

SAMUEL WILBER HAGER

1904 –1908

Samuel Wilber Hager, was born December 19, 1858, in Gallia County, Ohio. He was the son of William James and Phoebe Ann (Roach) Hager. As a small child his parents moved to Salyersville, Magoffin County, Kentucky. He obtained a common school education, and later engaged in teaching school. Eventually he entered what is now the University of Kentucky where he graduated.

In 1887 he moved to Ashland, Kentucky, where he became an associate with his uncle. In 1896 he was elected County Judge of Boyd County, a position which he filled with honor and distinction. He became a nominee of the Democratic party for the office of State Treasurer and was elected in 1899. In 1903 he was elected State Auditor. Four years later he won the nomination for governor, but was defeated. When Governor Stanley was elected, he appointed Samuel Hager as a member of the Workmens' Compensation Board.

Samuel W. Hager and Elizabeth Woods White were married June 30, 1885. Of this union there was two sons, Lawrence W. and William Bruce.

Samuel W. Hager died December 27, 1918.