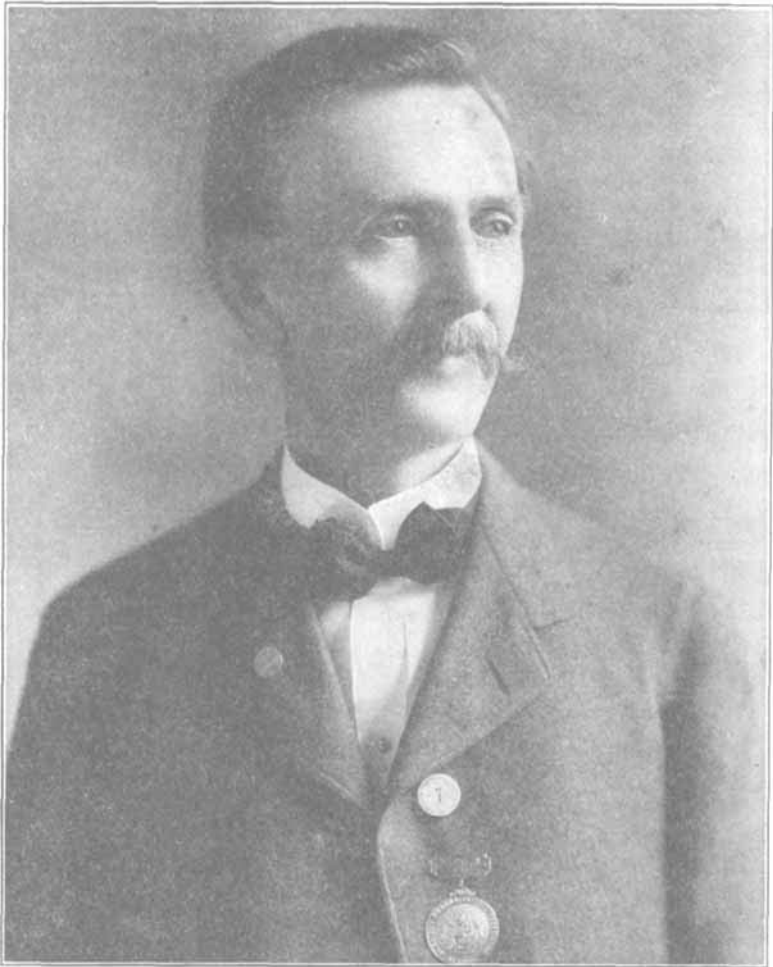


**WILLIAM LAWRENCE DEWOODY**  
PINE BLUFF, ARK.

Honorary President of American Pharmaceutical Association, 1917-1918

The badges worn by Mr. Dewoody when photograph was taken are those of the St. Louis Convention, 1901



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William Lawrence Dewoody, of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, was born in Athens, Ala., December 30, 1848; his family removed to Mississippi while he was an infant. His school advantages were meager, the Civil War interfering, and almost abolishing all schools in the South.

With patriotic zeal he joined the Army, and in the summer of 1864 served in the Mississippi State Guards, and later attached himself with Henderson's Scouts in the Confederate service.

Mr. Dewoody's father, Samuel Dewoody, was a man of unusual literary ability, and possessed an extensive knowledge of plants and their uses. This talent, and the ambition to learn, were inherited by his son, who has made the most of his opportunities. He decided in early manhood to go into the drug business, having become interested in it through his love of nature. As a boy, he spent much of his time in the woods, and became familiar with all of the indigenous plants, which were remarkably prolific in this section of the country; he scouted the woods in search of rare specimens, and gathered those most profitable, commercially. His father, a druggist, used many of these for medicinal purposes, others were shipped to market, and in this way he not only made his financial start, but laid a thorough foundation for his life work. From nature his father taught him the elements, and rudiments of chemistry.

In 1868, Mr. Dewoody purchased a drug store on the Tennessee River, employing an experienced pharmacist, from whom he gathered much practical information. He continued in business here for a short time, when he became possessed with the desire to do business on a larger scale, in a different locality. He disposed of his holdings and located in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, May 12, 1870, where he established a drug business, under the firm name of Nelson & Dewoody. Not many years after, he became the sole owner of the store and has carried it on without interruption; he has always enjoyed the good-will and confidence of the community, and a fair share of its patronage. To this business he has given the best part of his life. Many of the most prominent men in the community owe their success, in a large degree, to the thorough training they received while in his employ, and he is very much beloved by them.

In 1887, at Cincinnati, Ohio, Mr. Dewoody became a member of the A. Ph. A.; he has always been a loyal, enthusiastic member, and during the thirty years of his affiliation with the Association he has missed very few of the annual meetings.

He served on the Arkansas Board of Pharmacy for four years. Outside of his drug interests, our subject has held many positions of trust and honor, and is at present holding many responsible offices. His face is turned to the sunset and he rests secure in the love, esteem and confidence of the community at large.

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