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the late Mrs. G. G. Young of Camden we are indebted for many of the statements here made as to the family.

LEITNER.

Major William Zack Leitner (1830-1888) was born in Fairfield District. After a course at Mt. Zion Collegiate Institute, Winnsboro, he attended the South Carolina College, graduating in 1849. He was admitted to the bar in 1854, settling in Camden, where he practiced his profession for more than thirty years, at one time in partnership with his brother-in-law, Joseph Dunlap.

He entered the Confederate service at the beginning of the war as a lieutenant and rose to the rank of major. At Gettysburg he was severely wounded, necessitating the amputation of his right leg.

In 1865, he was sent to the Legislature. About this time he was elected a district judge and served until the office was abolished on the adoption of the Carpet-bag Constitution of 1868.

Major Leitner played a prominent part in the campaign to elect Hampton in 1876. He was sent to the State Senate in 1882, and in 1886 he was elected Secretary of State, in which office he died two years later.

He married Anne, daughter of James Dunlap, of Camden; she, with two sons and three daughters, survived him.

Their home, the old Gamewell house, on Monument Square, was sold, after his death, to the Trustees of the City Schools and was used as a High School until 1919.

The family left Camden. The sons were already in business elsewhere.

Mrs. Leitner died in 1916, in her 84th year.

An editorial in the *News and Courier*, at the time of Major Leitner's death, speaks of his courteous manners, absolute sincerity and downright honesty and adds that "beneath this gentle exterior there beat as brave and true a heart as ever throbbed with love for South Carolina."

LEVY.

There were three families of this name in Camden during the first half of the 19th century, all of some

prominence and connected by marriage, but of separate stock.¹

The most conspicuous was that of Chapman Levy (1787-1749), a noted lawyer and politician. He was a son of Samuel Levy (1762-1842), an early merchant of Camden, and Sarah Moses, his wife. He was admitted to the Bar in 1806. In 1812 he was a Representative, and in 1818 State Senator, from Kershaw County. He was again in the Legislature from 1829-1833 and from 1836-1838. Colonel Levy was a strong Union man and was a member of the Nullification Convention of 1832. He was captain of a volunteer company in the War of 1812, and won his title of colonel probably in militia service. In the late 30's he removed to Mississippi, and died on his plantation in Attala County, that state.

He was twice married; first, to Flora Levy; second, to Rosina Levy, both sisters of Mordecai M. Levy. The latter (Rosina) died aged 18 years, without issue; the former, who died in her 21st year, left two children:

EDWARD ANDERSON LEVY, died, 1848, at Kirkwood, Miss.

FLORA (1823-1851), married Thomas Salmond Anderson, son of Dr. E. H. Anderson of Camden.

Chapman Levy's residence in Camden was later the home of Bishop Davis, still standing, on Broad Street.

HAYMAN LEVY was a large merchant and cotton factor, in partnership with M. H. DeLeon, at Camden, as early as 1818.² He was Intendant of the town in 1843, and a director of the Bank of Camden from 1842-1854. He fought a duel with Wiley McKain, because of an alleged insult to Levy's son, Saul, who, it may be added, died during the War of disease contracted while in the Confederate service.³ Another son, Julian, was killed in the Seven Days fighting near Richmond. These are the only children of Hayman Levy about whom we have information. His wife was Almeria, daughter of Jacob DeLeon. Their home, now destroyed, was the former residence of Hon. William McWillie, just below the old Court House.

¹Elzas, *The Jews of South Carolina*.

²*Camden Gazette*.

³McKain, an inveterate tease, tortured Saul Levy, with jibes over a game of cards. Saul challenged; McKain replied that he "would not fight a sick monkey." Hayman Levy took up his son's quarrel, with the duel as a result. Neither was hurt.