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E. L. Jacobs, M. D. Twenty-nine years devoted to the service of humanity sums up in a line the career, thus far, of **Dr. E. L. Jacobs**. He was born in Hardeman County, Tenn., in 1832, being the youngest in a family of three children born to **Henry and Jane-C. (Dillard) Jacobs**, the former a native of Middle Tennessee, and the latter of North Carolina. After their marriage, in Tennessee, they settled in Pontotoc County, Miss., where they opened up an extensive plantation, on which they resided until their respective deaths, in 1854 and 1866. On this plantation **Dr. Jacobs** spent his youthful days, and there received his early education, which was of a somewhat meager description. In 1857 he settled at Bolivar, Poinsett County, Ark., but three years later made a location at Harrisburg, where he entered upon the practice of his profession, and has followed it ever since. Socially, he is a member of Poinsett Lodge No. 184, A. F. & A. M., of which he has been Worshipful Master several years. He has never been an active politician, but has voted the Democratic ticket. He is a member of the town council, and he and wife, whose maiden name was **Sarah A. Conn**, and whom he married in 1855, are members of the Baptist Church. Two children blessed their union, E. J., wife of **A. C. Thrower**, being the only one living. **Mrs. Jacobs** is a daughter of **Levi and Elizabeth (Duke) Conn**, who were born in Kentucky and Tennessee, respectively. They were early immigrants to Poinsett County, Ark., and here spent their declining years.

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Dr. H. L. Jacobs. The name of **Dr. Jacobs** is one of the most respected in this community, and during his residence in this county he has enjoyed a practice among the best families, and is kept very busy; while with the medical fraternity his reputation is by no means local, and he is known for his remarkable cures throughout this section of

country. He was born in Pontotoc County, Miss., in 1852, and is the eldest in a family of ten children born to **Clinton W. and Rebecca Jane (Conn) Jacobs**, who were Tennesseans and removed to Pontotoc County, Miss., in 1840. The father afterward removed to Poinsett Co., Ark., and here purchased a woodland farm, and made his home until his death, in 1887, his wife having passed from life in 1877. **Mr. Jacobs** was an active member of the Democratic party, a Chapter Mason, and, during the Civil War, served for some time under **Capt. Brisco**. **Dr. Jacobs**, our subject, spent his early youth and manhood on his father's farm, and acquired a good practical education in the district schools of Poinsett County. After studying medicine for some time under the well-known physicians, **Jacobs** and **Gilks**, he went before the board of examiners, and was licensed to practice, in January, 1884, and by the ability with which he has managed his cases, he has become one of the well-known physicians of the county, and stands well with the medical brotherhood. He has a good plantation of eighty acres, but only has seven acres under cultivation. He supports the principles of the Democratic party, and he and wife, whom he married in Poinsett County, Ark., in December, 1884, and whose maiden name was **Mary E. Sparks**, are consistent members of the Missionary Baptist Church. **Mrs. Jacobs** was born in Crittenden County, Ark., and she and the Doctor are the parents of two children: Harry Clinton and Mary Bertha.

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