

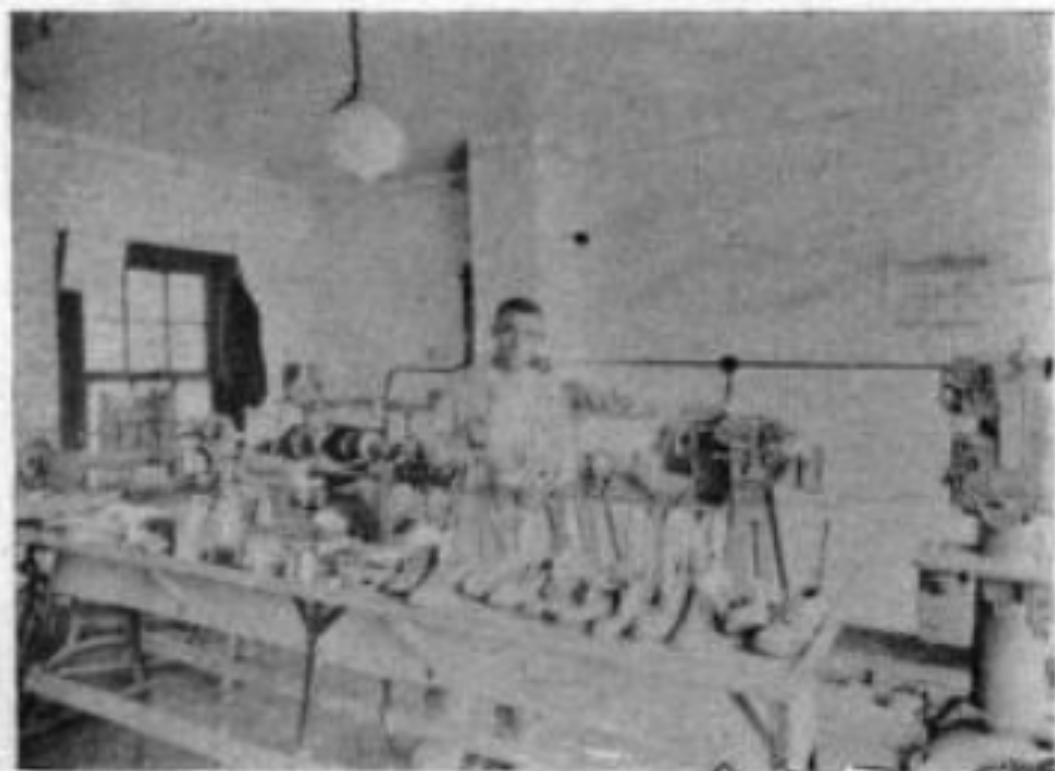
Colored Deaf Man Has Shoe Repair Shop

Dear Sir: I am sending under separate cover photographs of Harry B. Davis' repairing shoe shop. No. 1 is the start he made to go into business for himself. No. 2 shows some progress. No. 3 as it is now much progress has been made. He is doing remarkably well and makes enough to take care of his business and to support his family. They live a beautiful and comfortable flat of six rooms. They enjoy all the comforts and luxuries of



Harry B. Davis

life. He has also saved up for rainy days. There is so much work that he has hired a hearing man to help him and he pays him wages. This is what a colored deaf man has done in a large city like Chicago when thrown upon his own resources and there's no dominion over him. He is an example of what an industrious man can do while employment for deaf-mutes in Chicago is quite a problem.



The Start

Harry Burton Davis was born in Nevada, Missouri. He entered the State School for the Colored Deaf at Fulton, Missouri, in 1903, and graduated in 1914. He was the first colored graduate at the time. He lived with

his folks in Flagstaff, Arizona, for some years, then went to Denver, Colorado, to work in the stockyards. He saved up his money and came to Chicago to work in the



His Growing Business

stockyards for better wages. Later, he married Mary Wells, of Cincinnati, Ohio. They have a daughter seven years old. He continued to save his money and when he had enough, he went into business for himself and has been prosperous ever since.

He is a strong believer in giving one a chance to make good and is anxious to see the colored deaf build up their own churches and organize their own clubs and have their



Mr. Davis' Shop as it is today.

own race leaders, and be independent in every way. He is ready to give his support to the good cause.

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