

CHARLES RUSSELL BRICKEN
Associate Judge, Court of Appeals - 1917-19
Presiding Judge, Court of Appeals - 1919-51

BORN: March 6, 1867, Richmond, Virginia
DIED: January 11, 1951, Montgomery, Alabama

Charles R. Bricken, the son of Charles Rush and Isabelle Allen Bricken, was educated in the private and common schools of Virginia and Alabama. He was admitted to the practice of law at Greenville in 1889, moving to Luverne in 1890, where he practiced law until his election to the Court of Appeals on November 19, 1916. He served as city attorney of Luverne from 1890-93, mayor of Luverne from 1893-96, and solicitor of the second judicial circuit from 1899-1916. He was an associate judge on the Court of Appeals from January 1917 until November 1, 1919, at which time he became presiding judge. He was reelected to that position in 1922, 1928, 1934, 1940, and 1946, serving until his death in 1951.

After the Spanish-American War, he was elected major in the 2nd Alabama Infantry, A.N.G. He was later elected Lt. Col. and commanded the second regiment for 11 years. Elected Brigadier-General of the 1st Alabama Brigade in 1915, he served until January 1917, when he resigned to take up his duties as judge of the Court of Appeals.

He was a Democrat, and served for seven years as a member of the State Executive Committee. He was a Methodist, a Mason, a K.P., a W.O.W., a Redman, and a member of the Royal Order of Moose. He was married in 1890 to Buena May Kendrick of Luverne, and they had three children: Beryl, Charles R., Jr., and Isabel. In 1908, he married Bessie McDuffie of Monroe County, Alabama, and they had three children: Allen, John, and Reese.

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