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

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—18th, 1901.

Fraternally yours,

WALTER B. HILL,
Chancellor.

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

2. Address; state, county, city, street and number: Dec. 11th, 1887, deceased.


4. Date of entrance, with class entered: January 1841, Freshman class.
5. College honors, or distinctions of any kind:

He stood first in his class up to the time at which he left the University.

6. Literary Society: Demosthenian

Date of diploma from the same
Sept. 7th, 1874

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

He left college early in January, 1844, during his senior year.

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

Emory College, Oxford Ga.

Entitled to the first honor but received the second, on account of the short time he attended that college.

Graduated July 14th, 1844

He received from Emory College the degree of LL.D. in 1877.

10. Member of learned societies:

National Educational Association
and Georgia Teachers Association.
11. Facts relating to marriage:

He was married on Dec. 15th, 1847, at Oglethorpe, Ga., to Miss Eliza Caroline Anderson, daughter of Dr. M. Anderson, Targhee, deceased, to whom, from his father and uncle, but her parents moved to Georgia when she was an infant. She was reared in Jackson Co.

12. Facts as to occupation and business life:

He was for 20 years professor of mathematics in Emory college, for 3 years President of Southern Masonic Female College at Covington, Ga., for a year, and a half first professor of mathematics at Oglethorpe college in Atlanta, Ga., and for 16 years state school commissioner of the state of Georgia.

13. Public service:

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

He was commissioner on the part of Georgia to run the boundary line between Georgia and Florida in the winter of 1859-60. The line thus established constitutes the present boundary line. He was state school commissioner from January, 1872 till the date of his death.

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

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

He was an active member of the Methodist church from early manhood until death, filling official positions during nearly the whole of that period. In his position as state school commissioner, he was the founder of the public school system of Georgia. He was president of the National Educational Association in 1882-3.
14. Writings:
He was not the author of any book, but prepared many reports and delivered many addresses which were from time to time published. The greater part of these works were devoted to educational subjects.

15. Any additional information of a personal nature:
He was a model husband and father, a man of much native ability and of much acquired learning, thoroughly systematized and digested. He possessed great executive ability, was an effective speaker, and his writings were models of clear and strong English. The purity of his public and private life was such as to obscure in the minds of the many the fine qualities of his intellect.

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

[Signatures]

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