WAGUESPACK, Wilhelm, St. James, then Orleans Parish, Louisiana

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Louisiana:  Comprising Sketches of Parishes, Towns, Events, Institutions, and

Persons, Arranged in Cyclopedic Form (volume 3), p. 449.  Edited by Alc‚e

Fortier, Lit.D.  Published in 1914, by Century Historical Association.

Waguespack, Wilhelm John, successful New Orleans attorney, was born in St.

James parish, La., June 24, 1862; son of Felicien and Rosella (Faucheux)

Waguespack, both of whom were born in Louisiana, the father in St. James, and

mother in St. John the Baptist parish.  The grandfather, Joseph Waguespack,

was a son of Jean Louis Waguespack, both born in St. Charles parish, and a

great-grandson of Joseph Waguespack, born in Alsace-Lorraine, German Empire,

who came to America in 1720, the family name, of course, being German.  The

birthplace of the maternal grandfather, Pierre Faucheux, was the same as that

of his daughter Rosetta, his family having come over from France at about the

same time the Waguespack family came from Germany.  Felicien Waguespack has

long been regarded as one of the most successful sugar planters of St. James

parish, where he still resides, aged 73 years at this writing, esteemed as one

of the state's substantial and useful citizens, who was an ardent supporter of

the cause of the Confederacy in the dark hours of its need.  He was one among

the very first to respond to the call at the beginning of the war between the

states, enlisted and went to the front as a member of Crescent City regiment,

volunteers, serving with gallantry to the end of that memorable struggle.

Wilhelm John Waguespack was reared at the family home on the St. James parish

plantation, and after finishing the prescribed course at Jefferson college

entered Georgetown university at Washington, D. C., from which institution he

graduated with the degree of A. B., in 1882.  Following this, he came to New

Orleans and entered upon the study of law in the office of the late Edward D.

White, chief justice of the United States supreme court and in 1884 graduated

from Tulane university with the degree of LL. B., immediately thereafter

beginning the practice of law in the city of New Orleans, his clientele soon

extending to adjoining parishes and throughout the state.  In 1908 he was

induced to accept the office of assistant U. S. district attorney for the

eastern district of Louisiana and served in that capacity with conspicuous

ability, but the growing demand for his advice became such as to cause him to

resign the office in 1911 that he might give his undivided attention to the

interests of his clients.  In national and state politics, Mr. Waguespack

aligns himself with the Progressive element of the republican party, and he

was his party's candidate for the office of attorney general of the state in

the campaign of 1908, but he has sought no other elective office and his

political activities have been chiefly limited to the obligations of

citizenship.  In faith he is a Catholic.  On Jan. 9, 1889, Mr. Waguespack was

married to Miss Felicie M. Poche, daughter of the late Felix P. Poche,

distinguished associate justice of the Louisiana supreme court.  They have 6

living children, the family home being at 1717 Peters avenue, New Orleans.