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Charles Constantine Crews.

Names:
Charles Constantine
Crews

BRIGADIER - GENERAL CHARLES C. CREWS was one of that splendid galaxy of soldiers contributed to the Confederate Army by the State of Georgia. We have, unfortunately, but little knowledge of his early and his late career. We know that on the organization of the Second Georgia Cavalry, in 1861, he was commissioned Lieutenant-Colonel of that regiment, and was serving in that capacity when he was captured during a raiding expedition into Kentucky, in the fall of 1862. He was, fortunately, exchanged in a little while, and within a month was again leading his regiment in Middle Tennessee, being then attached to Wharton's Brigade of Wheeler's Cavalry. During the Murfreesboro campaign, Wheeler's force was incessantly active, operating in the rear of the army, and Colonel Crews during that period saw hard and arduous service. During the Tullahoma campaign, the cavalymen were so diligent and ubiquitous, that Crews' Confederate Cavalry was frequently referred to in the reports made by Federal officers. He had in the meantime been promoted to Colonel, and just before the battle of Chickamauga was placed in command of a brigade in Wheeler's division, though without any additional grade of rank. During the Atlanta campaign, his regiment was attached part of the time to Iverson's brigade of Martin's division of Wheeler's corps; and in his report of the operations of the cavalry in the Georgia campaigns of 1864, General Wheeler, after recounting the brilliant exploits and the long series of triumphs of his troops, mentioned a number of officers who had been especially useful, and in this list records the name of Colonel Crews as "brave and faithful." On the 15th of April, 1865, General Wheeler, in making a report of the campaign in the Carolinas, said: "Generals Robertson, Harrison and Ashby, Colonels Crews, Cook and Pointer, are disabled from wounds received in the same manner." This phrase referred to one which he had just previously made in the report, in which he had given a list of Generals whom he had seen "twice wounded

while most nobly carrying out my orders upon the field." About this time, and before the final capitulation of General Johnston, Colonel Crews was promoted to Brigadier-General.

In the famous Stoneman raid of 1864 General Crews, in command of two skeleton regiments, the First and Second Georgia Regiments of Cavalry, had the honor of cornering General Stoneman, and, though outnumbered, after a severe struggle, compelled him to surrender with all of his command then present.

He does not appear to have taken part in public life after the war, and died at his home in Cuthbert, Georgia, where he had practiced his profession as a physician.

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Clement Anselm Evans.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL CLEMENT A. EVANS, now one of the Board of Prison Commissioners of Georgia; prominent in public life prior to the war; a distinguished soldier of the Confederacy; an eminent minister of the church for many years after the war, and after retiring from the ministry almost continuously in the public service,—has been for fifty years one of the most honored citizens of the State. He is a native Georgian, born in Stewart county; educated in the schools of Lumpkin, was graduated prior to the Civil War from the Georgia Law School at Augusta; admitted to the bar and practiced law with the Honorable Bedford S. Worrill as a partner, under the firm name of Worrill and Evans, up to the time he entered the Confederate Army. Prior to the war he was a notable figure in the public life of the State. At twenty-two years of age he was elected Judge of the County Court; at twenty-six he was in the State Senate, and one of a coterie, nearly all of whom are dead, but every one of whom later won eminence either in the civil or military service.