

pendent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a veteran mem-  
ber of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.  
Mr. Colvin has had many grateful associations with  
his old army comrades, and has attended every reunion  
of the United Confederate Veterans since 1913. Be-  
sides being commander of S. B. Gibbons Camp No.  
90 of the Confederate Veterans, he is identified with  
the United Confederate Veterans No. 438, and is quar-  
termaster general of the third brigade and first neu-  
tenant commander of the State Camp of Virginia.  
He is now grand commander of the Grand Camp of  
Virginia of the Confederate Veterans.  
At Lynchburg, June 20, 1866, about a year after  
he came out of the army, Mr. Colvin married Miss  
Leila Susan Reynolds, daughter of Theodore Reynolds,  
and a native of Bedford County, Virginia. She was  
liberally educated. Mr. and Mrs. Colvin were happily  
married nearly forty years. She died on Friday,  
August 4, 1904, and is buried at Harrisonburg. Their  
only child, Quila Lee, died August 24, 1899.

**JOHN ROBERT CHAPPELL, JR.** While he is one of  
the more recent recruits to the ranks of insurance  
men of Richmond, John Robert Chappell, Jr., has  
already made a favorable impression in his chosen  
avenue of activity, and as manager of the Virginia  
Department of the Security Mutual Casualty Company  
of Chicago is building up a steadily-increasing and  
desirable business.  
Mr. Chappell is a native Virginian, born in Sus-  
sex County June 17, 1898, a son of John Robert and  
Emma Roy (Mitcheil) Chappell. Mr. Chappell is  
connected with the Hoyle, Kandolph and Howling fam-  
ily, and through the Chappells is descended from an  
English ancestor who immigrated to Virginia in  
Colonial times. His paternal grandfather, John Rob-  
ert Chappell the first, was born in 1844, in Sussex  
County, Virginia, where he spent his entire life and  
died in 1899. A school teacher by vocation, he made  
his home near Farris, and was widely and favorably  
known for his educational labors, his personal integ-  
rity and his good citizenship. During the war between  
the states he served in the 113th Regiment, Virginia  
Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel Malone, and was  
at the siege of Petersburg, at the Wilderness, and in  
various other engagements from Manassas to Appo-  
mattox. He was wounded on several occasions, at  
one time receiving a severe wound in the shoulder,  
from which he never fully recovered. He married  
Nannie Stewart, who was born in 1845, in Sussex  
County, where she still survives him, and they reared  
a family of six sons and two daughters: John Chap-  
pell; Markham H., who resides in Sussex County,  
where he operates the old homestead farm; Harvey,  
who is engaged in the tanning and plumbing business  
at Petersburg; Andrew, who is engaged in agricul-  
tural pursuits in Sussex County; Richard, also a  
farmer of Sussex County; Willie, who follows the same  
line of work in that locality; Laura, who is unmar-  
ried and makes her home with her mother in Sussex  
County; and Mrs. Nannie Tucker, who died at  
Petersburg.

John Robert Chappell, the father of John H.  
Chappell of this review, was born in Sussex County,  
where he has passed his entire life in the pursuits of  
the soil, his home being located near the town of  
Farris. A man of sound abilities and great indus-  
try, he has so directed his operations that he has  
made a success, and his fertile and productive prop-  
erty is improved with modern buildings and cultivated  
by the latest machinery. He is a democrat in poli-  
tics, but while a man of some influence in his com-  
munity, is not a seeker for public office. His religious  
connection is with the Methodist Episcopal Church,  
South. Mr. Chappell married Miss Emma Roy  
Mitcheil, who was born in 1875, in Sussex County,  
and they are the parents of seven children: John Rob-  
ert, who was born in 1904, in Sussex County, and  
resides at Richmond, being now sixty-two years old,  
and she was born in 1860, in Charlotte County. Their

ert, Jr.; Thomas, a traveling salesman, residing at  
Wilmington, North Carolina; Clifford, a student of  
the high school in Sussex County; Mabel, a student of  
the Farris High School; and Alice, Otto and Thorn-  
ton, who attend the graded school.  
John Robert Chappell attended the public schools  
of Sussex County and graduated from the Farris  
High School as a member of the class of 1917. He  
then entered William and Mary College, from which  
he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts as a mem-  
ber of the graduating class of 1920, and while attend-  
ing college was admitted to membership in the Sigma  
Nu Greek letter fraternity. In 1920 Mr. Chappell  
came to Richmond and accepted a position as claim  
adjuster for the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Cor-  
poration, Limited, of London, England, a position  
which he held until August, 1921, when he resigned  
and became superintendent of the Integrity Mutual  
Casualty Company of Virginia. On January 1, 1922,  
Mr. Chappell assumed his present duties as manager  
of the Virginia department of the Security Mutual  
Casualty Company of Chicago, Illinois. He maintains  
offices in Room 609 Virginia Railway and Power  
Building, and has built up a large and representative  
patronage. At this writing Mr. Chappell is attending  
night classes at the University of Richmond, law  
department, and is a member of the Delta Theta Phi  
Greek letter fraternity. He belongs also to  
Edwards Lodge No. 308, A. F. and A. M., Sussex  
County, and to Concord Methodist Episcopal Church,  
South. During the late war he was a member of the  
Students' Army Training Corps at William and Mary  
College. Mr. Chappell is not married, and his legal  
residence is the home of his parents at Farris, Sussex  
County.

JUNIOR MARSHALL FARRIS, chief engineer of the  
Virginia Railway and Power Company, is one of the  
practical and experienced men in his line in this part  
of the state, and one of the most highly esteemed  
citizens of Richmond. He has a broad and varied  
experience, and this, combined with his natural abil-  
ities, make him a very valuable man to his company.  
He was born in Halifax County, Virginia, April 8,  
1866, a son of William B. Farris, and a member of  
one of the old families of Virginia, of English stock.  
The grandfather, William Aaron Farris, was born  
in Prince Edward County, Virginia, and died in Hal-  
fax County, where he had spent practically all of his  
life, and where he was engaged in farming upon an  
extensive scale. When war was declared between the  
two sections of the country he espoused the cause of  
the South and fought in its behalf as a soldier in the  
Confederate Army. His wife, Susan Baker, was born  
in Halifax County in 1827, and died at Richmond in  
1904. They reared a family of four sons and three  
daughters, of whom the survivors are: Ross, who  
resides at Richmond, is the widow of Harper W. Shel-  
ton, a merchant who died at Richmond; and Julius,  
who is retired and lives in Henrico County, near  
Richmond.

William B. Farris was born in Halifax County in  
1857, and died at Richmond in October, 1912. He  
was reared in Halifax County, and there for years  
was very successfully engaged in farming, but moved  
to Chase City, Mecklenburg County, Virginia, in 1894,  
and went into the heavy business there and made it  
his home until 1907, when he came to Richmond.  
After coming to this city he was connected with the  
Simpson-Bass Company, dealers in hay and grain.  
The democratic party had his earnest and effective  
support from the day he cast his first vote until his  
death. He was equally zealous in behalf of the  
Baptist Church, which he joined in his youth. Wil-  
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