

## JAMES ALEXANDER BOYD OBT.

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s/o John C. Boyd & Martha Holliday

md Rhoda Frances “Fannie” Nichols

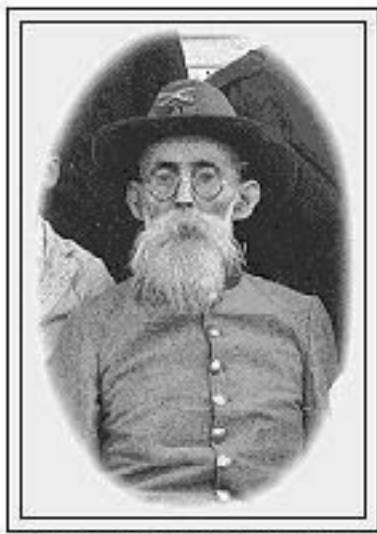
b. 14 August 1849 – d. 2 April 1917

d/o David H. Nichols & Elizabeth “Betsey” Ann Jared

Buried: James A. Boyd Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN, located in Baxter, TN 5/8 mile north of R. R. tracks on old Sparta Road (now 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. North) 200 ft. west of Sparta Rd. on high spot overgrown with cedar trees in it. Cemetery approximately 60 ft x 100 ft. and directly across road from Woodfork Maxwell Cemetery.

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### AGED CITIZEN DIES AT HOME OF SON



**James Alexander Boyd**

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He volunteered in April 1861, as a soldier in Capt. H. H. Dillard’s company of Col. John H. Savage’s regiment. He spent the last several months of the war as a prisoner in the Rock Island federal prison. He devoted his life to farming.

Photo courtesy of Jim Brown:

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From his young manhood he was a member of the Southern Methodist Church. He served for 25 years as superintendent of the Sunday school of the noted old Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, the oldest Methodist church in this county.

In his young-manhood he married Miss Fannie Nichols of this county, who died several years ago. He is survived by three grown children, J. Cohn Boyd, and D. B. Boyd of Baxter and Mrs. Henry Holleman of Granville. A son, W. L. Boyd, died about two years ago.

**James A. Boyd.**  
Cookeville, Tenn., Oct. 8.—(Special.)  
—James A. Boyd, Confederate veteran and one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of Putnam county and the oldest Mason of this county, died Friday at his home in Baxter, this county. He was 83 years old and had spent his entire life in this county except during his four years' service in the Confederate army. In April, 1861, he volunteered as a soldier in the first company of Confederate soldiers organized in Putnam, Capt. H. H. Dillard's company of Col. John H. Savage's regiment.  
During the last several months of the civil war he was held as a prisoner of war in the Rock Island prison, having been captured as he lay wounded on the battlefield.  
Mr. Boyd devoted his life to farming and for many years was active in the public affairs of this county. Intense in his devotion to the Southern cause, he attended every general reunion of the Confederate veterans.  
From his young manhood he was a devoted member of the Southern Methodist church, being a member of the noted old Pleasant Grove congregation, the oldest Methodist church of this county. He served for twenty-five years as superintendent of the Sunday school of this county.  
In his young manhood he married Miss Fannie Nichols of this county, who preceded him in death. He is survived by three grown children, John C. Boyd and D. B. Boyd of Baxter and Mrs. Henry Holleman of Granville. His eldest son, W. L. Boyd, died two years ago.  
Funeral services were conducted at Baxter.

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Several hundred people, from over Putnam county were present at the funeral service at Baxter Sunday afternoon. Services were conducted on the lawn of the home by the Rev. J. D. Harris and Dr. H. L. Upperman. The Baxter, Rock Springs and Granville Masonic lodges conducted funeral services at the grave.

On every hand the most glowing tributes were paid the deceased. His record of fifty years as a steward in old Pleasant Grove church and his long service as superintendent of its Sunday school were referred to by hundreds of people. Many old men and women, who had known him intimately all their lives, stated that he was never known to make an unkind remark about any person but upon the other hand, he always greeted everyone, old and young with words of encouragement and appreciation.

Had he lived until December, he would have been 84 years old, but until his death his mind and memory were perfectly clear and unimpaired and every Sunday saw him active in Sunday school and church work.

He was the oldest member of the Rock Springs Masonic Lodge, also the oldest Mason in Putnam county.

He was the last surviving confederate soldier of Company "F" of the 16<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Regiment, Capt. Dillard's company, which was the Putnam county company first organized.

In addition to his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, he is survived by many other relatives and a host of friends in this county who will always revere his memory.

Herald, Cookeville, TN: 1927

### **JAMES ALEXANDER BOYD – CIVIL WAR SOLDIER (#955)**

**Source:** *Heritage of Putnam County Tennessee* – 2008 by Putnam County Heritage Book Committee and County Heritage Inc.

Pg. 336 - James Alexander Boyd, son of John C. Boyd and Martha Holladay, was born 4 December 1843 and died 7 October 1927. He married Rhoda Frances Nichols and had six children.

In April 1861 James volunteered as a soldier in the first company of Confederate soldiers organized in Putnam Co. TN, Company F of the Sixteenth Tennessee Regiment, being the company of Capt. H. H. Dillard and the Regiment of Col. John H. Savage. During the last several months of the Civil War, he was a prisoner in the Rock Island Federal Prison in Illinois.

