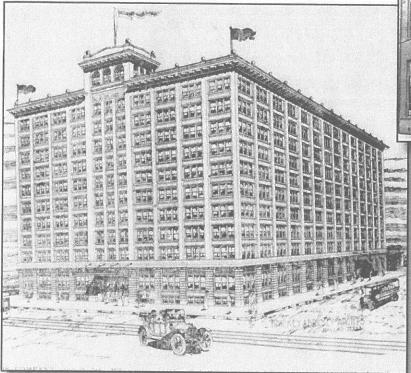
## G. Photographs





Henry H. White began his career in 1881 working for Collin County National Bank as assistant cashier. He held that position for nearly 30 years before leaving the bank (above), moving to Dallas and becoming a principle in the Dallas Dry Goods Company (at left) in 1912.



James L. White (1857-1913)

Assistant Cashier Henry H. White reported to his brother James who was Cashier of the Collin County National Bank for 30 years. Both brothers left the bank around the same time. James moved to Dallas to work for the Republic Trust Company. He was tragically murdered by a client over a disagreement about a real estate transaction.

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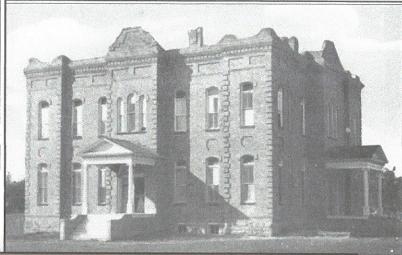
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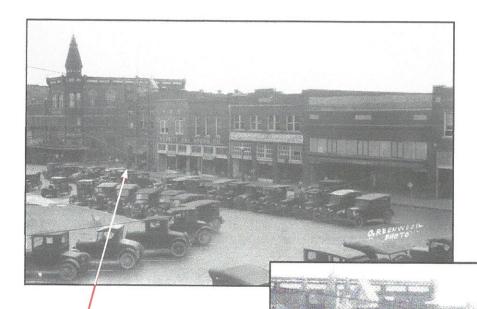
James H. Merritt (1881-1949)

James H. Merritt graduated in 1898 from the McKinney Collegiate Institute. He continued his education at the McKinney Business College and landed a job working for dry-goods store owner W.S. Knight.





The above photo is of the teachers and graduates of McKinney Collegiate Institute in 1898. James Merritt is on the second row, farthest on the right. The Institute was founded in 1888 and offered both preparatory and college classes. The Institute was located near the intersection at Foote and Board Street. When the Institute closed in 1900, the building became home to the Jones Academy. It later became a public school known as the Central Ward Elementary School. The building was razed in 1952 to make way for an apartment complex.



Crouch Building

Collin County National Bank

Greatest of All Sales

W. S. KNIGHT \$20,000,00 Bankrupt Stock at 60c on the dol il goods lower than any store in North Texas. Never befor to many goods in so short a time. Prices are doing to The Great Sale Will Continue Until All Spring and Summer G

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BANKRUPT PRICES MEAN A GREAT SAVING TO YOU ON A NEW SUIT of PANTS

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Big \$1.35 Saving Lace Curtains Hosiery Special 10c Canvass Gloves

5c

50c Work Shirts 39c

39c

GREAT SALE MEN'S. LADIES AND CHILDREN'S SHOES AND SLIPPERS

Children's white Sandals, sizes 11 to 2, on sule, pair . 256 Children's Velvet Slippers, Si 2, 150 values the pair , \$1.25 200 pair Laties Stippers, assort-ed values up to 2.50, on sale \$1.45 lloys Gen Metal and Tan Bh 2,39 values, the pair \$1.95 \$1.05 200 pair Men's \$4 shoes, out on table whoice of the lot only . \$2.75

Sample Straw Hats. 50c Shirts 25c 25c USUAL PRICE

50c Underwear 39c \$1 Shirts 85c 85

39c

Buyer of the W. S. Knight Bankrupt Stock South Side Square,

rican Beauty Corsets

35c Persian Lawn 19c White Persian Lawn, 50 in. wide, nice 35c grade, on onle 19c

J.H. Merritt began working for W.S. Knight Dry Goods on the south side of the Square in 1898. He quickly rose in the ranks to become the store manager. In 1910, he left the store to pursue other interests. However, a year later he returned to manage the store which must have been in considerable financial trouble. The store went bankrupt in 1912. Mr. Merritt purchased the failed company and continued to run it for the next 16 years.

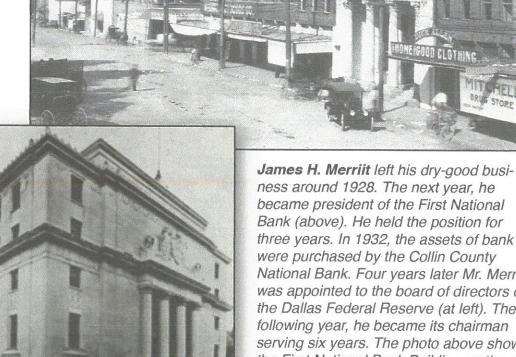
The above photo of the Square shows the J.H. Merritt Dry Goods sign spanning two buildings. In 1925, the store was remodeled by J. Ed Michael to encompass the two buildings between the Collin County National Bank and the Crouch buildings.

