

John Richardson Davis

John Richardson Davis was the son of William Davis and Patience Hall. He was born 18 Apr 1844 in Bladen, North Carolina, USA and he died 03 February 1923 in Bladen, North Carolina, USA. He married Martha Jane Suggs before 1869. She was born 18 May 1851 and she died 15 December 1929 in Bladen, North Carolina, USA.

John Richardson's brothers enlisted in the Confederate War. He wanted to join his older brothers in the army so he ran away from home three times to enlist and was finally successful. He was not 18 at the time so he lied about his age. He enlisted for three years at Ft. Fisher in Captain Richardson's Company, Bladen Artillery, North Carolina Volunteers. It was Co. I, 36th Regiment and he entered as a Private. According to Edna Davis's notes, Rich stood five feet, six inches tall, with auburn hair and florid complexion. He is buried in White Oak Church Cemetery, Bladen Co., NC

Rich and Martha had seven children.

1. William B. Davis, born July 1867, Bladen, NC
2. Marietta Davis, born 14 January 1869 and died 17 October 1931
3. Hoyle McKoy Davis, born 16 Feb 1875 and died 18 April 1943, Bladen, NC
4. Bessie M. Davis, born June 1884.
5. Sampson B. Davis, born 16 February 1887 and died 10 Jun 1889, Bladen, NC
6. Bertha M. Davis, born 14 March 1891 and died 5 Dec 1945, Bladen, NC
7. Lanie Burdette Davis, 27 October 1896 and died 30 Dec 1978, Bladen, NC

Their first child was William B. Davis. He was born July 1867 in Bladen, NC. He married Heneritta. Her last name is not known. She was born July 1867 in Bladen, NC. They are on the 1900, 1910 and 1920 NC Census living in Red Springs, Robeson Co., NC. Their children were:

1. Lillie M. Davis, daughter, born May 1896.
2. Kathleen Davis, daughter, born Dec 1897.
3. John C. Davis, son, born July 1899.
4. Thelma Davis, daughter, born about 1901.
5. Sarah M. Davis, daughter, born about 1909.

Their daughter, Marietta Davis, was born 14 Jan 1869 in Bladen, NC and died 17 October 1931 in Bladen, NC. She married Elishu Meares. He was born 1 June 1863 and died 8 June 1944. They had one child:

1. Martha Lucua Meares, born 23 May 1908 in Bladen, NC. She married Nelson Lyles Davis 3 November 1934 in Dillon, SC. He was the son of Henry Bissel Davis and Kate L. Cashwell. They had six children.

Rich and Martha's daughter, Bertha M. Davis, was born 14 Mar 1891. She died 05 Dec 1945 in Bladen, North Carolina, USA. She married Pearl Simmons.

Their last child was Lanie Burdette Davis. She was born 27 Oct 1896 and died 30 Dec 1978 in Bladen, North Carolina, USA. She married Henry Cleveland Davis. He was born on 08 Nov 1889 in Bladen, North Carolina, USA. He died on 05 Nov 1980 in Bladen, North Carolina, USA.

Sources:

Census Records
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