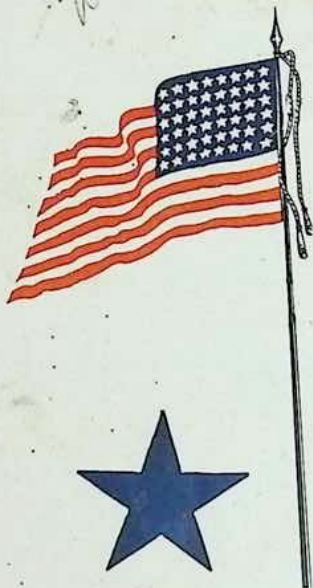


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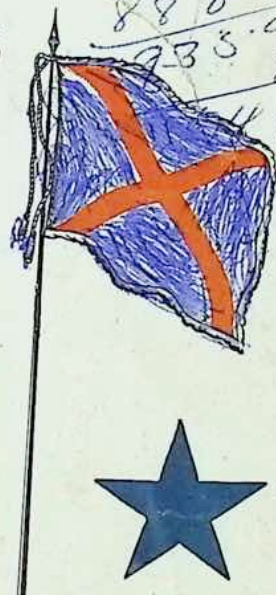
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JAMES E. FOLSOM

Governor

1947 — 1951

1955 — 1959





James Elisha Folsom, shown above with his wife, Jamelle, and children, was born Oct. 9, 1908, near Elba in Coffee County, the son of Joshua and Eulala Folsom. He was one of seven children. After graduating from high school in 1927 he enrolled at the University of Alabama, supporting himself by working at campus jobs. The following year he entered Howard College but the great Elba flood which almost ruined the family farm cut short his collegiate career inasmuch as he was needed at home.

From 1929 to 1932 he worked as a seaman on an ocean freighter and as a guide and doorman in New York. In 1933, then 25 years of age, he returned to Alabama as WPA Director at Guntersville. He continued with the WPA, in Alabama and Washington, D. C., until 1935.

He began his political career in 1936, running unsuccessfully for a congressional seat against Henry B. Stegall. In the same year he married Sarah Carnley and entered the insurance business in Cullman in association with his brother-in-law, Ross Clark. There followed another unsuccessful try for Congress in 1938 but the Folsom vote-getting abilities were beginning to show themselves and in his 1942 race for governor he carried eight counties against Chauncey Sparks.

In 1942 he enlisted in the Army and later in the same year transferred to the Merchant Marine. In 1944 his wife, Sarah, died suddenly and Folsom returned to Cullman to care for the two daughters, Rachel and Melissa, which had blessed this union. The Spring of 1946 found him again on the stump and attracting the largest crowds in the history of Alabama gubernatorial campaigns. In May he led his principal opponent, Handy Ellis, and then swamped him in the June run-off with the largest vote ever given a candidate for governor in Alabama. On May 5, 1948, he married Jamelle Moore, of Berry, Ala. They have four children—James E., Jr., Andrew Jackson, Jamelle Alabama and Thelma Ebelene.

In May 1954, running for his second term, he defeated six opponents to win the nomination without the necessity of a run-off, polling 305,384 votes, 15,564 more than the total of the other six combined. The tremendous total broke his own previous record and firmly entrenched Jim Folsom as "The Champ" of Alabama's political history.



The present Governor's Mansion was purchased in 1950. Located at 1142 South Perry Street it is one of the Capital City's showplaces. The State acquired the property from the Ligon family, whose home it had been for many years. The gleaming white structure, of ante-bellum design, is surrounded by spacious grounds and lovely oaks. It was built in 1900.

The purchase price of the property in 1950 was \$100,000 and an equal amount or more was spent in completely modernizing and re-furnishing the mansion. Today it is a home in keeping with the high office of Chief Executive of the State and a fitting gathering place for the guests and visitors of Alabama's first family.

The present mansion was purchased during the closing months of Governor Folsom's first term and the necessary renovating and re-furnishing was completed in time for occupancy by Governor Gordon Persons at the commencement of his term in 1951.

Governor Folsom, starting his second term at the helm of Alabama's government, thus also will be the second Chief Executive to occupy the handsome mansion situated in stately elegance under the towering oaks of Montgomery's South Perry Street.

To all the elected officials of the State of Alabama—including the many county officials whose names could not be listed on the reverse side of this sheet because of space limitations—this color souvenir is respectfully dedicated. May all Alabamians join with these splendid men and women of our state and county governments to make the years 1955-56-57-58 the most outstanding in every way of all the years of our state's glorious history.

(See inside for complete list of Alabama's Statewide elected officials)



Montgomery has been Alabama's Capital City and the home of the beautiful state house since 1847. Situated on Goat Hill at the head of Montgomery's Dexter Avenue the present structure dates back to 1851.

The original Capitol building completed in 1847 was destroyed by fire in 1849 and the present building was not completed until two years later. A brass star on the front portico marks the spot where Jefferson Davis stood as he took the oath as President of the Confederacy. It was on the second floor, which houses the Senate Chamber and the Hall of the House of Representatives, that the Alabama Secession Convention met in 1861 and voted to withdraw from the Union.

Lining the corridors of the first floor are portraits of former governors of the state. Other portraits of noted Alabamians are displayed in the Governor's Office and reception rooms. Markers commemorating outstanding events in the state's history may also be seen along the wide first floor corridors. The McKenzie murals, mecca of Alabama art lovers, are on the third floor.

To the right and left of the front entrance hall are the two winding cantilever stairs leading to the second and third floors. An architectural oddity, the stairs apparently have no support other than the piling of one step on the other. The construction appears to be entirely of wood with the hardwood handrails supported only by beautiful slender turned balusters. Lovely lawns, spacious oaks, and lush and beautiful shrubbery and flower beds surround the imposing gleaming white structure and make it one of America's beautiful capitols.

A hostess and guides are on duty at the Capitol building Monday through Friday from 8 to 5 and on Sunday afternoon from 3 to 5.

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