The full-page ad (at left) is one of Mr. Merritt's first ads to be placed in 1912 after becoming owner.

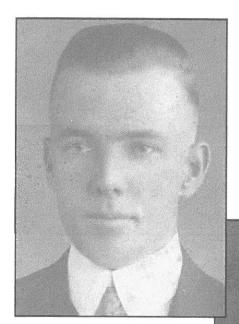


James H. Merriit owned several buildings and properties in McKinney. One of them was the building at 210 N. Tennessee. This building (at left) was built for G.I. Wilcox by L.M. Miller in 1916. It was originally leased to the Standard Garage. Mr. Merritt purchased it around 1920.

First National Bank Building

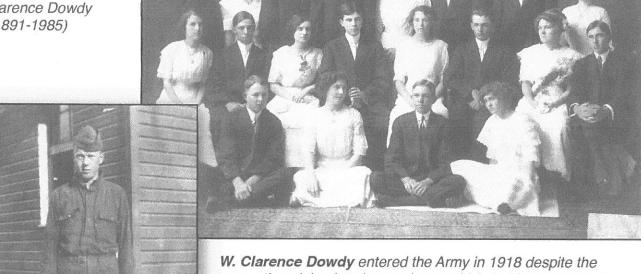


became president of the First National Bank (above). He held the position for three years. In 1932, the assets of bank were purchased by the Collin County National Bank. Four years later Mr. Merritt was appointed to the board of directors of the Dallas Federal Reserve (at left). The following year, he became its chairman serving six years. The photo above shows the First National Bank Building on the east side of the McKinney Square. The photo at left shows the 1921 Federal Reserve Building on 400 Akard Street in Dallas.



W. Clarence Dowdy (1891 - 1985)

William Clarence Dowdy's parents moved to McKinney in 1909 in order to send their seven children to school. Clarence. as he was known as, graduated from McKinney High School in 1912. He received a law degree form the University of Texas in 1916 and admitted to the bar that same year making him possibly its youngest members. The photo below shows the McKinney High graduating class of 1912 including, Marguerite Abernathy, Susan Dowell, Jack Bristol, Moran Hill, Waler McKinney, Morris Stiff and Ira Wolford along with others. Clarence is on the last row, fourth from left, apparently the tallest in the class.



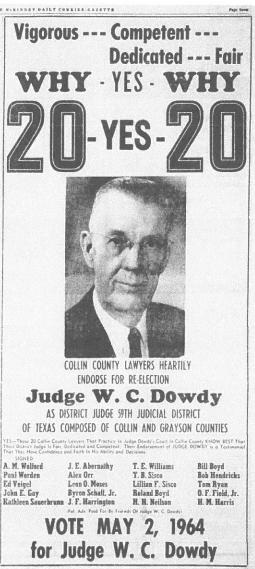
exemption claim that the service would "ruin his profession." While at training camp in Georgia, less than a month before being deployed overseas, Clarance married Emily Gilson in an impromptu late-night ceremony. The photo at left show Clarence in July of 1919 at Camp Mills on Long Island, New York where he was processed out of the service before returning to McKinnev

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In the photo above Clarence Dowdy stands with County Clerk J.H. Sneed in the Collin County Courthouse before it was remodeled in 1927. The political ad at right shows the last time Clarence ran for the District Judge office, his 20th year in the office. He retired in December of 1964. The photo in the lower right corner is of Clarence's wife Emily. The photo in lower left corner taken around 1932 shows Clarence's son Bill in the first grade standing with Ann Atkinson. The following year Ann's family moved to Granbury. Nearly 12 years later, they ran into each other by accident at Gamble's Drug Store (now Square Burger) when she was visiting McKinnev. They corresponded while Bill served in WWII and married in 1947. Bill passed away in 2012 after 65 years of marriage.







Emily (Gilson) Dowdy (1883-1981)



The house at 510 Tucker Street has undergone several remodeling and style changes since its construction around 1898. Historical newspaper articles describe the original house as a seven-room structure. The photo at left shows a Folk-Victorian style house with two stories (circa 1912).

## Original Structure

J.H.Merritt purchased the house in 1914 and in 1915 contracted with Dan Jones to add more rooms. The result is a two-story Arts & Craft Style structure as seen in the photo at right.

In 1923, J.H. Merritt had the house remodeled once more. This time he contracted with the Osborne Bros. to sheathe the house with a brick veneer in a style that leans toward the Prairie Style.

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The house exterior went decades without further alteration until the W.C. Dowdy, Jr. added on to the rear of the house and painted it some time between 1985 and 2005.