

MR. JOHN THOMAS GAYTON

Seattle, Washington



Mr. John T. Gayton, whose reliability attests the fact; that his record has covered a long period of usefulness in the city. Born in Yazoo City, Mississippi, where he received his primary education (finishing at Wilson Business College in this city). He came to Seattle with the family of Dr. Yandell, acting as coachman, later entered the services of Mr. Austin Bell, one of the first millionaires in the city. Leaving that service he engaged in following the trade of a painter. He obtained a position with the Seneca Club, the first organization of its kind in the city, composed of such men as Josiah Collins, F. K. Struve and Mr. Austin Palmer. When the Rainier Club came into existence he was engaged by the management and remained for fourteen years, the last few years as steward. The late Judge Honford of the Federal Court appointed him Messenger-Baliff, which position he has held for the past twenty-five years.

Being a close observer he has acted with prudence, and a literary student has made him very efficient in the procedure of the Federal law; which brings him in contact with the legal talent of the city; who rely on his decisions to a great extent. He resides with his family, wife and four children at 434 26th Ave. N., John T., Jr., James A., Leonard C., and Miss Louise E.

His genial disposition and unfailing courtesy has gained for him warm friendship of those whom he has come in contact.