The word "alumnus" as used in this letter, refers to any man who has matriculated at the University, whether a graduate or not.

Absalom Harris Chappell
University of Georgia.

Dear Sir:

As an important part of the celebration of the Centennial of the University, the Board of Trustees has ordered the preparation and publication of a CENTENNIAL ALUMNI CATALOGUE, to contain, as far as possible, a full but concise account of the life and services of all the alumni during the century.

The hearty co-operation of all living alumni, and of the relatives and friends of all deceased, is necessary to the success of the undertaking. Your prompt and careful attention to the inquiries set forth below will be a real service to the University, and will be most cordially appreciated. If you are not able to give the information under any head, please leave the space blank, so that it may be filled by others.

The alma mater again extends to all alumni a hearty invitation to join with her in the celebration of the Centennial, June 12th—19th, 1901.

Fraternally yours,
WALTER B. HILL,
Chancellor.

1. Name, in full, (Do not use initials).

Absalom Harris Chappell

2. Address; state, county, city, street and number:
died in Columbus, Georgia Dec 11th 1878

3. Place and time of birth:
Hancock County Georgia, Dec. 18 1801

4. Date of entrance, with class entered:
Read law under Augustin Clayton about 1820 and matriculated or got some degree at the College at that time or soon after.
5. College honors, or distinctions of any kind:

Was Trustee of the University for many years beginning 1845.

6. Literary Society:

Demosthenian Society

7. Date of graduation, and degree received; or date of leaving college:

8. Other institutions attended later; degrees received; with dates:

9. Honorary degrees; by whom conferred, with dates:

10. Member of learned societies:
11. Facts relating to marriage:

Married May 31st 1842 to Loretto Rebecca Lamar, a sister of Mirabeau B. Lamar, President of Texas, and of Judge E. Q. C. Lamar, the father of the late Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. The widow of the late A. H. Chappell still survives as do five of his children, Mrs. Rebecca D. Tomes of Portsmouth, Va., Lamar Chappell, of Memphis, Tennessee, J. Harris Chappell, Thomas J. Chappell, and Lucie H. Chappell of Kentucky.

12. Facts as to occupation and business life:

A Lawyer by profession.

Was admitted to the bar at Athens in 1820

Began the practice at Sandusky

Moved to Franklin, Monroe County, where his political career began.

Moved to Macon, Bibb County about 1838

Moved to Columbus about 1857

13. Public service:

(a) Civil: Dates and titles of all public offices, appointments, or distinction:

1833, Senator from Monroe County
1839, Representative from Bibb County
1843, Congress from Macon District
1845, Senator from Bibb County, President of Senate
1867, Constitutional Convention from Muscogee County

(b) Military: Dates of service, name of commands, offices held:

(c) Positions in religious or educational work, with dates:

For many years prior to his death he was vestryman in the Protestant Episcopal Church and a member of the Diocesan Conventions of the Church in Kentucky.
14. Writings: "Miscellaneies of Georgia" was compiled and published by him in 1875, treating among other things of the "Oconee War" "De Yazoo from Primeval Squalor", "Middle Georgia", etc.

15. Any additional information of a personal nature:

16. Names and addresses of any relatives, immediate or remote, who were alumni:

Note: If this circular is sent to the relatives of an alumnus deceased, kindly give accurately the date of death.