

STREET RAILWAYS OF JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE

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Johnson City & Carnegie Street Railway - 4.0 miles; 1892

Johnson City Traction Co. - 3.47 miles; 1902

Johnson City Traction Corp. - 6.2 miles; absorbed Johnson City Traction Co in 1912.

Poor's Directory 1892:

Johnson City & Carnegie Street Railway Co.; 4 miles; 3 electric motor cars; Thomson-Houston System; \$50,000 capital stock.

Pres. - E. Day; Sec. - J. K. Smith; Treas/Gen Mgr. - E. H. Stevens;

Manual of Statistics 1893:

Same as 1892 except add "VP - W. B. Hosmer"

American Street Railway Investments - 1894:

Johnson City & Carnegie Street Railway Co. CAPITAL

STOCK: - authorized and issued \$50,000

PLANT & EQUIPMENT: - 4 miles; std. ga.; 45# T rail; 4 motor cars; GE dynamos and motors; Ellis cars; power rented.

OFFICERS: - Pres.- E. Day; VP. - F. A. Stratton; sec/treas/Gen Mgr/Pur Agt - E. H. Stevens;

Date of information 4/94

American Street Railway Investments - 1895:

Same as 1894, but add "Electrician - Wm. Fraser" and date of information 10/94

American Street Railway investments - 1899:

Johnson City & Carnegie Street Railway Co.; charter and municipal franchise granted in 1892 in perpetuity; Annual meeting in April; In April 1897 a number of the bondholders applied for a receiver for the company. Same physical plant as 1894.

OFFICERS: - Pres. - E. Day; VP. - F. A. Stratton; Sec/Treas/GM/Pur Agt - J. E. Brading; Ch. Engr - J. A. Landon

DIRECTORS: - F. A. Stratton; E. Day; A. M. Young; W. B. Hosmer; J. K. Smith; E. M. Bunall; E. H. Stevens

Date of information 2/98 **American Street Railway**

Investments 1900: Repeat of 1899 info with 2/98

date **American Street Railway Investments 1901:**

Repeat of 1899 data with date of information 2/01

1902 Census:

No listing

American Street Railway Investments - 1905:

Johnson City Traction Co. - Charter and municipal franchise granted in 1903 in perpetuity, exclusive for 20 years. The road connects Johnson City with the Soldiers' Home and Carnegie. Pop. In 1880 645; 1890 4,161; 1900 4,645.

CAPITAL STOCK: - Authorized \$50,000; issued \$10,000; par \$100 per share.

FUNDED DEBT: - First Mortgage 5 % gold coupon bonds; authorized \$20,000; dated 1903; denom. \$100; int. payable June & Dec. at Banking & Trust Co., Jonesboro, TN, trustee.

PLANT & Equipment: - 4 miles, std. ga.; 70# T rail; 6 motor cars; 2 trailers, 1 work car; 300 HP station plant; GE dynamos and motors; Ellis cars; rent power. Reaches National Soldiers' Home.

Pres.; W. P. Brownlow; Sec/Treas - S. C. Williams; Gen. Mgr/Pur. Agt/Supt- H. H. Kirkpatrick; Elec. eng. & Eng. Of Power Station - L. S. Jones

DIRECTORS: - W. P. Brownlow, S. J. Kirkpatrick (Jonesboro); S. C. Williams, H. H. Kirkpatrick (Johnson City), John P. Smith.

Date of information 4/05

1907 Census:

Johnson City Traction Co.; 4.10 miles; \$40K common auth, \$8.5K issued; \$30K 5% bonds auth, \$4K issued.

4.10 total track; 4.00 first main, .10 sidings and turnouts; .40 on prw not owned by company; 3.60 in city limits, .50 outside city limits; 70# T rail; 2 unprotected RR Xings; 4.00 mi. span wire wood poles 52/mile.

6 closed; 4 open; 1 exp/fit/mail. 8 two motor and 3 trailer. 11 hand brakes; 6 elec heat 10 lighted; 1 car house

601,460 fare pax, 20,000 free pax; 164,250 vm (pax), 7K vm (fit) ; 16,425 vh (pax) 784 vh (fit), mail carried

Electric Railway Journal Track Construction Statistics:

1908 .50 miles new construction

1909 none

1910 4.06 miles new construction

1911 1.50 miles new construction

1912 none

1913 none

1914 none

American Street Railway Investments 1910:

Same as 1905 except:

FUNDED DEBT: First mortgage 5% gold coupon bonds, auth \$20K; dated 6/1/03 due 1923; int. payable June and Dec Banking & Trust Co., Jonesboro

PLANT & EQUIPMENT: - 4 miles; 70# T rail; 13 motor cars, 2 trailers, 1 work car; 500hp station plant; GE dynamos and motors; Ellis & Brill cars.

Officers: - Pres. - W. P. Brownlow; VP/Treas - S. C. Williams; Sec/GM/PA - Amzi Smith Jr; Auditor - Carl F. Whitlock; Elec. Engr. & Mast. Mech. - G. C. Sanders; Ch. Engr Power Sta. - Karl Thornburg

DIRECTORS: Brownlow; Williams and John P. Smith

Date of information May 1910

American Street Railway Investments 1914:

Johnson City Traction Corp.; 6 miles; 15 motor and 3 other cars;

OFFICERS: - Pres. - W. A. Leland (Johnson City); VP - T. B. Sweeny; Treas. - R. L. Warner; Audr. - W. J. Magee (all of Boston); GM and Pur Agt - Amzi Smith; Supt. - G. C. Sanders; Ch. Engr. - Karl Thornburg; Master Mech. - H. H. Collins.

McGraw Hill Directory 1918:

Johnson City Traction Corp; Roan St.

Treas. - R. F. Tucker (Boston); Audr. R. M. Clark; GM - Amzi Smith; Supt. - G. C. Sanders; Ch. Engr. Pwr. Stn - Robt. Carrier; M. M. M. H. Collins.

6 miles; 15 motor pax and 3 other motor cars.

Date of information July 1918 **McGraw Hill**

Directory 1924:

Johnson City Traction Corp.

Pres. - Thad A. Cox; VP and Pur Agt. - A. T. Baldwin (Boston); VP & GM - Amzi Smith; Sec. - Miss Baldwin; Treas. - R. L. Warner (50 State St, Boston); Audr. - R. M. Clark; Supt. - G. C. Sanders; Ch. Engr. & Engr. Pwr. Stn. - Tom Hargress; Elec. Engr. -D. R. Sherer; M. M. - S. T. Williams.

6 miles, of which 3 1/2 are in paved street; 15 motor pax (no 1-man) and 3 other motor; fare 5 cents.

Date of information 12/23

ERJ Annual Statistics:

1927 Junked 2 City Motors (only entry 1906-1929)