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James Rufus Mann

James Rufus Mann of Iuka, Representative from Tishomingo County, was born July 28, 1861, at Senterville, Cherokee County, Alabama, where his father, Whitfield Evans Mann, came to live at the age of six years, from Abbeville, South Carolina. Whitfield Evans Mann was a farmer. During the war, he served four years as a faithful Confederate soldier. His father was Amon Mann of Abbeville, North Carolina. The mother of the subject of our sketch was, before her marriage, Mary Elizabeth Lambert; she was the daughter of John and Rebecca Lambert of Talladega, Alabama. The Lambert name occurs often among the Colonial settlers of America and belongs to the Huguenot families of the Carolinas.

Representative Mann was educated in the rural schools of Jefferson County, Alabama. He had no opportunity for higher education; he was a farmer's boy, and at an early age began to share the labors and responsibilities of farm life. Through this early experience, he learned to sympathize with the laboring and agricultural classes, and since reaching manhood, has done much toward the betterment of the farming element.

He is a firm believer in the doctrine of "equal rights to all and special privileges to none." He has given much time and effort to advancing the principles of the Farmers' Union. For two years he served as Constable of the fifth district of Tishomingo County. He was elected to the Legislature for the term of 1916-1920, where he has worked zealously for the good of his constituents. He has been an earnest and conscientious member of the following committees: Agriculture, Penitentiary, Liquor Traffic, Pensions, and Drainage. Mr. Mann is a Democrat and a member of the Baptist Church, which he has served for 22 years as Deacon. He belongs to the Masons, the Junior Order, and the Farmers' Union, of which he has been President and County Lecturer.

James Rufus Mann married Miss Mary Masquiline Myze, September 21, 1882, at Double Springs, Alabama. She is the daughter of Daniel Gaston Myze and Macy Myze of that place. Their children are Mrs. Belzie (Mann) Cummin, Mrs. Marion (Mann)

Underwood, Mrs. Dora (Mann) Cagle, Mrs. Emma (Mann) Byram, and Mrs. Ada (Mann) Byram, and Ancey.

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