



Alex M. Burton, seated on the right, and his wife, Virginia “Jennie” Ensor Burton, seated in the center, and their children. Seated on the left is Sam Ensor Burton who married Maxine Goodan. Standing, left to right: Ruth Burton, married Paul Petretzsky; Virginia Burton, married V.O. Maggart; and Allison Burton, who married Peggy Alcorn. Alex, a former sheriff of Putnam County, was the son of Samuel S. Burton and Maggie young Burton. Virginia was the daughter of William Wirt Ensor and Monsie Amonett Ensor. Courtesy Maurine Ensor Patton

#### **ALEX BURTON TO RUN FOR SHERIFF**

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A man young in years but with an experience and mature judgment beyond his age, known in his home community as well as abroad as a good citizen, a Democrat, and above all as a law abiding and law respecting man, has announced in this issue of the Herald as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Sheriff of this county, in the person of Alex Burton. He comes from that sturdy pioneer stock who emigrated to the Cumberland settlements over a hundred years ago from old Virginia and peopled this new country with that unadulterated strain of Anglo-Saxon blood which is the pride of our State. He has a wide family connection.

Alex Burton is a farmer, and when that is said, it means that he knows the hardships and the obstacles that a man who is reared on a farm has to overcome. His father, now dead, was Sam Burton, a respected citizen of the Twelfth District.

Alex Burton, though he has never sought a public office before, realizes that a public official owes it to the voters when elected to do his duty fully and completely, without fear or favor, and to that end he promise, if nominated, to dedicate his services.

In due time he intends to make a complete canvass of the county, and respectfully asks the support and influence of the voters in the Democratic primary when called.

*My Aunt Audrey Burton (Loftis) Wallace was just a infant when her father Milton Otis Loftis was killed in service as a Deputy Sheriff. His boss was this man, Alex M. Burton. Milton Otis named his last child Audrey Burton Loftis after his boss Alex M. Burton. She said she always hated that name. I was named after Audrey Burton Loftis, my name is Audrey June (Denny) Lambert.*



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