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Dr. William Davis Durham, only child of Dr. Isaiah Davis Durham, was born in 1859, at Winnsboro, South Carolina. A physician and dentist, he graduated in medicine at the Augusta Medical College, Augusta, Georgia, in 1881. The same year he married Miss Ida Norris of Batesburg, South Carolina, who lived only a year. In 1885 he was married to Miss Lula McLane of Fairfield County, South Carolina, a daughter of John Hendrix McLane of Columbia, South Carolina. John Hendrix McLane a generation ago was one of the leading public characters of the state. He filled various public offices and was a leader of the reform movement in national politics beginning about 1879. At one time he was greenback candidate for governor.

Dr. W. D. Durham was a very affable man with high and noble ideals and quite a success in his professions. He practiced medicine and dentistry chiefly in Aiken County. He died in 1913, leaving six children, four boys and two girls : Davis McLane Durham, Isaiah Davis Durham, Robert Blakley Durham, Virgil Clayton Durham, Ruby Elizabeth Durham and Mary Lee Durham.

Davis McLane Durham was born in 1886, in Aiken County, South Carolina. A very energetic and applicable business man of good moral stamina.

Dr. Isaiah Davis Durham, who was named for his grandfather, was born in Orangeburg County, South Carolina in 1889. While his professional career has been comparatively brief Dr. Durham has done justice to the noble record of his family and ancestors in the history and affairs of South Carolina. Receiving a good common school education he graduated in medicine in 1913 from the University of Georgia, at Augusta, Georgia. Before moving to his present home in Columbia, South Carolina, several months ago, he practiced his profession in New Brookland and surrounding territory. He has built a large general practice in medicine and surgery and a reputation for skill and efficiency that makes him a valuable asset to his community. He was married to Miss Pauline M. Whitehead of Augusta, Georgia. Their two children are William Vernon and Isaiah Davis, Jr.

Dr. Robert Blakley Durham was born in Orangeburg County, South Carolina, in 1892. Receiving a good common school education he graduated in medicine from the University of Georgia, at Augusta, Georgia, in 1913. He practiced his profession at Perry, South Carolina, until moving to Columbia, in 1917. He volunteered in the medical corps, June 5, 1917, and was given a commission of first lieutenant. He was called to report for duty August 20, 1917. On September 6, 1917, he sailed for France. Doctor Durham served twenty-three months in France with the Twenty-Sixth Division, that saw about ten months in the trenches, being one of the first American divisions to Europe. He took part in all major engagements, namely, St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne, Chateau Thierry, etc. During service with the Twenty-Sixth Division he was battalion surgeon of the One Hundred and First Infantry and later was given command of the One Hundred and Second Ambulance Company. Dr. R. B. Durham was promoted to captain in February, 1919. While in France he attended the University of Bordeaux for four months, taking special courses in surgery. He was discharged August 4, 1919. Doctor Durham is now practicing his profession in Columbia, South Carolina.

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ISAIAH DAVIS DURHAM, M. D., is son of Edmund Durham and Mary Lee of the distinguished family of Robert E. Lee and a grandson of Richard Durham, who married Jane Davis, a near relative of President Jefferson Davis. The Durhams are of English ancestry and many prominent members of the family have their home in North Carolina, where the City of Durham commemorates them. The Durhams in the different generations have been distinguished as forceful business men and equally prominent in public and professional affairs.

Dr. I. D. Durham was a physician, dentist, minister and journalist and was publishing the Confederate Baptist, a weekly newspaper in Columbia when that city was occupied and burned by General Sherman's army. A brother of I. D. Durham was the late Dr. A. K. Durham, a life-long minister of the Baptist Church, and one of the distinguished men of that denomination in South Carolina. He was one of the founders of the present Baptist Courier, and was also actively identified with educational work for many years.

Dr. I. D. Durham was born in 1832, in Cleveland County, North Carolina. He did not have many advantages of an education in early life but he began preaching at the early age of seventeen and by help from the churches and his own exertions he attended Furman University for several years. He

graduated from the Medical College of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia in 1859 with honors.

Returning home he practiced his profession very successfully for years. He was a Baptist minister of note and a very forceful and magnetic orator and many churches and associations were organized by him. He was quite an original and independent character and was possessed of his mountaineer and liberty loving traits.

He was very determined and conscientious, so much so that he left North Carolina before he reached his majority, because he opposed the principle of paying poll tax. When it became law in South Carolina he still opposed the principle and claimed that it was unconstitutional and a badge of slavery. He would not pay the tax himself nor would he allow his friends to do so, consequently he had several trials in court and in one case served one day in Aiken County Jail.

He was married in 1855 to Miss Mary Anne Smith, of Laurens County, South Carolina, who died in 1866. Of this marriage only one son survived, William Davis Durham. In 1869 he was married to Miss Elizabeth M. Knotts of Lexington County, South Carolina.

Doctor Durham took a live, independent and conscientious interest in everything that pertained to the welfare of his country, and in 1882 was greenback candidate for superintendent of education. He was a most devoted man to his family and friends. He died in 1890.