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HON. E. W. CARMACK

The name of Edward W. Carmack heads the list of pioneer school teachers of old Tishomingo County, and many of the leading and most successful citizens of the northeastern portion of Mississippi acquired their education under his guidance. He was a man of advanced ideas, a strict disciplinarian, and a courtly and Christian gentleman, and fortunate indeed were those who received instruction at his hands.

His father, Cornelius Carmack, was a native of Virginia, and at an early age removed to Franklin County, Alabama, where he met and married Miss Agnes Smith, and in 1838 moved to Tishomingo County, Mississippi. Edward W. was born in Franklin County, Alabama, in 1825, and came with his parents to Tishomingo County. Having attended the public schools of his native county until his departure, he returned in 1839 and was graduated from Franklin College in 1844. The following year he founded Euclid Academy, some sixteen miles south and east of Jacinto, which institution he successfully conducted until 1855, and in the fall of this year was elected probate clerk of Tishomingo County, the duties of which office he admirably administered until the close of 1865. He served as justice of the peace during 1877, and county school commissioner for 1867 and 1868, and was probate judge during the latter two years. He also served one term in the legislature and was chosen speaker of the house. When old Tishomingo County was divided in 1870, Mr. Carmack was selected to transcribe the records of the old county for the new counties of Prentiss and Tishomingo, the original records going to Alcorn County, and accepted the old courthouse at Jacinto as payment, and in 1871 established a school therein, which was continued until his death in 1882. To show the high esteem in which he was held by his pupils, it is only necessary to state that after his death they had erected a handsome monument at his grave. In 1850 Mr. Carmack was married to Miss Elizabeth Turner, a native of Tennessee, whose parents, William and Nancy Turner, had moved to Tishomingo County in 1848. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Carmack: Mrs. J. B. Reynolds, John C., Mrs. L. L. Miller, E. W., Jr., and

Miss Elizabeth, now residing at Farmersville, Texas; Dr. Frank T., a prominent physician of Iuka, Mississippi; Mrs. W. W. Cunningham, of Booneville, Mississippi; and Mrs. Frank Jones of Rosco, Texas.