



Samuel Crews
1870 - 1913

Ulysses Grant is the President of the United States, the War Between the States has been over for five years, and all the former CSA states have been readmitted to the Union two years previous. Samuel Crews is born in Clinch County, Georgia, likely in the 12th District, on November of 1870. He is the son of Samuel Crews and Morgiana "Annie" Waldron. .

Samuel was not enumerated during the 1870 census, but father Samuel, mother Annie, his only living sibling, Sarah, and aunt, Julia Crews were included in the Crews household. Morgiana (Annie) would be approximately 5 months pregnant with Samuel.

His father, also Samuel, passed away when the younger Samuel was about five years of age in 1875. Morgiana later remarried to Mr. William Combs as the 1880 census lists Samuel as living in the William Combs household in Clinch County, with his mother. Samuel is 10 years old and sister, Sarah, is age 12.

Sometime after the 1880 census was taken but before 1893, the family relocated to eastern Lowndes County. During 1893, William Combs name begins showing on the

Antioch Church Meeting Minutes and he continued to be active in 1894 and 1895 in the Echols County church.

Samuel Crews is next enumerated in the 1900 US Census for Lowndes County, living in the William Combs household in Lake Park GA. The census states Samuel was born in November of 1870 in Georgia, he was 29 years old and single and is employed as farm labor.

The single status soon changed on 22 December 1901. Receiving their Marriage license a few days earlier, on the 18 December, Samuel married Sallie Carter, in Echols County, GA. Sarah E. "Sallie" Carter is a daughter of Allen Carter and Sarah E. Corbett. The couple had two children, they are:

1. Leo b. 2 Oct. 1902, Lake Park, GA m. Teeny Elizabeth Melton, dau. of David Franklin Melton and Mary Lou Ella Hines, 11 May 1932, d. 21 May, 1962 in Lake City, Florida.
2. Laura b. 28 May, 1908, Lake Park, GA, m. Earl Heilman, d. 7 Feb. 1974

However, Sallie passed away eight years later on May 12, 1909, leaving Samuel to raise the two young children, ages six and one.

Samuel now age 39 is listed as the head of household in the 1910 Census. He is in Lake Park (Lowndes) GA with son Leo age 7 and daughter Laura, 1 month short of her 2nd birthday. This census indicates his occupation is a "Merchant," he owns his home, and he is literate. Samuel's son Leo informed his sons that his father owned and operated a general store located "at the fork in the road in Lake Park."

During the period of time that the 1910 census was taken, daughter Laura was taken in and raised by Sallie's brother, Wylie Carter and wife Beulah. Laura appears in both households during the 1910 census of Echols and Lowndes Counties.

Samuel remarried about 1912 to Wealthy Louisa Herring from White Springs, Florida and had another child; Mallie Katrina Crews. Mallie was born in Lake Park, Ga on October 10th, 1913, a month before Samuel passed away .

Samuel died a little more than four years after Sallie had passed away leaving the children from their marriage with no parents. The date of his death is listed as November 16, 1913.

Daughter Laura was already in good hands with the Wylie Carter family. Son Leo was taken in by Martin T. Carter Jr. and raised to maturity on "Uncle Buck's" farm in Echols.

Samuel Crews is interred in the Carter Family Cemetery next to the Sardis Baptist Church in western Echols County next to his first wife and mother.



Samuel, Sallie, Morgiana, and Baby Leo circa 1902



Sarah (Sallie) Carter Crews

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