

FAYETTE HEWITT

1879 - 1887

Fayette Hewitt, was born October 15, 1831, in Larue County, Kentucky. He was the son of Robert and Eliza (Chastain) Hewitt. He received his education under the careful instruction of his father, who died when Fayette was eighteen years of age. He at once succeeded his father as principal of the school and continued the academy for ten years.

In 1860 he received an appointment in the Post Office Department at Washington, under President Buchanan. This he resigned in March 1861, and soon afterwards was appointed adjutant-general under President Davis of the Confederacy. He served in this capacity in the trans-Mississippi department and with General Breckenridge as adjutant-general of a brigade, enduring all manner of hardships and sufferings in behalf of the cause that was lost. He had three horses killed under him, in different battles, and several bullets pierced his clothing, but he escaped unhurt.

When he returned home it had been his intention to practice law, but the Kentucky legislature had passed a law that no one who had been a soldier in the Confederate Army should practice law in the state. When that law prohibiting him from practicing was repealed (a year later) he was at once admitted to the bar of Hardin County. He made a successful beginning in the legal profession, but in 1867 Governor Stevenson appointed him quartermaster general, which office he held until 1876.

In August, 1879, he was elected state Auditor, and assumed the duties of that office on January 1, 1880. He was twice re-elected state Auditor, and held that office until November, 1889, when he resigned to accept the presidency of the State National Bank of Frankfort.