

## **WHITMELL PUGH MARTIN**

Whitmell Martin, a native of Assumption Parish, was initially a chemist who studied and practiced law. After he served as superintendent of Lafourche Parish Schools from 1894-1900, he was a district attorney and eventually judge for the 20<sup>th</sup> judicial district of Louisiana. In 1914, Martin was elected as Representative from Louisiana's Third Congressional District, serving in Congress until his death in 1929. Martin at first was a "Bull Moose" Progressive, winning despite the long fealty to the Democratic Party of voters in the district. When he sought re-election in 1918, he changed affiliations to the Democratic Party, and still his constituents chose him. Martin also was a member of the Houma lodge of the Order of Masons.