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## Davis

**L. H. Davis**, M. D., physician and surgeon, Harrisburg, Ark. The above mentioned gentleman is one of the most successful and prominent physicians in Poinsett County, and is ever to be found by the bedside of sick and suffering humanity. He was born in Ozark County, Mo., on the 22d of December, 1858, and is the son of **Dr. Newland A. and Eliza N. (Drake) Davis**, natives of Tennessee. [For further particulars of parents see sketch of **John C. Davis**.]

**Dr. L. H. Davis** was the fifth of six living children born to his parents and their names appear in the following order: **Mrs. E. Frierson**, wife of **J. C. Frierson**, and now residing in Jonesboro, Ark.; **Mrs. Alice Legg**, wife of **D. H. Legg**, who is a descendant of one of the oldest families of Cross County, and is magistrate of that county; **Mrs. M. A. Gilliland**, wife of the present school commissioner of Poinsett County; Thomas L., married and living in Harrisburg, is a medical student; L. H., and John C., a druggist at Harrisburg.

**Dr. L. H. Davis** always had delicate health, and spent much of his time during boyhood in attending school. At the age of seventeen years he entered as clerk the drugstore of **Dr. D. A. Graves** at Forest City, and remained in that position for three years. During his twenty-first year the Doctor taught school in Woodruff County at Pumpkin Bend, and at the same time began the study of medicine. The following year he read medicine under the tutelage of **Dr. Whitsett**, at Marion, Ark, and during 1882 and 1883 he attended the Memphis Medical Collage. He then practiced one year in the Little River Country, in Eastern Poinsett County, after which he returned to the same college and graduated in the class of 1885. In the same year he came to Bay Village, Cross County, and began the practice of his profession, which he continued for eighteen months. He then came to Harrisburg, where he has remained ever since, and where he enjoys a large and paying practice.

In February, 1887, he wedded **Miss Lillian Florence Watkins**, daughter of **Prof. Watkins**, president of Marshall Institute. They were married at Memphis, where Mrs. **Davis**' family still reside.

Mrs. **Davis**' sister, **Mrs. Fanny Anderson**, of Millington, Tenn., is the possessor of one of the most noted madstones in that State. It is an heirloom of the Watkins family. To the Doctor and wife has been born one child, Willie Mary W., a sweet little girl of about twelve months. **Dr. Davis** is medical examiner and a member of the K. of H., at Harrisburg, and is a conservative Democrat.

**John C. Davis**, druggist and apothecary, Harrisburg, Ark. One of the most popular and efficient druggists in the town of Harrisburg is Mr. **John C. Davis**, whose flourishing establishment is located in one of the busiest portions of that town. He established his present business in 1888, and carried a general stock of drugs, patent medicines and fancy groceries. His birth occurred on the 22d of September, 1867, in Crittenden County, Ark., and he is the youngest in a family of five children born to **Dr. N. A. and Eliza M. (Drake) Davis**, natives of Tennessee.

**Dr. N. A. Davis** was reared in the country, and received his education in the common schools of Tennessee. He learned the printer's trade, and followed that for some years, when he began the study of medicine, and graduated from the St. Louis Medical College in the class of 1850. He first began the practice of his profession at Ozark, Christian County, Mo., and was married at Bolivar, Mo., on the 1st of December, 1843, to **Miss Eliza M. Drake**, daughter of **Jacob and Anna (Williams) Drake**, natives of East Tennessee.

Mrs. **Davis** is a distant relative of **J. Q. Adams**, and a second cousin of **Governor Taylor**, of Tennessee. After his marriage, **Dr. Davis** removed to Christian County, Mo., where he remained until the spring of 1861. He was outspoken in all his political views, and when the war broke out he joined **Gen. Price**'s army as surgeon, and held that position during the entire struggle.

In 1866 his family joined him in Louisiana, and from there they moved to Crittenden County, Ark., where they made their home until 1870. In that year they moved to Cross County, and from there,

in 1873, he moved to Forest City, where his death occurred in 1876. The mother remained on the home place until 1878, and then made her home with her son, **John C. Davis**, until her death, in 1888. The latter was reared in town, and spent his schoolboy days in Forest City and the schools of Marion and Crittenden Counties. In 1882 he entered the drug store of his uncle, **Dr. T. C. Whitsett**, of Marion, as a clerk, and continued with him two years. He then went to Jonesboro', and worked as a clerk until 1886, after which he was on the railroad until February, 1887. He then came to Harrisburg, and purchased a half-interest in the drug business of **M. D. Simmons & Co.**, with whom he continued until March, 1888, and then withdrew, and established himself in his present business, which he is now prosperously conducting. He is a conservative Democrat, and gives his support to all enterprises for the good of the county.

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