

He was an all-round lawyer and not confined to any particular class of cases. He was engaged as counsel in the following cases of note: *People v. Orrin A. Carpenter* for murder; Petersburg, Ills., *People v. Charles Houlden*, murder; *Fisher v. Chicago & Alton R. R. Co.*, case; *Carter v. Wynne et al.*, chancery.

In politics he is a staunch Republican; in religion a Presbyterian. He married Fannie D. Regnier of Petersburg, in February, 1861. They have one son and one daughter—Edward R. and Ellen R.

As a citizen, lawyer or friend Mr. Branson has few equals.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF MRS. MARINDA BRANSON MOORE.

MARINDA BRANSON MOORE, wife of J. W. Moore of Rockingham County, died in great peace and triumph on Monday evening the 27th of June, 1864. She was in her 35th year, and seemed to be just entering a field of extensive usefulness.

Early training.—Her parents, William and Martha Branson, gave her, in early life, the very best mental and religious training for the times and the country in which they lived. At a very early age, a more than usually active mind was discovered, and this was cultivated as carefully and rapidly as possible. Her religious training was in the hands of one of the noblest and most pious of all mothers—a mother who but lately passed into the portals of glory, the first and best of a happy family. Her classic education was commenced under Mrs. Whitney, at the age of thirteen, and finished at Greensboro Female College in 1854.

Conversion.—Here is an example in favor of early conversion, and also in favor of campmeeting religion. Mrs. Moore was converted, I believe in her eleventh year during a very glorious campmeeting at Franklinville church, and seemed never afterwards to have lost the knowledge of her