

Jacob Ritchie Davis Obt.

b. 5 May 1856, Overton Co., TN – d. 17 March 1932, Albany, TX, md on the 31st of December 1874 to **Mary Dorcas (Carr) Davis**, b. 1858, d/o **John Carr & Sarah West**. Jacob and Mary Dorcas (Carr) Davis are both buried in the Copperas Cove Cemetery, Copperas Cove, Coryell Co., TN.

J. R. Davis Dies In Albany, Texas:

Jacob Ritchie Davis died a few days ago at his home in Albany, Texas, following an illness of three weeks. Had he lived until May 15, he would have been 78 years ago.

He was a son of William Davis, a highly esteemed pioneer citizen of this county, who resided in the Lee's Seminary community. William Davis was a brother of Rev. Stephen Davis and Capt. C. J. Davis.

The deceased was a brother of the late Henry P. Davis and Newton Davis, of Cookeville. Another brother, John Davis, resided on the old home farm until his death a few years ago. The deceased is survived by one sister, Mrs. Jane Carr, widow of the late Leroy Carr, who resides near Lee's Seminary. Mrs. William Huddleston, the mother of County Judge B. C. Huddleston, was a sister of the deceased.

Jacob Ritchie Davis was married to Mary Dorcas Carr on December 31, 1874. His wife was a daughter of John Carr, a prominent and highly esteemed citizen of this county, who served as Sheriff of this county from 1876 to 1880. Two years after their marriage, J. R. Davis and his wife emigrated to Texas, later moved to Wichita Falls, and, in 1886, they located in Albany, Texas, where they resided until death. Mrs. Davis having preceded her husband in death a few years ago.

J. R. Davis and his wife were splendid people. From childhood they were both devoted members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and for many years he had been a ruling elder in his church. He is survived by seven grown children, while three preceded him in death.

He was actively engaged in business in his home town of Albany, Texas, until stricken with his fatal illness.

The Albany (Texas) News, his home town paper, in an account of his death, paid a beautiful tribute to his upright life and noble traits of character.

Last week's issue of "The Cumberland Presbyterian," the official organ of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church published at Nashville, contained a splendid eulogy of the deceased written by Rev. J. L. Elliott, D. D., of Texas, the present moderator of the general assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, who, for many years, had been a close personal friend of the deceased.

J. R. Davis had a host of relatives in this city and county, and many old friends, who are grieved by his passing.

He was a first cousin of former city commissioner Morgan Davis, of this city, also of Mrs. A. R. Ramsay, John and Stephen Brown, and a second cousin of Mayor Ezra Davis. He was an uncle of Mrs. R. P. Morgan, Will C. Davis and Newton Davis. His wife was a sister of William Carr and an aunt of Virgil Carr, J. B. Thompson and Misses Emma and Vallie Carr.

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