantile business at the same place, and also was successful as a planter in Prentiss County after its creation. After graduation from North Bend college he read law and was admitted to the bar, successfully practicing for several years before the war, but after that period did not again

follow the profession. His death occurred on his plantation in Prentiss County, and he was interred at Booneville. Mr. Suratt was a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and ever tried to live a consistent Christian life.