A Sketch of the Life of Judge Hargis

Judge Thomas Frazier Hargis, who is the successor Judge Elliott, is a son of John and Susannah Hargis, and was born May 14, 1821, at Jackson, Breathitt county, Ky. His father was a native of North Carolina, and when the father of the Judge moved to Kentucky, the family settled in Breathitt county. The latter died when the Judge was a boy of seven years, and his mother changed her residence to Breathitt county, where she passed the remainder of her life. The Judge received his education in the public schools, and studied law under the tuition of the late Mr. Marshall, of Madisonville, and was admitted to the bar in 1847.

He was married June 23, 1849, to Miss Lucy S. Norvell, of Nicholas county, daughter of William Norvell, a lawyer and farmer of the county. Judge Hargis died March 14, 1898.

While a member of the Senate, Captain Hargis engaged in the exciting debate on the bill to extend the term of members of the legislature from two to three years. The bill was rejected, and the subject of the speech is still discussed. He was married a second time to Miss E. W. Walker, of Monroe county, and died in 1898.

The Judge was a Democrat, and was re-elected to the Senate in 1850 and 1851. He was a member of the state legislature in 1851 and 1852, and was a member of the constitutional convention of 1874 and 1875. He was a delegate to the New York Republican convention in 1854.

In 1858 he was elected to the state senate from Breathitt county, and served one term. He was re-elected to the state senate in 1860 and served one term. He was a member of the state convention in 1866 and 1867, and was a member of the state legislature in 1868 and 1869. He was a member of the state convention in 1874 and 1875.