

JOHNSON, David Bancroft, educator; born LaGrange, Fayette Co TN, Jan. 10, 1856; son of David Bancroft and Margaret E. (White) Johnson; paternal grandparents Joseph and Martha (Barker) Johnson; maternal grandparents Jonathan D. and Ann (McNeese) White; he is a direct descendant of John Johnson who came from England to America with Winthrop, first governor of Massachusetts Bay Colony; he earned money by which he prepared for and paid tuition in college, and graduated from University of Tenn. A.B. 1877, A.M. 1879, South Carolina College LL.D. 1905; married Mai R. Smith Aug. 6, 1902; member of National Geographic Society, National Civic Assn. and National Peace League; was assistant professor of mathematics University of Tenn. 1879-80; principal of graded schools Abbeville, S.C. 1880-82; organized graded schools at Newbern, N.C. in 1882; organized city schools Columbia, S.C. and was superintendent of same 1883-95; in 1895 he organized Winthrop Normal and Industrial College of S.C. and has been president of same since; established Columbia (S.C.) Y.M.C.A. and was president of same 1885-94; chairman of State Executive Committee Y.M.C.A. 1886-95; organized S.C. Association of School Superintendents and the Rural School Improvement Association of S.C. 1902; president of State Teachers' Assn. 1884-1888; president department rural and agricultural education N.E.A. 1909; president Normal department 1908, Elementary education 1909, Southern Educational Association. [Source: Who's Who in Tennessee, Memphis: Paul & Douglass Co., Publishers, 1911; transcribed by Kim Mohler]