

**SILHOUETTE PROFILES
OF
UNION COUNTY LEGISLATORS
IN 1855**

**SENATOR SAMUEL YOUNG JAMESON
REPRESENTATIVE JOHN SIMPSON FAIN
REPRESENTATIVE SUMNER J. SMITH**

LATER,
JAMESON ENLISTED IN THE CONFEDERATE 6TH CALVARY REGIMENT.
FAIN COMMANDED THE CONFEDERATE 65TH INFANTRY REGIMENT.
SMITH RAISED AND COMMANDED THE CONFEDERATE SMITH'S LEGION.

Profile Likenesses of the Executive And Legislature of Georgia, 1855

The complete *Profile Likenesses of the Executive and Legislature of Georgia, 1855*, contains almost 200 full body silhouette portraits of Georgia State Government officials. A copy is in The Georgia State Archives. The original book contains lists of all executive and legislative officials in 1855. It also lists them by their home counties. The lists are included in this abridged edition. The names at bottom of each page are the actual signatures of the officials.

Union County Legislators

Senator S. Y. Jameson

Representative John S. Fain

Representative S. J. Smith

Traditional Silhouette Portraiture

A silhouette portrait can be painted or drawn. However, the traditional method of creating silhouette portraits is to cut them from lightweight black cardboard, and mount them on a pale (usually white) background. This was the work of specialist artists, often working out of booths at fairs or markets. A traditional silhouette portrait artist would cut the likeness of a person, freehand, within a few minutes. Some modern silhouette artists also make silhouettes portraits from photographs of people taken in profile.

The word silhouette is an eponym of Etienne de Silhouette, a French finance minister who in 1759 was forced by France's severe credit crisis during the Seven Years War to impose severe economic demands upon the French people, particularly the wealthy. Because de Silhouette enjoyed making cut paper portraits, his name became synonymous with these portraits and with anything done or made cheaply. Prior to the advent of photography, silhouette profiles cut from black card were the cheapest way of recording a person's appearance.

In America, silhouettes were highly popular from about 1790 to 1840. The invention of the camera signaled the end of the silhouette as a widespread form of

portraiture. The skill was not lost, and traveling silhouette artists continued to work at state fairs into the 20th century.

William Henry Brown **1808-1883**

William Brown (born Charleston, SC) was a renowned silhouette artist, considered a child prodigy. He cut his silhouettes free hand, often from memory. He was very industrious, producing a 25-foot long silhouette of a St. Louis fire brigade. He produced an enormous volume of his work in *Profile Likenesses of the Executive and Legislature of Georgia*, 1855, that contains almost 200 of his full body silhouette portraits. This work was reproduced and published as Duotone Photogravures. He also produced *Portrait Gallery of Distinguished American Citizens*” with *Biographical Sketches and Fac-Similies of Original Letters*.

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Georgia Secretary of State
Karen C. Handel

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BY

W.H. BROWN.

