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## SYFAN, RALPH JACKSON (1893–1971). Brother-in-law of Fred Davis West (1899–1955).

Ralph Jackson Syfan, son of George William Syfan and Nina A. Isaacs, was born 6 March 1893 at Abbeville. Educated at Wofford College (1912–1914), he joined the United States Army as a second lieutenant (15 August 1917) during World War One. Initially stationed at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, he was promoted to first lieutenant (19 November 1918) and attached to the 101st Field Artillery of the Twenty-sixth Division and the 122d Field Artillery of the Thirtythird Division. Stationed in Europe with the American Expeditionary Force (8 September 1917-24 May 1919), he completed his duties in the Army Post Office 750 and was discharged 21 June 1919. Subsequently, he returned to Abbeville and served as the court stenographer for the eighth judicial circuit (1920-1945). He also studied law and was admitted to the bar 10 December 1928. Upon leaving the circuit court, he established a law practice in Abbeville. Elected to the state Senate, Syfan, a Democrat, represented Abbeville County in the Eightyninth (1951-1952) and Ninetieth (1953-1954) General Assemblies. While in the Senate, he was a member of the committees on claims and grievances (1951– 1954), county offices and officers (1951-1954), judiciary (1951-1954), penal and charitable institutions (1951–1954), privileges and elections (1951–1954), veterans affairs (1951–1954), and public buildings (1953–1954). Locally, he was a commissioner of federal elections for Abbeville (1932), Abbeville County service officer (1945-1950), and member of Main Street Methodist Church. On 30 September 1930, he wed Eunice L. West, daughter of John Riley West and Hattie Elizabeth Davis of Greenwood. They were the parents of at least one daughter who married W. Marshall Chapman. Survived by his daughter, Ralph Jackson Syfan died 10 March 1971 in Abbeville and was buried in Long Cane Cemetery.

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