

BROOKS A. COLOMB, M. D.

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Colomb, Brooks A., M. D., successful physician, Colomb, St. James parish, La., was born in St. James parish, March 25, 1862; son of Henry Octave and Elizabeth Bradwell (Brooks) Colomb, the former of whom was born in Ascension parish, La., and the latter in Mobile, Ala. The father devoted his energies to the vocation of a sugar planter throughout life. A few years prior to his death he retired from active business and moved to Florida. His death occurred at Union, La., at the age of 76 years. The mother died Feb. 4, 1912. The paternal grandfather was a native of Herblais, a suburb of Paris, France, whence he went to San Domingo at an early date. After some years in this latter location, he came to the United States about the year 1800. The mother's family, Brooks, came originally from England, locating in South Carolina, from which branches of the family have been extended south and into various parts of the country. The paternal grandfather, Christopher Colomb, after locating in the United States, became very prosperous and took a prominent part in public affairs. He occupied a district bench in Ascension parish during some time. He married a Miss Bringier, of Ascension parish, and some years later was married to a daughter of Admiral Perry. Christopher Colomb was a direct descendant of Christopher Columbus. Two children were born to Henry Colomb and wife, namely: Henry Octave, now deceased, and Brooks A., the subject of this sketch.

The latter received his earlier education at private schools of the locality in which he was born, following which he passed 2 years as a

student in the academic department of the Louisiana State university. When this latter course of instruction had been completed, he entered the medical department of Tulane university, after passing 2 years in which, and 2 years as interne in the New Orleans Charity hospital, he received his degree of M. D. Then, in 1885, he went to Florida, where he remained in medical practice about 3 years.

In 1888 he returned to Louisiana and located at Colomb, where he has since devoted his abilities to the requirements of his patients. The doctor is a member of the Episcopal church. He is also affiliated with the Woodmen of the World, the St. James Parish Medical and the Louisiana State Medical societies.

On Oct. 24, 1894, Dr. Colomb was married to Miss Margaret Scott Gilmore, a daughter of Prof. James H. and Estelle (Berrick) Gilmore, of Marion, Va. Mrs. Colomb's parents are both now deceased. Her father was during a number of years professor of law in the University of Virginia. Her mother was born at; Washington, D. C. Six children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Colomb, as follows: Bessie Brooks, a graduate of Silliman college, Clinton, La.; Brooks A., Estelle Gilmore, Henry Octave, Margaret L., and Catherine Ioor. The latter five are now in high school.