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**JOHN MEEM PAYNE (1840-1934) RECOLLECTIONS OF LYNCHBURG**

The Recollections consist of MEEM's reminiscences about Lynchburg before the Civil War, particularly about where businesses were located and where people lived.

**JOHN MEEM PAYNE (1840-1934)**

John Meem PAYNE, son of Dr. Robert Spotswood PAYNE and Frances A. R. MEEM, was born 11 November 1840 in Lynchburg, Virginia. [R. A. Brock, *Virginia and Virginians*, Vol. II (Richmond: H. H. Hardesty, 1888), pp. 583-584; 1850 Census, Campbell County, VA, National Archives and Records Service, M-432, Roll 938, p. 125.]

PAYNE attended the University of Virginia from 1858 until 1861 and was a member of the Southern Guard, a student company at the University. During the Civil War, he served as ordnance officer in Richmond, Virginia. He was promoted to Captain in 1863 and ordered to report to Company K of the 48th Regiment, Virginia Infantry. He never served in this regiment as he was "declared unfit for duty." From March 1863 until January 1865, he served at Wilmington, North Carolina, "overseeing the importation and distribution of ord[nance] material." He was later assigned to Greensboro, North Carolina, where he was paroled on 26 April 1865. [John D. Chapla, *48<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry* (Lynchburg: H. E. Howard, 1989), p. 145.]

John Meem PAYNE married 2 December 1863 in Montgomery County, Virginia, Elizabeth Allen LANGHORNE, daughter of John Archer LANGHORNE and Margaret KENT. [Brock, *Virginia and Virginians*, loc.cit.]

A resident of Amherst County, Virginia, John Meem PAYNE was a lawyer and also served as Commissioner of Accounts for a number of years. He died 16 May 1934 and was buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery in Lynchburg. [Obituary, *Lynchburg News*, 17 May 1934, p. 9 col. 1.]