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Benjamin Benson Cahoon was a native of Smyrna, Delaware. He began reading law after service in the Civil War, and he passed the bar examination in Washington, D.C., in 1868. He moved to Madison County, Missouri, in the same year, setting up practice in Fredericktown. He was appointed Madison County attorney in 1869, and served as circuit attorney for the 20th Judicial Circuit in 1870-1872, but he never ran for public office. He enjoyed an extensive legal and land business throughout southeastern Missouri, and was joined by his brother, Medford H. Cahoon, in a firm styled Cahoon & Cahoon.

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1921, Sep 12  “The Old Time Lawyer…,” an address by B. B. Cahoon, Sr., on the life and character of Judge William Carter, delivered at Marble Hill, Missouri.
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