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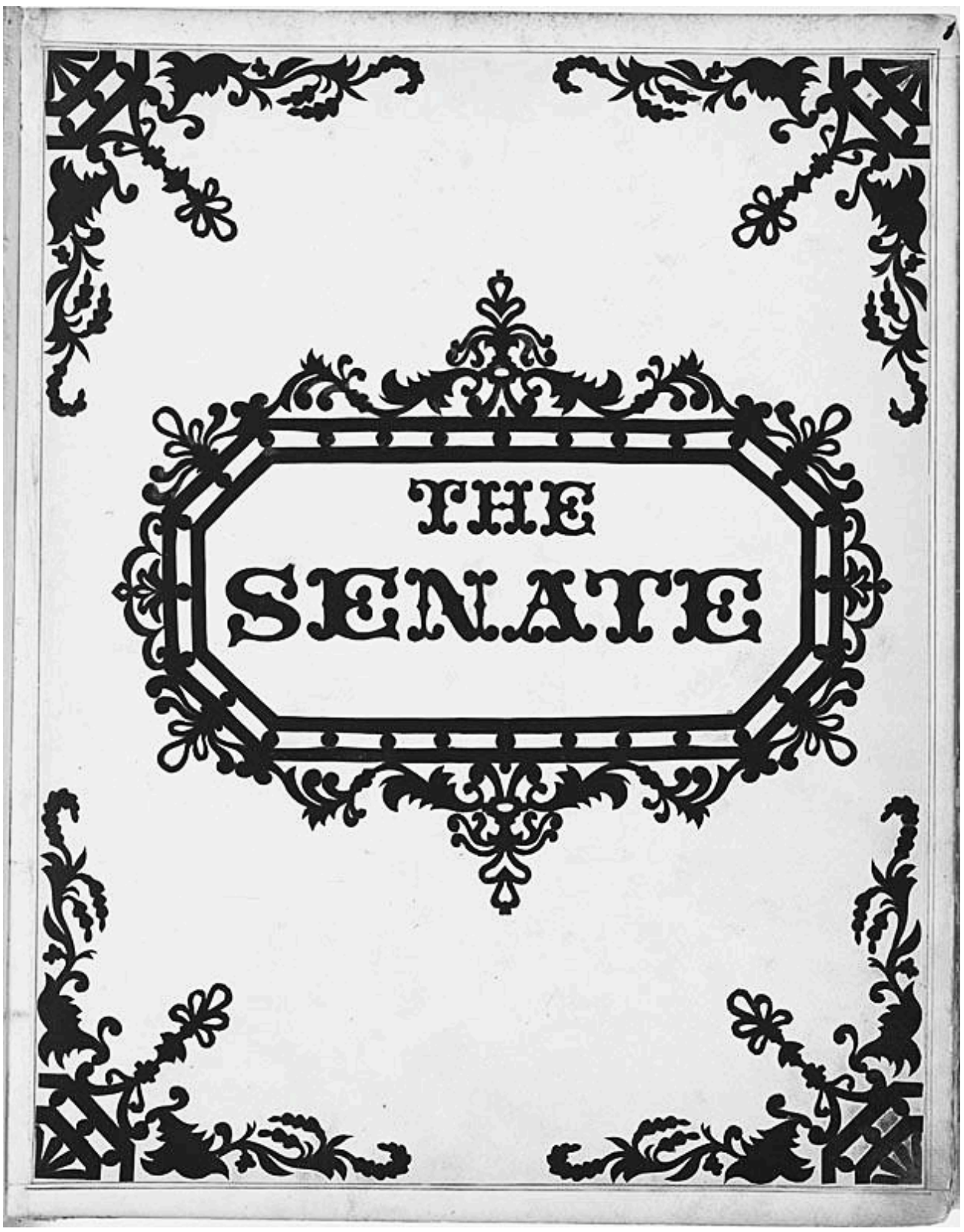
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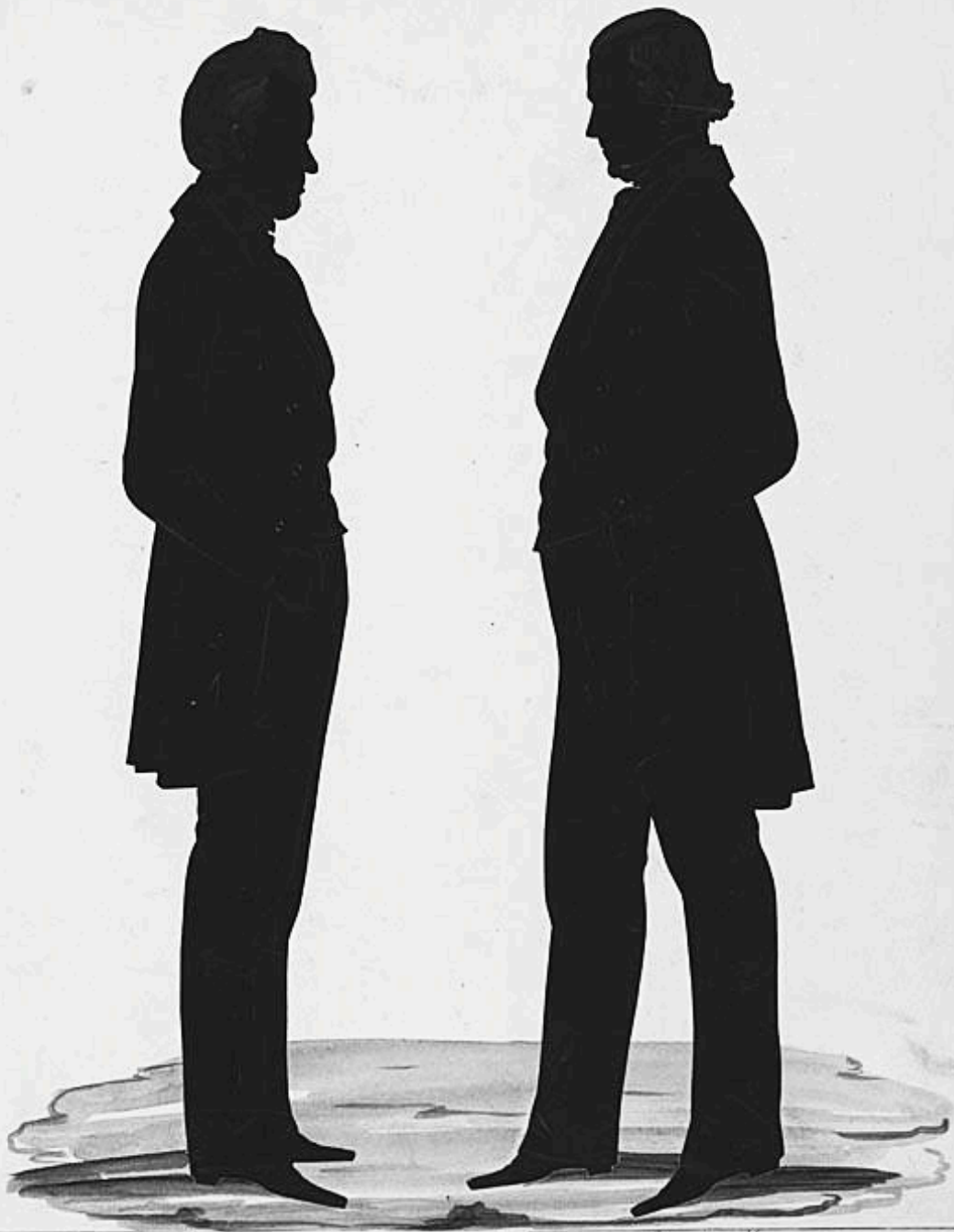
