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(Above) Excerpt of 1913 Florence City Directory for Dentists – People of Color, such as Dr. J. E. Jones, are Denoted by * (Ancestry.com, U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995) (Below) Excerpt of 1913 Florence City Directory for Mr. Emory Jones and Dr. John E. Jones – the Men are Denoted as People of Color by * (Ancestry.com, U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995)

Jones Elizabeth (wid J O), b 477 N Wood av
*Jones Emory (m), h 302 S Cedar
*Jones Erastus (m), lab, h 412 Campbell
Jones Ernest, drayman, b Ace Dice
*Jones George (m), h 516 S Wood av
Jones George P (Mary L), atty 108 Court sq, h 626 N Wood av
*Jones Harvey, porter Jefferson Hotel
Jones Henry C, atty, b 613 N Wood av
Jones Howard A (Hazel), mach, h S Florence
Jones Iver L, opr Sou Bell Tel Co, b 916 Royal av
Jones Jesse B (Dora), stove mounter, h 310 Georgia av
*Jones John (m), lab, h rr 212 E Limestone
Jones John C (Nannie), opr Cherry Cot Mills, h 221 Jersey av
*JONES JOHN E, Dentist, Office Hours 8:30 to 5:30, Sundays by Appointment, 123½ S Court, Tel 355, b 302 S Cedar
Jones John T (Malena), mill opr, h 421 N Walnut
Jones Lavinia S Mrs, h 424 N Walnut
Jones Lucian, student, b 224 N Cherry

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Unfortunately, even less is known about the dentists and pharmacists of Florence. Three African American dentists are known to have practiced in Florence in the early 20th century. Dr. Emory Jones opened a practice on the corner of Court and College streets in October 1912. He was a recent graduate of the field, and while there is an Emory Jones listed on the Florence City Directory in 1913, no occupation is named. Dr. John E. Jones appears to have been Emory's brother. On the same page of the city directory, Dr. John E. Jones is listed in bold. He is a dentist with an office at 123½ South Court Street. He lives in a house at 302 Cedar Street – the same address given for Emory Jones. Between 1913 and 1916, Dr. J.E. Jones moved to Birmingham, where he passed away in November 1916.

The third and only other dentist of color known to have worked or lived in Florence is Dr. Lorenzo Marques Pollard (c. 1892-after 1941). Dr. Pollard was the son of Robert T. Pollard and Elizabeth J. Washington, originally from Selma, Alabama. He also graduated from Meharry College and returned to Selma to practice dentistry. A 1913 city directory for Selma lists Dr. Pollard as a dentist with an office at 1022½ Broad Street. When Dr. John E. Jones passed away in 1916, Dr. Pollard took over his dental practice in Florence. As of 1921, his office was located at 114 North Alabama Street, and the family lived in a house at 513 West College Street until 1926, when they moved to 322 South Poplar Street.

(Below) Excerpt of 1920 Florence City Directory for Dentists – People of Color, such as Dr. Pollard, are Denoted by * (Ancestry.com, U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995)

DENTISTS

Brock J L, 117½ N Court
Chisholm W R, 108½ E Tennessee
Johnston F A, 124 E Mobile
Jones J W, 114 Court sq
*Pollard L M, 114 W Alabama
Reeder F B, First Natl Bank bldg
Thomas J S, Reeder Annex

(Opposite Page) (1) 1920 Census Record for Dr. Lorenzo Pollard (National Archives and Records Administration via Ancestry.com) (2) Excerpt of 1926 Florence City Directory for Dr. Lorenzo M. Pollard – Denoted as a Person of Color by * (Ancestry.com, U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995) (3) Excerpt of 1913 Florence City Directory for Dr. Lorenzo M. Pollard – Denoted as a Person of Color by * (Ancestry.com, U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995) (4) Notice of Dr. Archie Jones' Drug Store (*Florence Democrat*, Friday, April 20, 1900 via Florence-Lauderdale Public Library) (5) 1900 Census Record for Thomas H. Derrick (National Archives and Records Administration via Ancestry.com) (6) 1910 Census Record for Thomas Derrick in Nashville, Tennessee (National Archives and Records Administration via Ancestry.com)

The two pharmacists of Florence were Thomas H. Derrick (1879-after 1900) and Dr. Archie Jones (1861-1943), who worked together at the turn of the 20th century. Dr. Jones (no evident relation to the other Dr. Jones) was apparently the first pharmacist of color in Florence. According to the *Florence Democrat* on Friday, April 20, 1900, "a prominent colored citizen [Jones], has opened a drug store in the Young block, under the Democrat office. T. H. Derrick, a graduate pharmacist, will have charge of the prescription department. This is the first venture of the kind ever attempted here [Florence] by a colored man, and he will not doubt meet with abundant success." Dr. Jones was also written about as a doctor. In the Saturday, May 20th, 1898 issue of the *Florence Times*, an announcement of events around the end of the school year for the Florence City Colored School. It states that "Dr. Archie Jones, our colored physician, was programmed to deliver the annual address," but was unfortunately called away to treat his ailing sister.

Dr. Derrick was from Madison County, the son of farmers Susan and Henry Derrick, a veteran of the Civil War with the 17th USCT. While he was named second in command at Dr. Jones' pharmacy and enumerated on the 1900 census as living on Mobile Street, Florence, by 1903, a Thos H. Derrick, druggist, is listed in the Mobile, Alabama city directory in the "colored" section as working at Peoples Drug Store. Dr. Derrick is in Nashville by 1910, where he owns his own drug store. Dr. Jones stayed in Florence for the rest of his life, and the 1930 census lists him as a medical doctor living on Mobile Street. By 1940, he is nearly 80 years old and retired and living at 715 East Mobile Street.