

Men of Mark in Georgia

A Complete and Elaborate History of the State from its settlement to the present time, chiefly told in biographies and autobiographies of the most eminent men of each period of Georgia's progress and development

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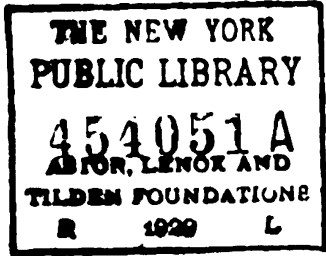
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James Stanley Crews.

Locations:
Georgia
Greenwood, SC
Virginia

Names:
James Stanley Crews

AMONG the railroad men in Georgia who occupy an honorable position which has been won, not by trading in stocks and bonds, but by operating a railroad, is James S. Crews, of the Albany and Northern Railway. Mr. Crews was born in Greenwood, S. C., on March 3, 1866. He comes from an old English family known for centuries in that country under the various names of *Crew*, *Crewe* and *Crews*. There are English titles in the family more than three hundred year-old, and coat armor which dates back six or seven centuries. In America, this branch of the family first settled in Virginia, and thence drifted south. There were quite a number of families of the name in America in 1790, the entire membership, with two or three exceptions, being in the Southern States. The family has therefore in this country been distinctively Southern. Among Mr. Crews' Virginia ancestry may be reckoned the Waller family, long notable in the annals of that State, one member of which, Rev. John Waller, had the distinction of having been put in jail in Culpeper county for preaching the gospel. To the credit of the old pioneer preacher be it said, just as soon as he got out of jail he went to preaching again. Mr. Crews' father was a farmer and accountant, and served for a number of years as railroad agent at Greenwood. His mother, Martha (Wilson) Crews, was a native of Augusta, Ga.; and among his relatives the late John P. Shannon, a prominent citizen of Elberton, Ga., was a cousin on the maternal side.

After obtaining such education as was possible in the local schools, young Crews at the age of twenty entered the service of the Richmond and Danville Railway as railroad agent and operator. He had had a little prior experience in a business

Rev. John Waller of
Culpeper county
(possibly VA)

Martha (Wilson) Crews of
Augusta, GA

John P Shannon of
Elberton, GA

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way, first on his father's farm, and later as bookkeeper for a mercantile establishment at Ninety-Six, S. C. He developed such aptitude for railroad work that his life, from the time he first entered the railroad service up to the present, has been given to that field of effort. In 1893 he became chief clerk to Mr. R. K. Reaves, who was appointed State Agent of the Northeast Railroad under the administration of Governor Northen. When the Albany and Northern Railroad was organized in 1895, his reputation was such that he was made general manager and treasurer of the company, and later became its vice-president; and under his management it has become one of the most popular short lines in Georgia. Only thirty-five miles long, it is a most important link connecting Albany with the main lines of the Seaboard and the Georgia Southern and Florida at Cordele. The volume of business passing over it is very large, owing to its strategic position; and none of the railroads entering Albany have been more closely identified with the growth and development of that section than the Albany and Northern. Its general offices and shops being located in Albany make it a valuable feeder to the trade of the community. His work for the railroad is also Mr. Crews' recreation. He has given his time early and late with absolute fidelity to his company since his first connection with it fifteen years ago. The result is a successful institution, in which he has been the chief factor, the esteem of his fellows, and the unbounded respect of the community.

Even his reading largely pertains to his business, and he keeps himself thoroughly informed in everything bearing upon railway work or improvement, through the current and special literature of the day. He does not, however, object to occasionally refreshing his mind with a bit of good fiction. He takes an active part in anything that looks to the building up of Albany, or the section in which his road operates. He is a deacon in and treasurer of the Albany Baptist Church, and throws his most hearty support to everything that will contribute to the

Organizations: Albany Baptist Church

R. K. Reaves

moral welfare of the city. Politically he is a lifetime Democrat, but has not had much leisure to give to political affairs beyond voting.

Greenwood, SC

On December 25, 1884, Mr. Crews married Miss Mary S. Nance, a daughter of W. D. and Emma Nance, of Greenwood, S. C. They have four children: Mrs. Sudie A. Dees, Mrs. Helen E. Reynolds, William W. Crews and Miss Mary S. Crews.

Mary S. Nance
W.D Nance
Emma Nance
Sudie A. Dees
Helen E Reynolds
William W Crews
Mary S Crews

BERNARD SUTTLEB.

Politics: Democrat



Yours Truly
J. S. Crews