Biography

Judge W. T. "Lum" B. Born, Edgecombe County, 1829. He was graduated from Wake Forest College in 1854 and studied law under Chief Justice Pearson. For a time he was County Solicitor for Greene County, and in 1856 he located in Greensboro. In the War between the States, he volunteered and was in the service until the war ended, and became a Captain in the Cavalry. A delegate to the NONINFRINGEMENT Convention from Wayne County in 1865, he was also a delegate to the State Convention in 1876. In this year he was appointed by Governor Bradford to succeed Judge Beatty as an Associate Justice of the State Supreme Court. In 1877, however, he retired in order to return to his law practice in Greensboro. In the meantime, he married Evelyn Wooler, a native of the County.

He was a Trustee of the University of North Carolina and also of the Baptist Female University (Meredith College) and for many years a deacon in the First Baptist Church, Goldsboro. Elected as the Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court in 1895, he served with dignity, faithfulness, honesty, and impartiality until his death. A beloved citizen, in his own Church and to the enterprises of his denomination, was rendered by his wife, one of the building and the Second Avenue Campus of Meredith College near Fairlawn Hall. He died Dec. 30, 1900, aged about seventy-two.

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