

CAPTAIN NICHOLAS JAMES JEFFRIES—

Tourists and vacationists the world round have learned the name of Captain James Jeffries through their familiarity with the Jeffries Baths on the Atlantic City Boardwalk. As the proprietor of this famous old establishment, Captain Jeffries holds a leading position among the business executives of Atlantic City, and his participation in the progress of the city as a pleasure resort has for years meant much to the welfare and happiness of the countless visitors as well as the residents of this city. Captain Jeffries is a native of this State, and a grandson of Nicholas Jeffries, an early resident of this section. Nicholas Jeffries, Captain Jeffries' father, is an old sea captain, but is now deceased. He volunteered in the Union Army during the Civil War, but was never called to service. He married Ann Fisher, who is now deceased.

Captain Nicholas James Jeffries was born at Somers Point, New Jersey, April 1, 1860. His education was received in the public schools of his birthplace, and from the age of twelve years to the age of twenty-eight he followed the sea. During the last seven years of this period he served as master of vessels, then, following his retirement from the sea, he was active as a life-guard on the Atlantic City beaches for about five years. He has since been the owner of the Jeffries Baths on the Boardwalk, and in his meeting of the insistent demands of the people in this manner he has won large success. Captain Jeffries takes a deep interest in all civic affairs and bears a constructive part in the local advance.

From the first, Captain Jeffries has always been keenly interested in radio, and was the possessor of the first radio station in this city, which he turned over to the United States Government during the World War. He has also invented many appurtenances which have simplified and improved the radio. Captain Jeffries is a member of the local Chamber of Commerce, and fraternally is affiliated with the Masonic Order and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is also a member of the Atlantic City Radio Club, of which he has been treasurer for twelve years, and his religious affiliations are with the Sea View Baptist Church, at Sea View, New Jersey.

Captain Jeffries married, at Palermo, Cape May County, New Jersey, in 1887, Rebecca S. Godfrey, daughter of Leaming and Comfort Godfrey.

It is interesting to note here that although Captain Jeffries' schooling terminated when he was but twelve years of age, he has never given up studying, and throughout the many years which have intervened we find that his inventive and analytical mind has caused him to delve into the sciences, including psychology and meteorology, of which, in the latter subject, he is considered an authority, being consulted at various times when questions arise pertaining to weather conditions, tides, and causes for various upheavels, etc. We might say, and justly too, that Captain Jeffries' hobby is study, there scarcely being a topic that this learned man cannot converse on authoritatively relating to science, and it is just such types that make our history worth while to pass down to posterity.