



LEWIS D. HIGHTOWER

22ND SHERIFF



Lewis (Louis) Dozier Hightower served as Sheriff from 1928 – 36.

NOTE: Historians seem to disagree on the spelling of his first name. Records appear as both Lewis or Louis and the dates are so similar as to give the impression they are one in the same.

Lewis (Louis) was born April 28, 1890 to Oscar and Ella L. (Ray) Hightower of Stockbridge. He married Fannie Lambert, born May 14, 1893, sometime in 1912.

If indeed the information is correct, L. D. Hightower was destined to be Sheriff. His Grandfather, Dr. Richard H. Hightower served as Henry County Sheriff three times. His Uncle, though marriage, was Newton Glass who served as Henry County Sheriff for over 15 years.

L. D. Hightower was a county policeman prior to running for Sheriff and received notoriety for his raids on distilleries during prohibition as noted in November 3, 1927 on the front page of The McDonough Advertiser.

On February 23, 1928 L. D. announced his intention to run for Sheriff. The accompanying news article said that he “is a fearless man and will be found at all times to be in the discharge of his official duties”. L. D. went on to win the race for the Democratic nomination between three competitors. L. D. took 1,061 votes, the incumbent Sheriff W. A. Ward took 721 votes and A. D. Tingle acquired 429 votes.

Louis D. Hightower died December 18, 1973 and is buried in Stockbridge alongside his wife Fannie who died October 21, 1967.

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