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

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).

Alexander Middleton Speer

2. Address; state, county, city, street and number:

3. Place and time of birth:

Abbeville District, South Carolina, about 1821

4. Date of entrance, with class entered:

1836
5. College honors, or distinctions of any kind:

6. Literary Society:

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

1839 A. M.

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:

He was first married to Miss Mary Battle of Monroe County, and after her death to Mrs Celeste Sanders, nee Broughton, of Madison, Morgan County.

12. Facts as to occupation and business life:

Was a lawyer of great distinction, was admitted to the bar in Columbus, Ga., in 1840

13. Public service:

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

He was Clerk of House of Representatives of Ga from 1853 to 1858. Anterior to the war he was defeated for Congress by the late Thomas Hardeman in the district in which Macon is situated by one vote. In 1865 immediately after the war he was appointed by Hon. Charles J. Jenkins as Judge of the Flint Circuit and served as such until removed in the Reconstruction period of 1868.

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

He was the oldest member and a private in the Macon Volunteers when that company went out in 1861. In 1862 he was elected Major of the famous 46th Ga. Regiment. Took command of the regiment when Peyton Colquitt, Colonel, was killed in the bloody field of Chickamauga. Was afterwards promoted to the Lieutenant Colonelcy. Afterwards having been elected while in the field a State Senator for the senatorial district embracing Monroe County. He served in that capacity until he was appointed Judge.

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

He was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South of which his father Alexander Speer and his brother Mustace W. Speer were distinguished clergymen.

I3 Public service, (Continued).

(a) Civil:

In 1876 he was again elected Judge of the Flint Circuit and served until 1880. In that year he was elected Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Georgia and served for about two years.

(b) Military (continued)

Senator for the senatorial district embracing Monroe County. He served in that capacity until he was appointed Judge.
His principal writings comprise opinions found in the volumes of the Supreme Court of Ga. from 66 to 69 inclusive.

McMahon vs. Mayor etc. of Savannah, 66 Ga. 217, on the constitutionality of municipal registration laws.

Petersburg, Savannah and Insurance Co. v. 66 Ga. 446, on the sufficiency of compliance with proofs of loss in insurance cases.

Mayor etc. of Rome vs. McWilliams 67 Ga. 106, on the constitutionality of municipal expenditure for fitting up city offices.

City of Atlanta vs. Green, 67 Ga. 386, being the first case arising under the provision in the constitution of 1877, providing that adequate compensation must be paid in cases of damage to private property used for public purposes.

Western Union Telegraph Co. vs. Blanchard, Williams & Co., 68 Ga. 300, on the liability of a telegraph company in respect to telegrams relating to transactions in cotton futures.

White et al. vs. Rowland, 67 Ga. 556.
14. Writings:

His principal writings comprise opinions found in the volumes of the Supreme Court of Ga. from 66 to 69 inclusive.

15. Any additional information of a personal nature:

He was a judge of great distinction, a soldier of resolute courage, one of the best advocates the State ever produced, of fine voice, strong physique, magnetic manner and commanding presence. He was one of the kindest, gentlest and most lovable men of his times.

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

Erskine family. His nephews, the late Hon. Dudley W. Hammond, and Judge Emory Speer.

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