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CSX Transportation

The following list, in descending order, from current to earliest, shows a historical picture of how many railroads were actually merged eventually to form the CSX in South Carolina. Ed.

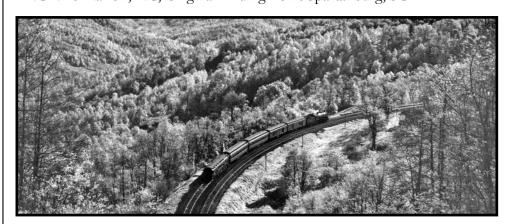
CSX Transportation Company Acronym CSX RR, Year Chartered or Incorporated 1986, Year Line Operational 1986, Year Service Ended Still Operational, Original Starting Point Too Many, Original Ending Point Too Many.



1986 - Merger of Seaboard Systems Railroad, part of which was the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad, with Chessie System Railroad. 1986 - Acquired the Clinchfield Railroad.

Clinchfield Railroad

Acronym CRR, Year Chartered or Incorporated 1924, Year Line Operational 1924, Year Service Ended 1980s, Original Starting Point TN/NC Line Marion, NC, Original Ending Point Spartanburg, SC.



Clinchfield passenger train near Little Switzerland, North Carolina,

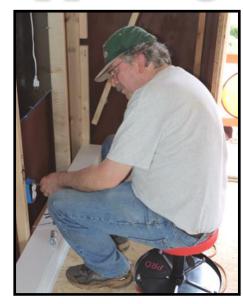
1980s - Acquired by CSX Transportation, Inc. Was the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Railroad.

Towns on Route in SC: SC/NC State Line, Chesnee, Mayo, Spartanburg.

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Museum Happenings





↑ Shocking things are happening inside the caboose. Pat O'Shields installs the electrical panel box and Steve Baker just screwing around with the plugs.



← New member
Ted Button helps
run wiring under
the caboose. Us older volunteers appreciated this very
much!



Yup, things are happening at the museum. Saw 12 trains on that day. A break is taken for each run by.



The magnolias may not be out but spring is beautiful at Control Point Magnolia in Spartanburg.

Wanted—Articles for the Carolina Conductor

Submit an article of 200 words or more with some photos and captions and see them in print. Every one of us has some unique railroad experience that would make interesting reading for our membership. Your editor always needs more contributions of local railway history and news.

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Carolina Clinchfield and Ohio Railroad

Acronym CC&O RR, Year Chartered or Incorporated 1909, Year Line Operational 1909, Year Service Ended 1924, Original Starting Point TN/NC Line Marion, NC, Original Ending Point Marion, NC Spartanburg, SC.

1908 - Company organized on 3/7/1908 under the laws of Virginia. By deed dated 3/31/1908, this railroad acquired the assets of the South & Western Railroad of Tennessee. By deed dated April 18, 1908, this railroad acquired the assets of the South & Western Railroad of North Carolina.

1909 - Company incorporated via Secretary of State on 12/4/1909.

1923 - Jointly leased for 999 years to the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad and the Louisville & Nashville Railroad from 5/11/1923, by indenture of lease dated October 16, 1924, and the properties delivered to the lessees on 10/16/1924. The leased properties are now being operated for the lessees by a separate organization known as Clinchfield Railroad Company.

1924 - Renamed to Clinchfield Railroad.

Towns on Route in SC: SC/NC State Line, Chesnee (1910), Mayo (1910), Padgett, Spartanburg.

Seaboard Coast Line Railroad

Acronym SCL RR, Year Chartered or Incorporated 1967, Year Line Operational 1967, Year Service Ended 1982, Original Starting Point Too Many, Original Ending Point Too Many.

1967 - Merger of Seaboard Air Line Railroad with Atlantic Coast Line Railroad.

1969 - Acquired the Piedmont & Northern Railway.

1982 - Sold assets to the Pee Dee River Railroad.

1982 - Merged with Louisville & Nashville Railroad to



Seaboard Coast Line #1110, Alco RSC-3, 12-244, 1600 HP, 99 of these units were built in 1950-55.

become Seaboard Systems Railroad.

