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Madison County - John M. Taylor

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John M. Taylor came from an excellent Virginia family. He was well educated to practice law and came to Huntsville in 1817. For a short time, Taylor was a merchant, but soon returned to his profession as a lawyer. He married the sister of local merchant Phillip Foote.

Taylor was elected by his peers from Madison County to serve at the Constitutional Convention of 1819. Several years later, Taylor formed a practice with Judge Minor, whom he succeeded on the Supreme Court in 1825.

John Taylor was elected to the office as circuit judge and in 1832, the court was entirely reorganized. Taylor was elected as one of three judges to serve a six-year term in office. He resigned from office in 1832. A short time later, he moved to Mississippi where he practiced law until his death in 1860.

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