

Dr. Joseph B. Logan, Long Time Stanton, TN Physician
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For more than fifty years, Dr. Joseph B. Logan prescribed medications, sewed up and bandaged injuries, delivered babies and sat with dying patients - healing acts country medical doctors were called on to do. Dr. Logan, pictured here with his wife and an unidentified man, did these deeds in the town of Stanton, TN and the surrounding rural areas.

Dr. Logan, a wiry black man with a full head of white hair in his later years, smoked cigars and drove a black pick-up truck. He came to Stanton sometime between his graduation from Meharry Medical College in 1910 and 1917 when he registered for the World War I draft. He may have come to assist Dr. Robert Lee Redmon, a fellow Meharry graduate and a Mississippi homeboy already practicing in Stanton.

Anyway, in 1917 Dr. Logan was unmarried and living in Keeling, the community out from Stanton near the Haywood-Tipton county line. This native of Holmes County MS married Ms. Annie Laura Hayes from Arlington, TN sometime before 1920. The Logans continued to live in Keeling in a house on Highway 70W and were active members of the Greenleaf Presbyterian Congregation.

As noted earlier, Dr. Logan was born in Holmes County, MS. His parents were Joseph and Caroline Armstead Logan. Joe, as his father was called, was born in Alabama in 1845. His father and mother were born in NC and VA respectively. Caroline Armstead Logan was born in 1853 in NC as were both her parents. Somehow the Armstead family, or at least Caroline, moved from NC to AL for in October 1867 Caroline Armstead married Joseph Logan in Hale County, AL. The newlyweds lived at least one year in Alabama as their oldest child, a daughter named Virginia, was born there in 1868. Their other children, including Dr. Logan, were born in Holmes County MS.

Sometime after 1899 when the Logan family acquired a 150+ acres farm through homesteading rights, young J. B. travelled to Nashville and enrolled in Meharry Medical College where he graduated at age 32 in 1910.

Dr. Logan saw patients in their homes, at his house in Keeling, and at an office he maintained in Stanton on Highway 70W near Mt. Zion Baptist Church. The Logans had two sons, Joel and Eugene. Mrs. Logan died in 1963 and Dr. Logan in 1966. Both are buried in Hayes Cemetery in Arlington, TN.

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