1984 - Sold assets to the Horry County Railroad.

1985 - Sold assets to the Port Royal Railroad #2. (as Seaboard Systems Railroad).

1986 - Merged into CSX Transportation, Inc.

Seaboard Airline Railway/Railroad

Acronym SAL, Year Chartered or Incorporated 1887 in SC, Year Line Operational 1887 in SC, Year Service Ended 1967, Original Starting Point Too Many, Origi-









Various paint schemes of the SAL.

nal Ending Point Too Many.

1915 - Merged with the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company on 11/16/1915, which had recently changed its name from the Carolina, Atlantic & Western Railway on November 8.

1918 - Built a new line from Charleston to Savannah to compete with the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad.

1967 - Merged with the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad to form the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad.

1946 - Re-organized as the Seaboard Air Line Railroad. **Towns on Route in SC:** 1918 New Line from Charleston to Savannah: Charleston, Johns Island, Meggett, Sheldon, Okatie, Levys, Savannah.

SAL Acquired/leased the following railroads within South Carolina.

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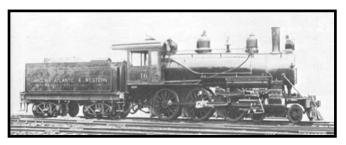
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Carolina Atlantic and Western Railroad Acronym CA&W RR, Year Chartered or Incorporated 1914, Year Line Operational 1914, Year Service Ended 1915, Original Starting Points McBee, SC; Georgetown, SC; Gibson, NC; Poston, SC; Andrews, SC, Original Ending Points Jefferson, SC Lane, SC Poston, SC Andrews, SC Charleston, SC.

1914 - Originated as the merger of: North & South Carolina Railway, South Carolina Western Railway, South Carolina Western Extension Railway, Charleston Northern Railway.

1915 - Merged with the re-organized original Seaboard Air Line Railway on November 16.

1915 - Via South Carolina Secretary of State, charter amended to change name from the Carolina, Atlantic & Western Railway to the Seaboard Air Line Railway



Carolina Atlantic and Western #16 a 4-6-0.

Company on November 8, 1915.

1915 - As the Carolina, Atlantic & Western Railway, signed an agreement to consolidate with the Seaboard Air Lines on October 11, 1915, recorded in SC Secretary of State's office.

1915 - Acquired the Charleston & Southern Railway.

1915 - Acquired the Georgetown & Western Railroad.

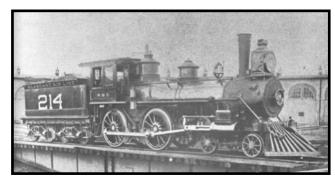
1915 - Took control of the Charlotte, Monroe & Columbia Railroad.

1915 - Built new line from Andrews to Charleston.

Towns on Route in SC: Line #1 - McBee to Jefferson: McBee, Catarrh, Angelus, Jefferson.

Line #2 - Georgetown to Lane: Georgetown, Sampit Station, Andrews, Bethel, Harper, Earl, Trio, Bryan (1914), Carris, Lane.

Line #3 - Gibson, NC to Poston, SC: SC/NC State Line, McColl, Clio, Minturn (1915), Little Rock, Dillon, Floyd Dale, Mullins, Burleson (1916) > Rains (1916), Centenary, Eulonia, Oakton > Gresham (1916), Poston.



Raleigh & Charleston RR #214 a 4-4-0 locomotive.

Line #4 - Poston to Andrews: Poston, Johnsonville, Venters > Excelton (1916), Hemingway, Nesmith, Morrisville Station (1910s), Andrews.

Line #5 - Andrews to Charleston: Andrews, Jamestown, Bethera, Melgrove, Charleston Navy Yard.

Raleigh and Charleston Railroad Acronym R&C RR. Year Chartered or Incorporated 1905, Year Line Operational 1905, Year Ser-



Charlotte Monroe and Columbia #206 a 4-4-0 known as "Old Molly".

vice Ended 1911, Original Starting Point Lumberton, NC, Original Ending Point Marion, SC.