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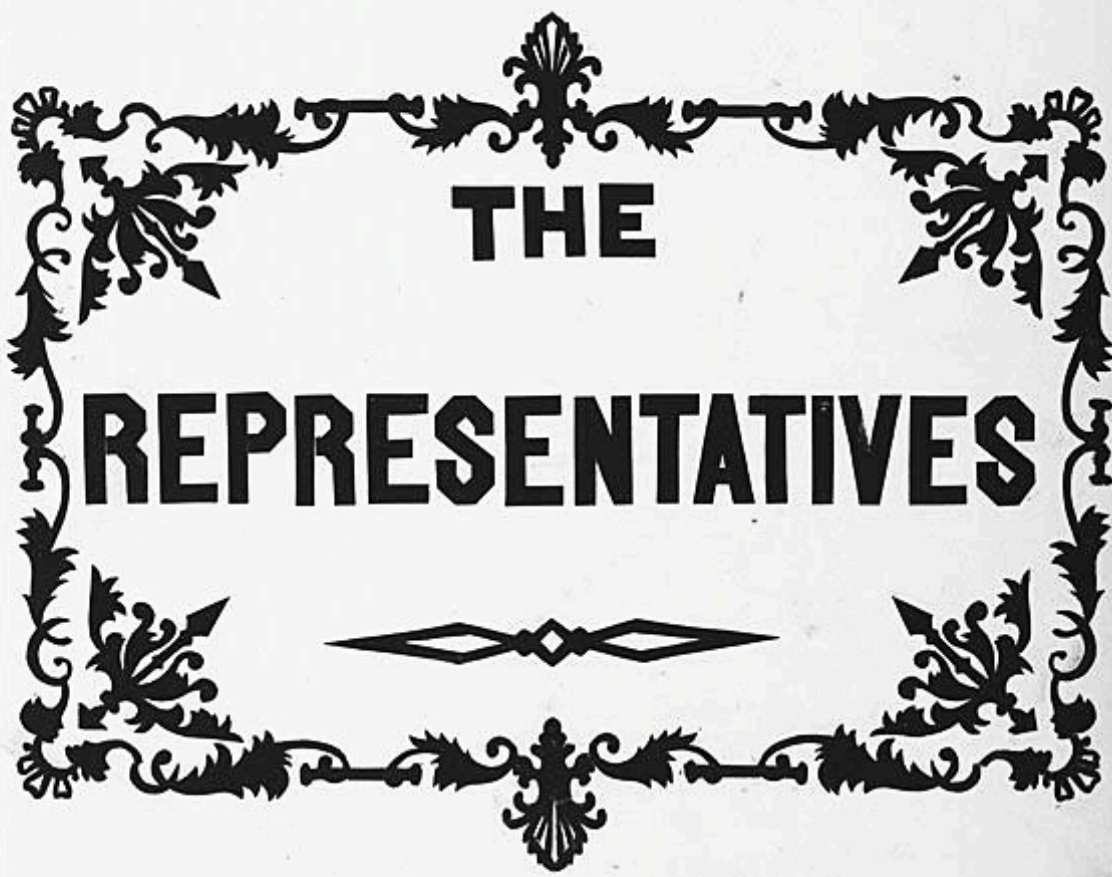
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*S. Y. Jameson
Union County*

