



**OLIVER HAZZARD BARTOW BLOODWORTH** served on the Court of Appeals of Georgia from January 1, 1917, to June 17, 1932. He was born in Liberty Hall, Pike County, Georgia, on September 29, 1859, and died on June 17, 1932.

He attended grammar school at Milner and was graduated from Gordon Institute at Barnesville in 1878. He received a Liberal Arts degree at the University of Georgia in 1880 and was awarded a golden Phi Beta Kappa key as first honor person of his class. He was a member of SAE fraternity; studied law in Forsyth, Monroe County, Georgia, in a local law office, being admitted to the practice of law in the Superior Court there on October 1, 1881.

On August 3, 1884, he married Leila Dunn of Forsyth, from which union seven children were born. Their names are set forth in the memorial dated May 8, 1933, in 46 Georgia Appeals Reports, pages 847-854. He was a member of the Baptist Church, Mayor for two terms, State Representative from Monroe County one term, Solicitor-General of the Flint Judicial Circuit for five years, president of the Bessie Tift College Board of Trustees more than 30 years, and served on the State Court of Appeals approximately 15 years.

Chief Justice Richard Russell has said: "It was noted and remarked that never before among all the illustrious graduates of Gordon Institute, from which he had a scholarship as a first-honor graduate, had any man stood first, without any exception, in all his studies. He was the most indefatigable worker I ever knew." Others have stated as to his ideas on law: "He cherished the highest concepts of its ethics, and applied his vast energy to its study as a science comprising the noblest field of the intellectual faculties." As to supporting the law, "he believed that respect for and obedience to the law is the foundation-stone of our civilization, and sincerely champion the cause of popular liberty, safeguarded by the Constitution and laws of the Republic supported by the sovereign will of a free people."