Was the Carolina Northern Railroad.

1911 - Acquired by the Seaboard Air Line Railway.

1912 - Acquired control of the Marion Southern Rail-road

Towns on Route in SC: SC/NC State Line, Holmesville, Pages Mills > Lake View (1916), May, Fork, Zion, Marion.

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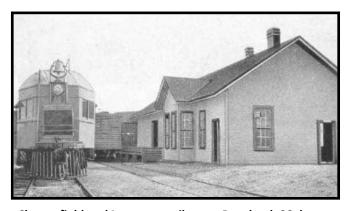
Charlotte Monroe and Columbia Railroad Acronym CM&C RR, Year Chartered or Incorporated 1900, Year Line Operational 1903, Year Service Ended 1915, Original Starting Point McBee, SC, Original Ending Point Jefferson, SC.

1915 - Merged into Seaboard Air Line Railway.

1915 - Managed/controlled by Carolina, Atlantic & Western Railroad.

Towns on Route all in Chesterfield County, SC: McBee, Junction, Diggs, Lee, Catarrh, Angelus (1904), Miller, Jefferson.

Catawba Valley Railroad



Chesterfield and Lancaster rail car at Pageland, SC depot.

Acronym CVR, Year Chartered or Incorporated 1906, Year Line Operational 1907, Year Service Ended 1908, Original Starting Point Fort Lawn, SC, Original Ending Point Great Falls, SC.

1908 - Acquired by Seaboard Air Line Railway.

Towns on Route: Great Falls, Fort Lawn, Fudges, Landsford, Rowell, Spence, Catawba.

Chesterfield and Lancaster Railroad

Acronym C&L RR, Year Chartered or Incorporated 1887, Year Line Operational 1901, Year Service Ended 1941, Original Starting Point Cheraw, SC, Original Ending Point Pageland, SC.

Second charter issued on December 24, 1889, with new incorporators named.

1913 - Seaboard Air Lines purchased 60% of this company's stock.

1923 - Seaboard Air Lines purchased 100% of this company's stock.

Towns on Route: Cheraw, Excelsior, Gopher, Thompsons, Evans Mill, Rivers, Chesterfield, Cato, Ruby, Mount Groghan, Guess, Pageland (1907), Crobruk.

Chester Greenwood and Abbeville Railroad Acronym CG&A RR, Year Chartered or Incorporated 1885, Year Line Operational Never, Year ar Service Ended 1886, Original Starting Point Monroe, NC, Original Ending Point Atlanta, GA.

1886 - Re-organized while under construction as the Georgia, Carolina & Northern Railroad, which was owned by the Seaboard & Roanoke Railroad of Virginia.

Towns on Route: SC/NC State Line, Catawba, Chester, Fishdam > Carlisle (1891), Whitmires > Whitmire (1902), Reynosa > Renno (1891), Dover, Clinton, Milams (1886), Mountville, Cross Hill, Lota, Greenwood, Inka (1895), Abbeville C.H. > Abbeville (1895), GA/SC State Line.

Chesterfield and Kershaw Railroad Acronym C&K RR, Year Chartered or Incorporated 1889, Year Line Operational 1900, Year Ser-



Florida Central & Peninsular Railroad American style loco.

vice Ended 1899, Original Starting Point Cheraw, SC, Original Ending Point Camden, SC.

1899 - Acquired by the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad, a North Carolina Company.

1900 - Acquired by the Seaboard Air Line Railway.

Towns on Route: Cheraw, Patrick (1900), Highhill (1898) > Middendorf (1900), Lynchwood > Bethune (1900), Cassatt (1900), Camden.

Florida Central and Peninsular Railway

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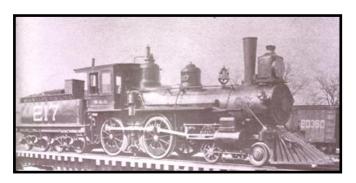
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Acronym FC&P RR, Year Chartered or Incorporated 1889, Year Line Operational 1894, Year Service Ended 1900, Original Starting Point Camden, SC, Original Ending Point Savannah, GA.