*James Hend
Harris Co*

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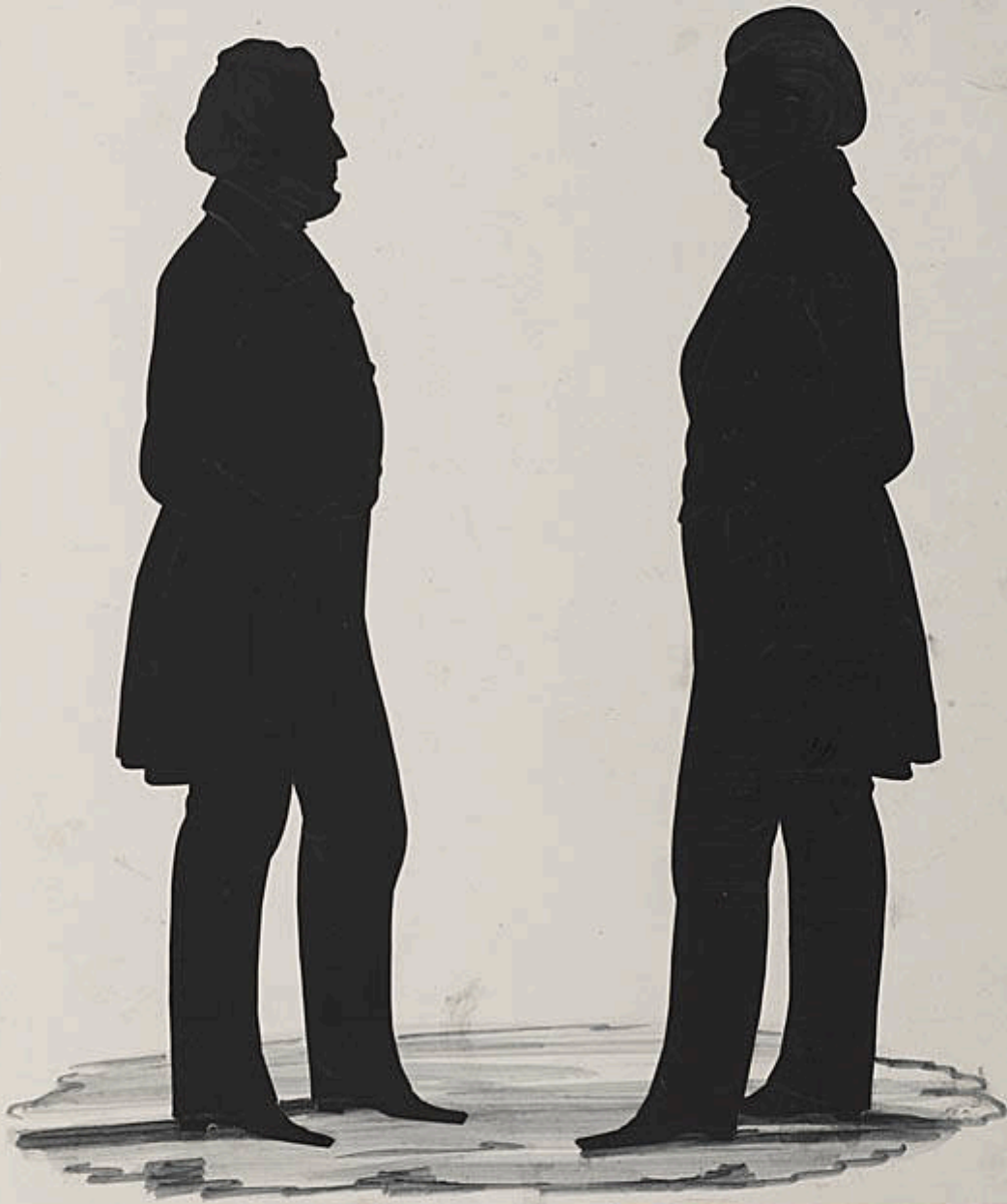
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