

Biographical & Historical Memoirs of North East Arkansas
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Powell

B. F. Powell is a well-to-do planter of the county, this occupation having received his attention from early boyhood, and after his marriage, which occurred in Poinsett County, Ark., in 1872, he purchased a timber tract embracing 160 acres of land, and now has 100 acres cleared and under cultivation, which he devotes to raising cotton and corn. He is independent in his political views, but is an active advocate of schools, and has been a member of the school board in his district for twelve years, in every respect being a public spirited citizen. On the 26th of February, 1862 he enlisted in Company A, Twenty third Arkansas Infantry, and was a participant in the battles of Corinth, Iuka, Port Hudson and others, remaining on active duty until the close of the war. The maiden name of his wife was **Miss S. L. J. Clampet**, a native of Tennessee, and a daughter of **Henry and Mary (Riley) Clampet**, also of that State, who came to Arkansas at an early day. The mother died a few years ago, but the father is still living, a resident of this county. The union of **Mr. and Mrs. Powell** was blessed in the birth of eight children, five now living: Mary H., Sue E., Arthur Lee, David C. and Daisy, Those deceased are Laura M., who died in 1882, at the age of eight years; Anna Jane, whose death occurred in 1885, at the age of five years, and Henry E., who died in 1889, at the age of eleven years. **Mr. Powell** was born in Greene County, Ala., in 1845, and is the fifth in a family of eight children born to **James E. and Harriet H. (Burton) Powell**, who were born in the "Palmetto State," but settled in Alabama, and in 1849 removed to Poinsett County, Ark., making this State their permanent abode until their respective deaths, March 4, 1861, and June 27, 1861. The father was a farmer throughout life.

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