1894 - Leased the South Bound Railroad.

1900 - Merged into the Seaboard Air Line Railway.

Towns on Route in SC: Camden, Lugoff (1900), Jeffers (1898) > Blaney (1900) > Elgin (1962), Jacobs (1901) > Pontiac (1915), Dentsville (1901), College Place (1900s), Survey Place (1900s), Columbia, Dixiana (1890s), Schumperts (1896), Gaston, Swansea, Woodford, North Livingston, Silver Springs > Neeses #2 (1898), Norway, Willow (aka Sweden Station), Denmark, Govan, Olar, Roby (1890s), Schofield (1909), Ulmers, Sycamore, Fairfax, Gifford, Luray, Estill, Scotia, Garnett, SC/GA State Line.



GC&N merged with Raleigh and Gaston RR.

Georgia Carolina and Northern Railroad Acronym GC&N RR, Year Chartered or Incorporated 1886, Year Line Operational 1888, Year Service Ended 1899, Original Starting Point Atlanta, GA, Original Ending Point Monroe, NC.

1886 - Acquired the Chester, Greenwood & Abbeville Railroad.

1888 - Line opened with 31.75 miles of track operational. 1890, 48.7 miles of track operational.

1888 - Considered to be a part of the new Seaboard Air Line Railway system, which was not fully mature as yet.

1899 - Merged into the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad, a North Carolina company.

1900 - Merged into Seaboard Air Line Railway.

Towns on Route in SC: SC/NC State Line, Osceola (1888), Van Wyck (1889), Catawba, Harmony (1889),

Edgmoor (1888), Hicklins (1888), Rodman (1889), Chester, Sandy River (1890), West Chester (1890) > Leeds (1892), Fishdam > Carlisle (1891), Ada (1900s), Delta (1892), Whitmires > Whitmire (1902), Reynosa > Renno (1891), Dover, Clinton, Milams (1886), Mountville, Cross Hill, Lota, Saluca (1892), Greenwood, Inka (1895), Cana (1890s), Abbeville C.H. > Abbeville (1895), Watts (1892), Dresden (1897), Calhoun Falls (1892), GA/SC State Line.

Palmetto Railway

Acronym PRR, Year Chartered or Incorporated 1882, Year Line Operational 1887, Year Service Ended 1900, Original Starting Point Cheraw, SC, Original Ending Point Hamlet, NC.



Piedmont & Northern car stopped at Belton, SC station.

1882 - Chartered in South Carolina on 12/21/1882.

1883 - Chartered in North Carolina on 2/7/1883.

1887 - Leased and managed by the Raleigh & Augusta Air Line Railroad.

1895 - Re-organized as the Palmetto Railway.

1900 - Acquired by the Seaboard Air Line Railway.

Towns on Route in SC: SC/NC State Line, Pines (1900), Kollock (1892), Cheraw.

Piedmont Northern Railway

Acronym P&N RR, Year Chartered or Incorporated 1910, Year Line Operational 1911, Year Service Ended 1969, Original Starting Points Spartanburg, SC Belton, SC, Original Ending Points Greenwood, SC Anderson, SC.

1914 - Merged with the Greenville, Spartanburg & Anderson Railroad.

1969 - Merged into Seaboard Coast Line Railroad.

Towns on Route in SC: Line #1 - Spartanburg to Green-

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July 1st.

wood: Spartanburg, Tucapau > Startex, (1949), Lyman (1924), Duncan, Greer, Chick Springs, Taylors, Greenville, Piedmont, Pelzer, Williamston, Cheddar, Belton, Honea Path, Donalds, Shoals Junction, Hodges, Greenwood.

Line #2 - Belton to Anderson: Belton, Toxaway, Anderson.

