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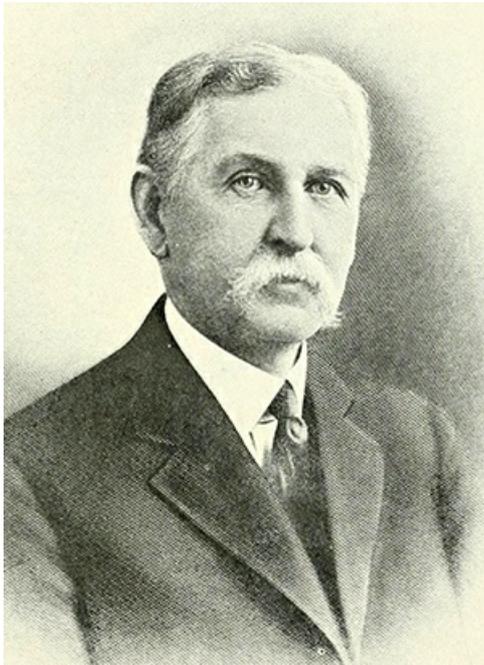


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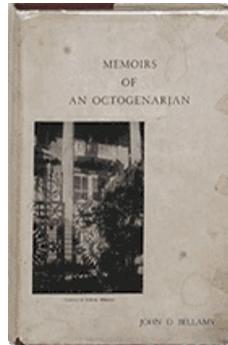
A photograph of John Dillard Bellamy published in 1919. Image from the Internet Archive.

^[3]John Dillard Bellamy, congressman, legislator, attorney, and manufacturer, was born in [Wilmington](#) ^[4], the son of Dr. John Dillard Bellamy and Eliza McIlhenny Harriss. He was educated under George W. Jewett at the [Cape Fear Military Academy](#) ^[5] and was graduated from [Davidson College](#) ^[6] in 1873. After receiving a degree in law from the [University of Virginia](#) ^[7] in 1875, he began the practice of law in Wilmington, where he soon became the city attorney. He served in the [North Carolina Senate](#) ^[8] in 1891–92 and in [Congress](#) ^[8] from 1899 to 1903. He was counsel for the [Atlantic Coast Line Railroad](#) ^[9] and afterwards for the [Seaboard Air Line Railway](#) ^[10]. He established and was the principal owner of the [Wilmington Street Railway](#) ^[11] for a number of years, until it was electrified. He was president of the North Carolina Terminal Company; president and owner with his son-in-law, J. Walter Williamson, of the [Bellwill Cotton Mills](#) ^[12]; largest stockholder of the Delgado Cotton Mills; and the largest local owner of the capital stock of the Carolina Insurance Company.



"Around the Capital"
(detail), engraving, Thomas
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Representatives. Courtesy
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Congress.

^[13]An active Democrat ^[14], Bellamy was a delegate to the national conventions of 1892, 1908, and 1920. He was a delegate to the Washington Disarmament Conference in 1924 and in 1932 was the commissioner from North Carolina to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of George Washington ^[15]. In 1936 he was selected to



Memoirs of an
octogenarian, by John
D. Bellamy. Image
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University. ^[16] cast the electoral vote of North Carolina for Franklin D. Roosevelt ^[17].

Bellamy was grand master of the State of North Carolina of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows ^[18] in 1892 and representative to the sovereign grand lodge of that order for the two following years. He was the author of Address on the Life and Services of General Alexander Lillington ^[19] (Washington, 1905), Sketches of the Bar of the Lower Cape Fear (Raleigh, 1925), Memoirs of an Octogenarian ^[17] (Charlotte, 1942), and Sketch of Maj. Gen. Robert Howe of the American Revolution ^[20] (Wilmington, 1882).

Bellamy was a Presbyterian. He married Emma Mary Hargrove, daughter of Colonel John and Mary Grist Hargrove, in 1876. Their children were Mrs. James Walter Williamson, William McKoy, Emmett Hargrove, Mrs. J. Leeds Barroll, Jr., and Mrs. Nelson McRae.

Bellamy was buried in Oakdale Cemetery ^[21], Wilmington.

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