

DAVID GAILLARD ELLISON, founder, and head of the David G. Ellison Fire Insurance Agency, one of the leading organizations of its kind in the state, is recognized as one of the representative businessmen of the capital city. He was born in Fairfield County, February 22, 1879, a son of Robert Emmet and Katherine Lydia (Gaillard) Ellison. His father, whose death occurred in 1907, was a well-known livestock dealer, and served as sheriff of Fairfield County for sixteen years. David G. Ellison spent his boyhood days in Fairfield County, where he attended the public school, supplementing this with a course of study at Mount Zion. In 1897 he became a resident of Columbia and soon thereafter established the company of which he has since remained the head, and in which he has built up one of the principal fire insurance agencies in South Carolina.

In addition to his personal business, Mr. Ellison has found time to devote much attention to the public welfare and has been an active champion of those measures conducive to the public good. He served for four years as chairman of the State Board of Pardons and is a member of the board of directors of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, also a member of the board of trustees, Columbia Hospital. He is secretary and treasurer of the Guaranty Building & Loan Association, and a director in the Bank of Columbia, and treasurer of the South Carolina Fair Association, which was organized in 1868. December 14, 1910, Mr. Ellison married Miss Sophie Aldrich, of Barnwell, South Carolina, a daughter of Hon. Robert Aldrich, who served for many years as circuit judge. Mr. and Mrs. Ellison have two children: David Gaillard, and Sophie Aldrich. [South Carolina, Special Limited Edition, 1920]