Greenville Spartanburg and Anderson Railroad Acronym GS&A RR, Year Chartered or Incorporated 1910, Year Line Operational 1910, Year Service Ended 1914, Original Starting Points Spartanburg, SC Belton, SC, Original Ending Points Greenwood, SC Anderson, SC. 1914 - Merged into the Piedmont & Northern Railway on

Towns on Route in SC: Line #1 - Spartanburg to Greenwood: Spartanburg, Tucapau > Startex (1949), Duncan, Greer, Chick Springs, Taylors, Greenville, Piedmont, Pelzer, Williamston, Cheddar, Belton, Honea Path, Donalds, Shoals Junction (1910), Hodges, Greenwood.

Line #2 - Belton to Anderson: Belton, Toxaway, Anderson.

Atlantic Coast Line Railroad

Acronym ACL RR, Year Chartered or Incorporated 1889, Year Line Operational 1889, Year Service Ended, 1967*, Original Starting Point Wilmington, NC, Original Ending Point Weldon, NC.

- < 1890 Acquired/merged in the following railroads associated with the Carolinas:
- -- Albemarle & Raleigh Railroad



-- Cheraw & Salisbury Rail-road (later sold off and reorganized as the Cheraw & Darlington Railroad) -- Norfolk &

Carolina Railroad

- -- Petersburg Railroad
- -- Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta Railroad
- -- Wilmington & Weldon Railroad
- + 1897 Acquired Wilmington, Chadbourn & Conway Railroad.
- + 1897 Acquired Wilmington & Newbern Railroad.
- + 1898 Acquired Southeastern Railroad.
- + 1899 Acquired southern half of Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railway which became the Atlantic & Yadkin Railroad, then the Atlantic & Yadkin Branch of the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad, then ACL.

- + 1922 Leased the Virginia & Carolina Southern Railroad.
- + 1922 Acquired the Rockingham Railroad.
- + 1923 Jointly leased with the Louisville & Nashville Railroad the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Railroad from May 11, 1923, by indenture of lease dated October 16, 1924, and the properties delivered to the lessees on October 16, 1924. The leased properties are now being operated for the lessees by a separate organization known as Clinchfield Railroad Company.
- + 1927 Leased the Washington & Vandemere Railroad on May 1, 1927.
- + 1930 Ceased operations on the Midland Branch Smithfield to Goldsboro.
- + 1958 Acquired the Franklin & Carolina Railroad abandoned in 1972.
- * 1967 Merged with the Seaboard Air Line Railway to form the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad.

Lines with Trackage in South Carolina Bennettsville Branch: Parkton, McNatts, Lumber Bridge, Shannon, Red Springs, Wakulla, Floral College, Maxton, John's, Hasty, McColl, SC, Tatus, SC, Bennettsville, SC

Cheraw & Darlington Division: Wadesboro, Bennett, Morven, McFarlan, Cheraw, SC. Florence, SC.

Conway Branch: Elrod, Raynham, McDonald, Ashpole, Proctorville, Orrum, Boardman, Ilion, Chadbourn, Roseland, Clarendon, Emerson, Mt. Tabor, Loris, SC, Bayboro, SC, Conway, SC.

Gibson & Bennettsville Branch: Gibson, Newton, SC, Lester, SC, Bennettsville, SC.

Between Wilmington & Florence: Wilmington, Navassa, Leland, Malmo, Farmers, Brinkley, Freeman, Maxwell, Wananish, Lake Waccamaw, Mustings, Bogue, Whiteville, Peacocks, Chadbourn, Grists, Cerro Gordo, Fair Bluff, Nichols, SC, Mullins, SC, Marion, SC, Peedee, SC, Florence, SC, Columbia, SC, Charleston, SC, Savannah, GA.

Wilson & Fayetteville Branch: Contentnea, Lucama, Aycock's Crossing, Boyetts or Kirbys, Kenly, Bagley, Jerome, Selma, Smithfield, Four Oaks, Benson, Dunn, Godwin, Wade, McPhail's, Beards, Luray, Fayetteville, Hope Mills, Parkton, Rennert, Cromartie, Buie, Pembroke, Elrod, Purvis, Rowland, Hamer, SC, Dillon, SC, Latta, SC, Peedee, SC, Florence, SC, Sumter, SC, Columbia, SC, Augusta, GA, Charleston, SC.

