



HUGH JAMES MACINTYRE served on the Court of Appeals of Georgia from November 14, 1932, until February 27, 1952. He was born in Thomas County, Georgia, on January 4, 1882, and died September 16, 1956.

He attended schools and later South Georgia College in Thomasville. He graduated in 1901, from Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia. While there he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and was elected first president of the Cadet Dialectic Literary Society. He was elected Principal of Schools in Meigs, Georgia. He studied law while teaching and upon passing an entrance exam, entered the senior law class of the University of Georgia in 1902. He was first president of the Georgia Law Debating Society and a member of the Phi Kappa Literary Society. In 1903 he graduated with a Bachelor of Law degree and was admitted to the Bar of Georgia. He entered the practice of law in Thomasville with the firm of Hansell, MacIntyre and MacIntyre.

He married Helen Mary McWhorter of Hampden-Sidney, Virginia, on November 9, 1915; and after her death he married Nell Atkinson Hammond in Walhalla, South Carolina, on August 3, 1950; she was the daughter of Judge Samuel C. Atkinson of the Supreme Court of Georgia.

He served as chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee; Solicitor-General of City Court, Judge of City Court, and Judge of Juvenile Court, all of Thomasville. While serving on the court of Appeals, he was a member of the Hoke Smith Monument Committee and on the Constitutional Revision Committee. He was a deacon and elder of the Presbyterian Church; an original trustee of Georgia State Women's College, known earlier as the Agricultural, Industrial and Normal College, and now as Valdosta State College; a trustee of the old Young's Female College; captain elect of the Thomasville Guards; and chairman of the County Council of Defense during WWI.

A memorial dated May 8, 1957, in 94 Georgia Appeals Reports, pages 907-911, reflects many details about his life and work. He was noted for his integrity: "I would rather be his enemy than his friend in close cases." He loved baseball and visiting his cattle farm. His wife said, "He would sit for hours and watch those cows." He wrote 2,127 opinions and participated in 7,381 cases.

**Records of the Commission to Revise the Constitution of Georgia
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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

In March, 1943, the Georgia General Assembly passed a resolution, sponsored by Governor Ellis Arnall, providing for a commission of twenty-three members to revise the state's Constitution. The commission sought to create a more rational and simplified document to replace the muddled Constitution of 1877. As revised by this committee, the new Constitution was printed and submitted to the state General Assembly's in January of 1945. The people of Georgia eventually voted to approve the Constitution in a special election on August 7, 1945. This collection includes the proceedings and recommendations of the committee to revise the Constitution of Georgia. A brief biography of each committee member is available in box 1, folder A. The committee members were: Ellis Gibbs Arnall, David Johnson Arnold, David Scarlett Atkinson, Thomas Slaughter Candler, James Vinson, Carmichael, James W. Culpepper, Adie Norman Durden, Frank D. Foley, Charles Latimer Gowen, Frank Cleveland Gross, Mrs. Leonard Haas, Frederick Barrow Hand, Roy Vincent Harris, Thomas Grady Head, Hamilton Tatum Holt, Hatton Lovejoy, Hugh James MacIntyre, R.E.L. Majors, James Roy McCracken, Jefferson Austin Pope, William Rufus Smith, B.E. Thrasher, Jr.

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