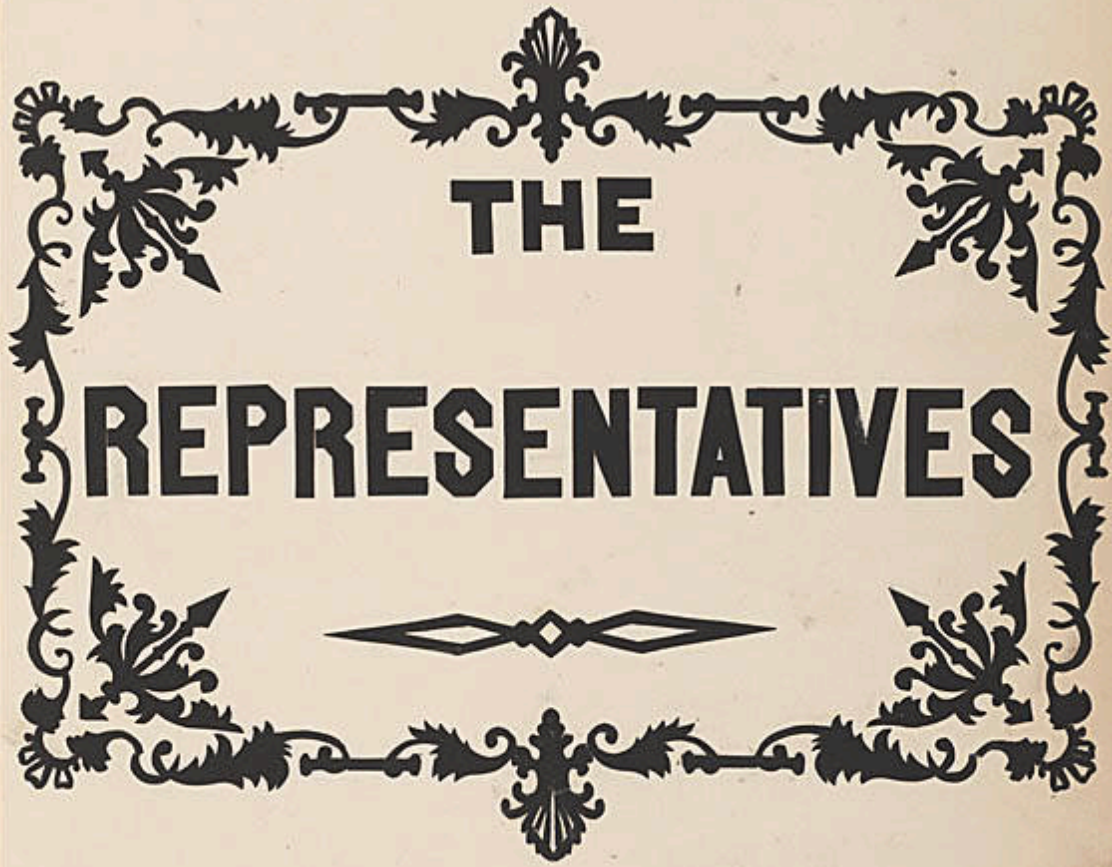
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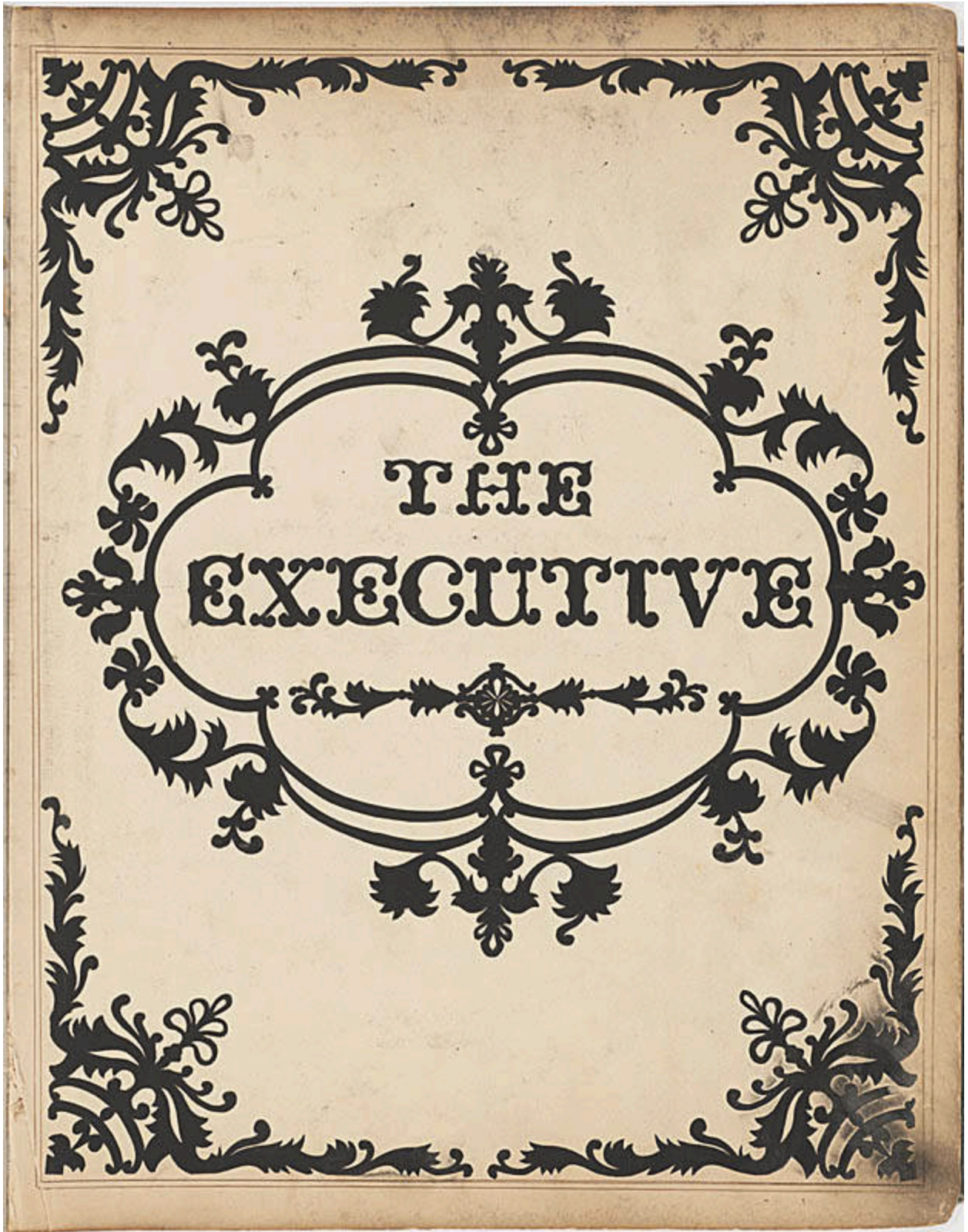
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*Herschel W. Johnson
of Burke County*

GOV. HERSCHEL JOHNSON FROM BURKE COUNTY