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Alexander Campbell Ellis

ELLIS, ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, Lawyer, son of William G. and Susan Arnold Ellis, was born August 6, 1830, in Kenton County, Kentucky. His father and grandfathers, on both sides, settled in Kenton County when it was yet a wilderness, and were among the most worthy, valuable men of the early days of the Commonwealth. (See sketch of Wm. G. Ellis.) A. C. Ellis received a thorough education in the private schools of the country, and as a pupil of Prof. Mead, at Covington. He began to teach school at an early age; and, after pursuing that avocation for several years, took a thorough course of select study in Cincinnati. In 1856, he had charge of a flourishing school in Bourbon County; and, in the Fall of the same year, received the appointment of Deputy Clerk for the Kenton Circuit Court, occupying the position for nine years. In 1858, he was appointed to fill the unexpired term of his father as Commissioner for the Public-schools of the county; was elected Clerk of the County Court of Kenton County, in 1866; was re-elected in 1870, serving eight years; commenced reading law in 1856; continued his legal studies during his service in the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court; and was admitted to the bar in 1862, but did not engage in active practice until after retiring from the office of County Clerk, in 1874. He has since pursued, with flattering success, the practice of his profession, at Covington. In 1865, he was elected member of the Board of School Examiners for Covington, still holding that position; in 1870, was elected member of the School Board; was re-elected in 1872, serving four years; and, in 1867, was elected member of the City Council, but resigned before the expiration of his term. He is a man of admirable personal appearance; of exceptional personal and professional habits; is a cautious, energetic business man; has a high sense of personal and professional honor; and occupies a fine position at the bar. He has always been a Democrat in politics; and, since his twentieth year, has been a zealous member of the Disciples' Church. Mr. Ellis was married, July 8, 1859, to Mrs. Kate Hereford, *née* Blackburn. They have six living children.