

## James, Hinton <sup>[1]</sup>

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**24 Apr. 1884–3 Nov. 1948**

Hinton James, businessman and congressman, was born in [Richmond](#) <sup>[2]</sup> (now [Scotland](#) <sup>[3]</sup>) County, the son of Alexander Long and Mary Patterson James. He was the great-grandson of [Hinton James](#) <sup>[4]</sup>, the first student at [The University of North Carolina](#) <sup>[5]</sup>. In 1896, when the university observed its centennial, eleven-year-old Hinton attended; fifty years later, at the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary, he delivered an address.

After attending [Davidson College](#) <sup>[6]</sup>, James farmed and engaged in buying and selling produce, particularly watermelons and cantaloupes; he was also a cotton merchant and had banking interests. As a widely known sportsman he hunted, raised prizewinning dogs, and served as state commissioner of game and inland fisheries (1941–45). James was elected as a [Democrat](#) <sup>[7]</sup> to complete the unexpired term of Congressman [William C. Hammer](#) <sup>[8]</sup> from 4 Nov. 1930 to 3 Mar. 1931; he was not a candidate for another term.

He married Anita Bryant of Laurinburg, and they were the parents of five children: Mary Wall, Anita Bryant, Eliza Patterson, Alice Long, and Hinton, Jr. James was buried in Laurinburg.

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