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## DUNBAR ROWLAND.

Dunbar Rowland, Director of the Department of Archives and History, was born August 25, 1864, at Oakland, Miss. He is the son of Dr. William Brewer Rowland and wife, Mary (Bryan) Rowland. His mother was a direct descendant of Charles Moorman, of Louisa County, Virginia, who emancipated his slaves in 1778. Dr. William Brewer Rowland was the son of Col. Creed T. Rowland and wife, Matilda (Brewer) Rowland, both of whom were natives of Henry County, Virginia. In 1840 Creed T. Rowland removed from Virginia and settled in Lowndes County, Mississippi, after which he moved to Aberdeen, Monroe County, and lived on his plantation near that city until his death in 1866. He was the son of Michael Rowland and Elizabeth (Hairston) Rowland, of Henry County, Virginia. Michael Rowland was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and took part in the battle of Guilford Courthouse. He was the son of Andrew Rowland, a descendant of John Rowland, who was a native of Egham, Surrey County, England. John Rowland immigrated to America in 1635 in the ship *Dorset*—John Flower, Master—and settled in Virginia. He was the son of John Rowland and wife, Scolis (Pemberton) Rowland, of Surrey County, England, and grandson of Thomas Rowland, of Baconsthorpe, England. The name Rowland is of Norman origin, and was brought to England in the train of William the Conqueror. From England branches of the family spread into Wales and Scotland, and continued to be identified with the literature of Europe.

Dunbar Rowland received his primary education in the private schools of Memphis, Tenn., and was prepared for college at Oakland Academy. In 1882 he entered the Freshman Class of the Mississippi A. and M. College, and was graduated in 1886 with the degree of B. S.; was first anniversarian of the Philotechnic Society in 1885, and delivered the second alumni oration in 1888. In 1886 he entered the Law Department of the University of Mississippi, and was graduated from that institution in 1888 with the degree of LL. B.; was senior debater at commencement, June, 1888. In November, 1888, he located in Memphis, Tenn., for the practice of law, where he remained four years, his culture and scholarly attainments attracting to him many friends and associates. In 1893 Mr. Rowland returned to Mississippi and opened a law office at Coffeeville, at which place Dr. Edward Mayes, L. Q. C. Lamar and Gen. E. C. Walthall had practiced in the past. In 1902, when the Department of Archives and History was created by the Legislature, he was elected Director of the Department March 14, 1902, to which position he was re-elected November 1, 1907, for the term beginning March 15, 1908. He has written and edited a number of historical volumes, some of the most important being the Mississippi Official and Statistical Register, 1904; Mississippi Territorial Archives, Vol. 1 (1906); Ency-

yclopedia of Mississippi History (1907), Mississippi Official and Statistical Register, 1908. In recognition of his services to the State the University of Mississippi conferred upon him the degree of LL. D., June, 1906. In the summer of 1906 he went abroad for the purpose of investigating the official archives of England, France and Spain which relate to the provincial history of Mississippi, the Legislature having provided funds for securing transcripts of original records.

Dr. Rowland is a member of the Episcopal Church, member of the Sons of the Revolution, the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, and an active and honorary member of a number of historical societies in the United States. On December 20, 1906, he was married to Eron Opha Gregory, daughter of Major Benjamin B. Moore and wife, Ruth (Rowland) Moore. Major Benjamin B. Moore was the son of Dr. Lemuel Moore and wife, Eron Opha (Byrd) Moore, his mother was a descendant of the Byrd family of Westover; he was a soldier in both the Mexican and the Civil War, and at one time was associate editor of the Wetumpka *Argus* with William L. Yancey, of Alabama.

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#### ELIAS JEFFERSON SMITH.

Elias Jefferson Smith, of Jackson, Auditor of the State of Mississippi, was born November 7, 1858, near Buena Vista, in Chickasaw County, Miss. He is the son of John Edward Smith and wife, Martha Elizabeth (Brewer) Smith. His paternal ancestors came from England and settled in Virginia, going from there to North Carolina, and thence to Alabama and Mississippi; those on his mother's side came from Kentucky and Alabama. The father of the subject of this sketch enlisted, in 1861, in the Confederate Army, joining the "Buena Vista Rifles," afterward known as Company A, Seventeenth Mississippi Regiment; he was killed at the Battle of Gettysburg, in 1863. Mr. Smith obtained his early education in the country schools of Chickasaw County and later took a course at Leddin's Business College, Memphis, Tenn. He was Auditor of the city of Jackson for six years, and has been employed in the State Auditor's office for seventeen years. He is a Democrat, a Methodist, a Knight of Pythias, Woodman of the World and member of the Order of Elks. Mr. Smith was elected Auditor of Public Accounts November 5, 1907. He was married November 8, 1882, at Aberdeen, Miss., to Minnie Troup, daughter of Colonel Walter Wells Troup and wife, Mary Ewing Troup.