Wilmington Columbia & Augusta RR Acronym WC&A RR, Year Chartered or Incorporated 1887*, Year Line Operational 1870*, Year Service Ended 1897**, Original Starting Point Wilmington, NC, Original Ending Point Columbia, SC.

* 1870 - The renaming of the Wilmington & Carolina Railroad, but this name change was not confirmed by the NC State Legislature and the SC State Legislature until 1887.

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Was the Wilmington & Carolina Railroad, which acquired the assets of the Wilmington & Manchester Railroad, with route modifications in South Carolina.

- + 1871 The Wilmington & Weldon Railroad of North Carolina and the Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta Railroad agreed to jointly market their railroads as the Atlantic Coast Line.
- + 1885 Leased by the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad of North Carolina for 99 years.
- ** 1897 Merged into Atlantic Coast Line Railroad of South Carolina.

The purchasers of the Wilmington & Manchester Railroad received a charter in March of 1870 from the legislatures of North Carolina and South Carolina as the Wilmington & Carolina Railroad, and opened an extension west to Columbia, SC in 1871.

In 1872 the Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta Railroad leased the Wilmington & Manchester Railroad for ninety-nine (99) years. That lease was cancelled in 1878 due to the Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta's bankruptcy; it was sold in 1879 and reorganized in February of 1880 under the same name.

By a curious turn of events, eight years after the dissolution of its lease with the Wilmington & Manchester Railroad in 1878, the lessee became the lessor and vice versa, when on June 1, 1885, the Wilmington & Manchester Railroad took a ninety-nine (99) year lease on the Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta Railroad. This lease remained in effect until it was cancelled on July 18, 1898, in order that the Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta Railroad entered as a separate unit into the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad of South Carolina.

In 1897, it was merged into the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad of South Carolina, which subsequently merged into the overall Atlantic Coast Line Railroad in 1900.

When the Wilmington, Columbia, & Augusta Railroad built a new depot at Edgefield, SC, the residents of Manchester began

to move away until the only reminder of the town is the historical marker, a few miles south of wedge field.

From the 2nd Annual Report of the South Carolina Railroad Commissioner, dated October 31, 1880:

"The Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta Railroad Company was originally the Wilmington and Manchester Railroad Company, running from Wilmington to Kingsville, S.C.

"The Wilmington and Manchester Railroad was chartered by the State of South Carolina, December 18th, 1846, and by the State of North Carolina, January 9th, 1847. This Road was sold under orders of the Courts of North and South Carolina for the purpose of foreclosing the various mortgages, January 5, 1870.

"Was purchased by Messrs. W.T. Walters, B.F. Newcomer, and D.W. James, for themselves and trustees for others. Was chartered as the Wilmington and Carolina Railroad Company, by the State of South Carolina, March 1st 1870, and the State of North Carolina, March 1st, 1870, with power and authority to change the name, as the majority of the persons who are purchasers may designate and adopt at their first meeting, after the passage of this Act. At a meeting held April 26th, 1870, the name was changed to the Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta Railroad Company, to go into effect April 27th, 1870. Was opened to Columbia, S.C., about 13th of December, 1871."

Towns on Route: Causey (1900), Nichols, Mullins Depot > Mullins 1884, Todd (1888), Marion, West Marion (1906), Peedee, Gibson (1882) > Winona (1895), Marrs Bluff, Florence, Ebenezer (1876), Timmonsville, Cartersville, Magnolia (1878) > Lynchburg (1905), Lynchburg > South Lynchburg (1905), London (1883), Atkins (1886), Mayesville, Sumter C.H. > Sumter (1892), Middleton, Cape Savannah (1890s), Wedgefield (1872), Camden Junction (1890s), Acton #2 (1875), Acton (1872) > Eastover (1875), Weston (1887), Grovewood (1872) > Congaree (1879), James Crossing (1915), Lykesland (1888), Simms (1890s), Columbia.



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