

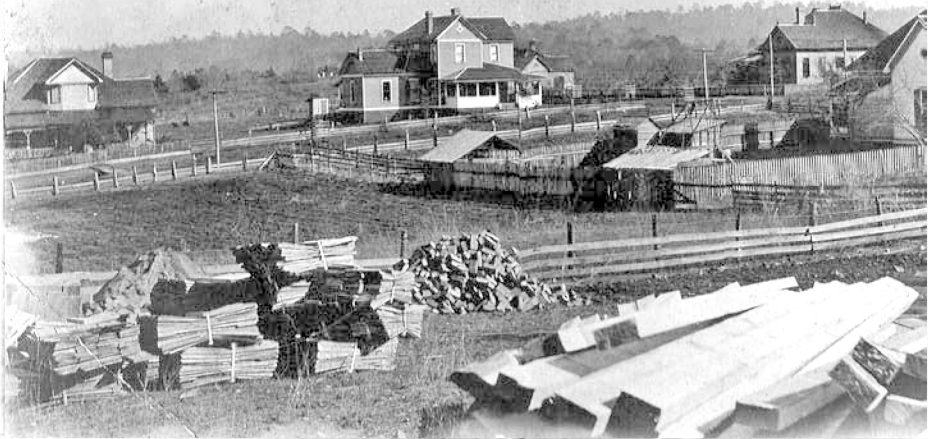
DR. ADDISON KARRICK PARKS, MONTEVALLO DENTIST

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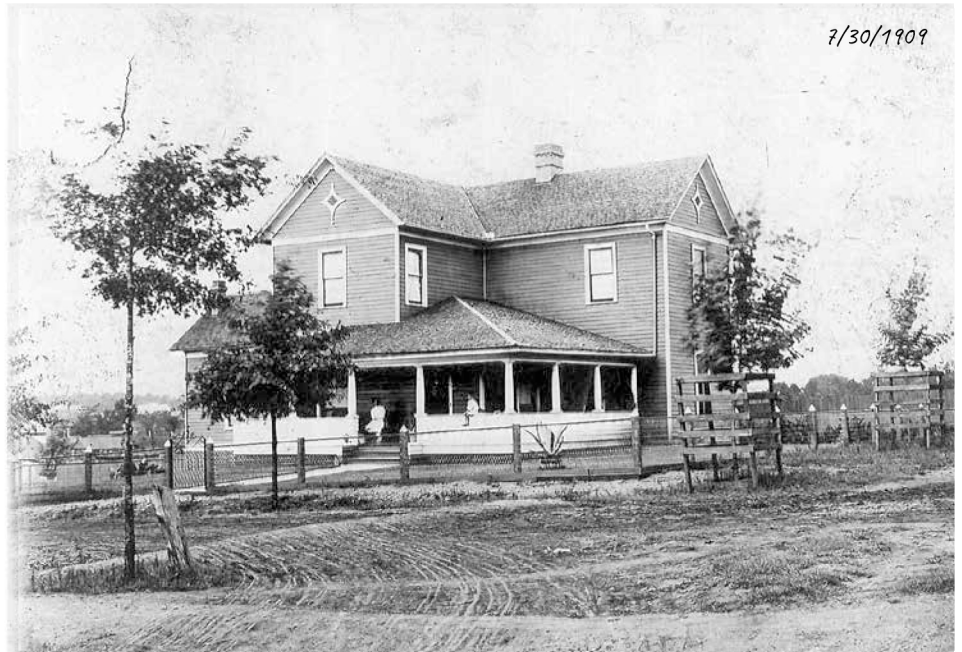
Dr. Parks was born in Kentucky in 1875. He married Julia Dugan and was living in Nelson County, KY in 1900. Soon after, he moved to Montevallo, Alabama and either purchased or had built this new house on Middle Street. He writes on a post card showing a close up of the house (below) and dated Montevallo, July 30, 1909, "We are having water put in this week. Woodford is very sick so do not know when I will go to Ky."

Montevallo's streets are unpaved. Readers who are old enough to remember the 1960's will recognize this house as the location of Mrs. Zada Deal's flower shop. Those old enough to remember the 1990's will remember this house as the residence of the Monk family. The only change since 1909 in the outside appearance of the house from this view is the addition of glass windows on part of the porch.



This post card dated December 28, 1908 reads "There has been a house built in the plowed lot and one where the lumber is piled since you left."

The Parks house is seen in the center background. The very back of the McKibbon house can be seen on the far right. The house most remember as the Rev. Dan Harrell house can be seen in the right edge of the picture in the back. We think the piles of lumber at the bottom of the photo are the lumber soon to be used to build what most remember as the DeSear house, across from the Presbyterian Church on Shelby Street. The house on the far left is also still standing today.



The Federal Census of 1910 lists Dr. Parks on Middle Street with his wife Julia, and son Woodford, age 6. The newspapers reported his speedy advancement in the Alabama Dental Association. He was elected secretary in 1910 as well as 2nd Vice President. By 1911 he held the office of First Vice President. On June 12, 1912 he was elected President of the Alabama Dental Association. By 1916, he had left Montevallo and was practicing in Montgomery. He is on the 1920 Montgomery Federal Census with wife Julia, son Woodford age 16, and a daughter Julia, age 6. Dr. Parks died in 1943 and was interred in Greenwood Cemetery in Montgomery. His son Woodford lived to be 98 and died in Montgomery in 2002.

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