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## Ellzey

**J. A. W. Ellzey** is salesman and book-keeper for the general mercantile firm of A. S. Thorn & Co., of Marked Tree, Ark. He was born in Pontotoc County, Miss., in 1851, being a son of **Dr. James Ellzey**, of Georgia. The latter, in connection with his practice, was an extensive planter; he was married in his native State to **Miss Martha A. Stevens**, whose birth-place was the Old North State. The father, who was a Democrat in politics, died in 1869 in Pontotoc County, Miss., whither he had moved at an early day. His widow passed from life in 1882. To them were born eleven children. Our subject, **J. A. W. Ellzey** (one of the seven sons), was engaged in school-teaching in the State of Mississippi, and in the spring of 1879 he went to Milam County, Tex., where he followed the same occupation for nearly one year. In November, 1879, he came to Poinsett County, Ark., and was engaged in teaching and farming up to 1884, when he accepted his present position with the above mentioned firm. He is not a very active politician, but usually votes the Democratic ticket, and socially is a member of the Masonic order. He was married in Poinsett County, in January, 1881, to **Miss Mollie C. Williams**, who was born in Poinsett County, and is a daughter of **B. D. and A. J. (Mardis) Williams**, who were born in Alabama and Tennessee, respectively. The father's death occurred in 1862, and his widow, now **Mrs. Thorn**, still survives and makes her home at Marked Tree, Ark. **Mr. and Mrs. Ellzey** became the parents of five children (three of whom are now living): Birdie; Beatrice, who died in May, 1886; Thaddens and Willie (twins), the latter dying in July, 1885, and Willie.

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