James McCorkle, Assist. Surgeon, Co.F 15 MS Infantry C.S.

1833  August 22: James Stewart McCorkle was born in Alabama to Sam and Martha McCorkle.

1850  September 24: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Lafayette County, MS showed 14-year-old James living with his parents and siblings. His father, Samuel, was a farmer.

1860  James McCorkle graduated from a medical school in Nashville, TN.

1861  May 26: Dr. James McCorkle enlisted in the C.S. Army in Corinth, MS. He mustered in as a private in 15th MS Infantry. He was often detailed in hospitals.

1862  January to April: Company Muster Roll. Present.

April to August: company Muster Roll. Absent. Remarks “Detach’d in Medc’l Dept.”

November & December: Company Muster Roll. Present.

1863  February: Company Muster Roll. Remarks “Deta. in Home Hospital Jackson Miss. In Feby 1863.”

March to June: Dr. McCorkle appeared on a Hospital Muster Roll for Soldier’s Home Hospital in Jackson, MS. He was listed as a nurse.

August: Company Muster Roll. Remarks “Deserted May 20/64.”

July to November: Hospital Muster roll for Jackson’s Cavalry Division Hospital, Old Marion, MS showed Dr. McCorkle as a nurse.

December: Hospital Muster Roll at Breckinridge’s Division Hospital, Lauderdale Springs, MS showed Dr. McCorkle as being a patient.

1864  November 30: Dr. McCorkle’s regiment fought at the Battle of Franklin, suffering overwhelming casualties. His division’s field hospital was established at Carnton, where Dr. McCorkle, as assistant surgeon, would have been tending to the wounded.

December 17: Dr. McCorkle was captured by U.S. forces in Franklin. On the 25th he was sent to U.S.A. Gen'l Hosp #1 because he was ill. He was forwarded to Louisville, then Fort Delaware and on to Fortress Monroe where after he was exchanged.
1865  January 22: Dr. McCorkle was exchanged.

January 26: Dr. McCorkle was "admitted" to Wayside Hospital in Richmond, VA for duty.

May 12:

1867  January 9: Dr. McCorkle married Mary J. Buford.

1880  June 4: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Oxford, Lafayette County, MS showed, Dr. J.S., a dentist, living with his wife and his children.
1900  June 5: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Fort Smith, Sebastian County, AK showed James, a druggist, living with his wife and children.

1902  *The Portsmouth Herald*, Portsmouth, NH. Dr. McCorkle’s daughter was quite active in the “Daughters of the Confederacy” movement moving through the South.
1905  June 18: *Fort Smith Times*, Fort Smith, AK.

October 9: *Fort Smith Times*, Fort Smith, AK.

1914  December 11: Dr. James S. McCorkle died in Arkansas. He was buried in Forest Park Cemetery in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

December 12: *Arkansas Democrat*, Little Rock, AK.
DR. J. S. M'CORKLE DIES.

Pioneer Physician of Arkansas Succumbs at Fort Smith.

Fort Smith, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Dr. J. S. McCorkle, 79 years of age, pioneer physician, died at his home here after a short illness. Up to a week or so before his death he enjoyed excellent health, considering his advanced years.

Dr. McCorkle was born August 22, 1835, at Demopolis, Ala. He attended the famous Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia and graduated in medicine at Nashville in 1860. At the outbreak of the Civil War he joined the Confederate army and served until he was captured in the battle at Franklin, Tenn. He was liberated at Fortress Monroe in 1865. He removed to Arkansas in 1866.

Dr. McCorkle is still well remembered in Tennessee and Mississippi having resided in Lawrenceburg, Oxford and Pontotoc for many years. He leaves four children, Mrs. E. B. Pierce of Chicago, Mrs. David E. Dodd of Mena, Miss Jessie and Will McCorkle of this city.
DR. McCORKLE SUMMONED HOME.

Eighty years of a perfect life, an exemplar of all that true manhood represents, Dr. John S. McCorkle last Friday morning gently passed into his eternal sleep.

Born August 22nd, 1835, at Demopolis, Alabama, his early years were spent with his parents in North Carolina, Tennessee and Mississippi, and at an early age he entered the celebrated Jefferson College of Medicine at Philadelphia, Pa. He graduated in medicine at Nashville, Tenn., in 1860, and a year later enlisted in the Fifteenth Mississippi regiment as surgeon and served until his capture by the Federals at the battle of Franklin, Tenn.

He was released in 1865 from Fortress Monroe, and resumed the practice of his profession at College Hill, Mississippi. There he met and wedded Miss Mary J. Buford, a brilliant young woman and the daughter of a distinguished Southern family, on January 9th, 1867. They made their home in Oxford, Miss., for several years, and moved to Fort Smith in May, 1883. His married life has been that which comes with a love that lives unto Eternity, with that companionship which an ideal wife bestows upon her devoted husband, and in his passing from this earth his beloved consort realizes that he has entered into his eternal rest and awaits the reunion which will have no ending.

Four children were born to Dr. and Mrs. McCorkle—Mr. Will McCorkle, Miss Jessie McCorkle, Mrs. E. B. Peirce of Chicago, and Mrs. David E. Dodd of Mena.

Gentle of heart, always considerate of human weaknesses, true to every principle, and loyal to the attributes of true manhood, living as he would have others use their precious lives, Dr. McCorkle left an imperishable shaft that will be a beacon light to those who will revere his memory. Many Confederate veterans and a large number of business and professional men sorrowfully attended the funeral Saturday afternoon at the family home, No. 102 North Seventeenth street. Interment was made in beautiful Forest Park Cemetery, Rev. M. McN. McKay officiating.