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David Nichols was one of the most prominent and highly esteemed of the pioneer citizens of Putnam county. He died about twenty years ago, at his home in the eleventh civil district of this county, where he and his wife had reared their family of thirteen children – nine sons and four daughters. His wife's maiden name was Elizabeth Jared; one of her sisters was the wife of the late Jefferson Boyd; their only brother was the late Moses A. Jared; their mother was a daughter of William Byrne, one of the foremost pioneer citizens of this section of the state. Thus comes the relation of the Nichols, Jared, Boyd and Byrne families, forming one of the largest family connections in the state. There has also been considerable intermarriage among the members of these families.

David Nichols and his wife were spared to enjoy each other's companionship for more than sixty years and, in ripe old age, they died within a short time of each other, loved and honored by all who knew them. They were devout Methodists and they furnished three sons- Jasper, John H., and B. B. Nichols-to the ministry of the Southern Methodist church.

Of their thirteen children, eight survive them. They are: Rev. B. B. Nichols of Boma, J. P. Nichols of Buffalo Valley, Leroy Nichols of Baxter, J. C. Nichols of Lebanon, Mrs. G. D. Byrne of Monterey, Mrs. James A. Boyd of Baxter, Mrs. T. C. Holladay of Nashville and Mrs. Lafayette Boyd of Cookeville.

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