



DR. ELISHA J. HALL

DR. ELISHA JONES HALL, son of Dr. William Ellison Hall and Dorcas Jones Hall, was born March 23, 1834 in Fairfield County. He was born and reared in the Gladden Grove Community of the county. His father, a graduate physician of 1828 from the Charleston Medical College, was a very prosperous planter on an extensive scale. He was the third largest planter in 1860 in Fairfield County; his holdings were more than 10,000 acres. He also owned several thousand acres in Chester County, 2,500 acres in Echols County, GA., and 4,600 acres in Marion County, Fla. This land encompasses Silver Springs, Fla. today. He also owned 1,475 acres in Bossier Parish, La. on the Red River. He was a slaveholder with holdings of about 346 slaves.

Reportedly, he was very kind and fair in his treatment of them and would not split up a slave family. He gave medical assistance to all who needed his attention no matter whether they could pay or not.

Elisha J. Hall, like his father, was a physician and planter. He graduated in 1856 with a B.A. degree from the University of Georgia. He graduated with honors and was fifth in his class. He was a member of the Demosthenian Literary Society while in the University. He was a captain in the Confederate Army during the war. He was captured in Natchez, Miss., and taken as prisoner of war; he was held for one year. He was in the First Louisiana Cavalry, and was exchanged as a prisoner of war on the Savannah River, opposite Oakley Island, Ga. November 3, 1864. After the war he returned to his plantation in Bossier Parish, La. and was a planter on a large scale. After eight years as a planter after the war, he turned his attention to medicine and went to the University of Louisville in Kentucky. He graduated with an M.D. degree in 1875. He married Sallie Ellison, daughter of William H. Ellison and Elizabeth Adger Ellison, in 1859. After she died, he married her sister, Janie Adger Ellison, in 1870. There were several children by both wives.

He built a very large plantation home in Caddo Parish, La., which is still there today. This is in the town of Belcher, La. Dr. Elisha J. Hall died December 28, 1904.