

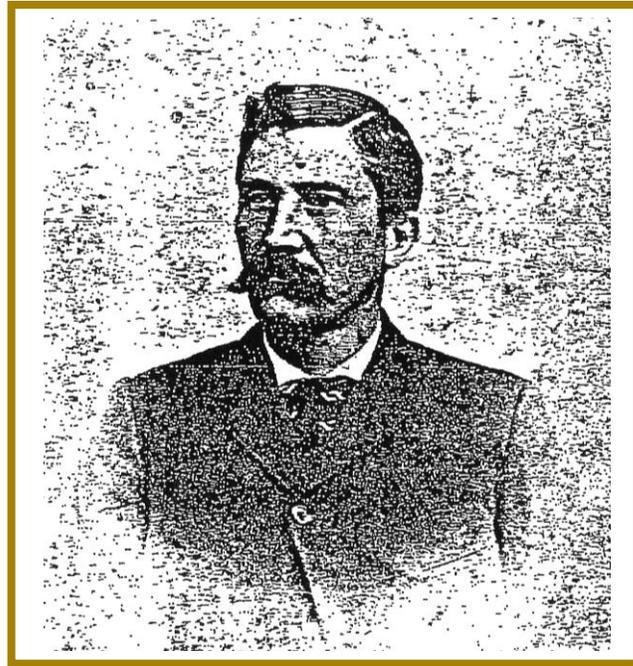


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NEWTON A. GLASS

19TH SHERIFF



Newton Anderson Glass served as Sheriff from 1885 – 1900.

Newt was born October 16, 1849 in Virginia, the son of Judge Glass. He married Virginia Rodgers Hightower February 18, 1871 in Henry County. They had no children, but raised a niece Raleigh Virginia Glass. They lived in the city of McDonough.

His wife Virginia was the daughter of Richard H. Hightower the 13th Sheriff of Henry County and also the Sister of Oscar Hightower whose son was Louis (Lewis) D. Hightower the 22nd Sheriff of Henry County.

Additionally, Newton's sister Tommie Louisa Glass married Levi Asbury Leslie Turner who was the son of Levi H. Turner the 10th Sheriff of Henry County.

Newton was one of the early commissioners of Henry County. The old School building was sold while he was a commissioner.

In July, 1897 Sheriff Glass announced the sale of the old court house to be sold torn down and moved. It sold for \$50.00 and the bricks were used to build three houses on Keys Ferry Street. One house stood where the Bank of America building stands, one where Nations Bank stands and the other in the same vicinity. The construction on the new courthouse began while he was in office.

Sheriff Glass was elected in 1885 and served until 1900. He held the office for fourteen years in succession, and in his voluntary retirement he carries with him a record for efficiency, straight forward honesty, bravery and faithfulness to duty unsurpassed by any sheriff who has ever preceded him.

Newton died August 12, 1923 and is buried in grid 18 of the McDonough Memorial Cemetery on Macon Street in McDonough.

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