



JAMES R. HALL

JAMES RICHMOND HALL: Manufacturer of yellow pine lumber, of Dadeville, Ala., is a native of Georgia, where he was born March 19, 1862, in Webster county. He is the son of Dr. Nathaniel B. Hall, a native of South Carolina, born near Winnsboro, in 1821.

Dr. Hall graduated from Charleston Medical college in 1850, and practiced his profession in South Carolina for a number of years, going to Georgia about the year 1857, where he followed the same profession for many years. He was a planter on an extensive scale and a slave owner; he was an active Democrat, but not an office seeker; he was a member of the Masonic order, and he and his wife were members of the Methodist church. Dr. Hall was a captain in the Confederate army; he died Dec. 18, 1902; he was the son of John Hall, born in 1797, a native of Virginia, and a soldier in the Revolutionary war under Captain Hollis; he came to South Carolina in 1788; Dr. Hall and his wife were the parents of eleven children, six of whom are living; the paternal grandmother was Mollie Barber, a daughter of John Barber, an officer under Robert Emmet in the Irish rebellion in 1798. He married a Miss Carmichael; both died in South Carolina. His brother was James Hall, of South Carolina.

The mother of James Richmond Hall was Nancy Boulware, who was born in South Carolina, near Winnsboro, in 1830, her parents being Benjamin J. Boulware and Sarah (Richmond) Boulware, who married Sept. 14, 1829, living and dying near Winnsboro, S. C.; Benjamin J. Boulware was a son of Musco Boulware and Nancy Pickett. James R. Hall was educated in the common schools and in the North Georgia Agricultural college, and took up the profession of civil engineering, following that profession for a time in the mining district of northern Georgia, and later going to Central America, where he was employed from 1885 to 1890. He was in the service of the Honduras government and on the staff of President Bogran.

After serving for a year as chief engineer on the staff of the president, Mr. Hall accepted a position with the Rosario Mining company in San Juancito, remaining with that company for three years. He then returned to Georgia, locating in Atlanta and establishing the firm of Hall Bros., comprising B. M. Hall, James R. Hall and Maxcy R. Hall. In 1895 he removed to Dadeville and has for several years been engaged in the manufacture of lumber.

He supervised the construction of the electric light and power plant of Dadeville, and built the Dadeville Oil mill. Mr. and Mrs. Hall belong to the Methodist church; he is a member of several secret societies, among them the Masonic order and Knights of Pythias; he is a Democrat in politics. He was married March 18, 1896, his wife being Dettie Smith, of Dadeville, the youngest child of B. Springfield Smith, a very prominent man, who died in Dadeville in 1882. One son, James Richmond, Jr., has been born to Mrs. and Mrs. Hall.