*Story submitted by: Carol Hall Bradford, 4548 Old Sparta Rd., Cookeville, TN 38506, great-great niece of James Alexander Boyd.*

**Source:** *Putnam County Tennessee Cemeteries* by Maurine Ensor Patton and Doris Garrison Gilbert, pg. 718:

#### **JAMES ALEXANDER BOYD CEMETERY**

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\*James Alexander "Jim" Boyd, b. 4 December 1843, Jackson Co., TN – d. 7 October 1927, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN (Grange marker on top of stone), s/o James Alexander "Jim" Boyd & Rhoda Frances "Fannie" Nichols.

\*Rhoda Frances "Fannie" Nichols, b. 14 August 1849, Jackson Co., TN– d. 2 April 1917, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN (nee Rhoda Frances Nichols)

Neil Hughes Boyd, b. 16 August 1909, Putnam Co., TN – d. 27 May 191, Putnam Co., TN, s/o John Clinton Boyd & Tina Davis Hughes)

\*John Clinton Boyd, b. 13 July 1872, Putnam Co., TN – d. 12 August 1939, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN, s/o James Alexander "Jim" Boyd & Rhoda Frances "Fannie" Nichols.

\*Tina Davis (Hughes) Boyd, b. 18 October 1881, Cumberland Co., TN – d. 22 May 1944, Putnam Co., TN, d/o Alvin Hughes & Elizabeth Davis.

**Source:** *The Boyd Family History – the Descendants of John Boyd and Mary Elizabeth Leath From Anderson County to Putnam County Tennessee*, pg. 23 & pgs. 68 – 70..

In April, 1861, James Alexander volunteered as a soldier in the first company of Confederate soldiers organized in Putnam Co., TN. This was Company F of the Sixteenth Tennessee Regiment, being the company of Capt. H. H. Dillard and in the Regiment of Col. John H. Savage. James served four years in the Confederate Army. During the last several months of the Civil War, he was confined as a prisoner in the Rock Island Federal Prison in IL, having been captured by the federals, as he lay wounded on the

battlefield. His devotion to the "lost cause" never wavered. He attended every general reunion of the Confederate veterans as long as he lived.

Children of James Alexander Boyd and Rhoda Nichols are:

**William Lemuel Boyd Sr.**, b. December 18, 1869, Putnam Co., TN – d. September 11, 1926, Ladonia, Fannin Co., TX. He married Mary Jane Jared August 24, 1890 daughter of John Jared and Amanda Huddleston. She was born April 6, 1876 in Chestnut Mound, Smith Co., TN, and died September 22, 1952 in Ladonia, Fannin Co., TX. Buried: Ladonia, Fannin Co., TX

**John Clinton Boyd**, b. July 13, 1872, Putnam Co., TN – d. August 13, 1939, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. He married Tina Davis Hughes December 24, 1902 in Putnam Co., TN, daughter of Alvin Hughes and Elizabeth Davis. She was born October 18, 1882 in Cumberland Co., TN and died May 26, 1949 in Putnam Co., TN. Buried: Boyd Cemetery, located on First Ave. North in Baxter, TN, on the Winfree homeplace, formerly the Boyd homeplace. The cemetery plot is deeded to the Boyd family.

**Dallas Bethel Boyd**, b. October 13, 1876, Putnam Co., TN – June 1, 1949, Detroit, Wayne Co., MI. He married Susan Aretta Hughes December 16, 1900 in Putnam Co., TN, daughter of Alvin Hughes and Elizabeth Davis. She was born July 12, 1883 in Cumberland Co., TN, and died September 25, 1961, Detroit, Wayne Co., MI. Buried: Roseland Park Cemetery, Wayne Co., MI.

**Nancy Elizabeth Boyd**, b. 1877, Putnam Co., TN – d. 1877

**Zora Ann Boyd**, b. August 5, 1879, Putnam Co., TN – d. February 25, 1964, Jackson Co., TN. She married Henry Samuel Holleman November 18, 1903 in Putnam Co., TN, son of John Holleman and Ann Richmond. He was born April 13, 1872 in Granville, Jackson Co., TN, and died July 15, 1946 in Jackson Co., TN. Buried: Granville Cemetery, Granville, Putnam Co., TN.

**Alvin Boyd**, b. 1881, Putnam Co., TN – d. 1883.

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DC#22903, Dist. 20, Putnam Co., TN: **James A. Boyd**. Occupation: Retired. Father: **John C. Boyd**. Mother: not known. Cause of Death: "I attended July 1927 - October 7, 1927, died at 9:00 of parlysis, duration 2 years", attended by: J. MacWheeler, M. D., Baxter, TN. True: D. B. Boyd, Baxter, TB. Undertaker: W. T. Sewell, Baxter, TN.

**Private James Alexander Boyd  
K Company**

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Born on 4 December 1843, in Jackson Co, the son of John C. Boyd and Martha Holladay.

Enlisted in the 16<sup>th</sup> Tennessee on the 9 June 1861, but was discharged as a non conscript 16 July 1862.

Enlisted in A Company, (Colonel R. D.) Allison's (Tennessee) Cavalry (Squadron) on the 10 February 1863.

Wounded at Chickamauga on 18 September 1863 when wounded in the left hip by exploding shell.

Captured near Alexandria, DeKalb Co, 24 August 1864 and sent to various prisons, the last being Rock Island.

He spent his life being a farmer.

From his young manhood he was a member of the Southern Methodist Church and served for 25 years as superintendent of the Sunday school of the noted old Pleasant Grove Methodist Church. And was a member of the Rock Springs Masonic Lodge.

Married Rhoda Frances '*Fannie*' Nichols. They had six children.

Pension #1208 filed 21 October 1902 and granted 2 April 1906. Many people wrote on his behalf and his claim eventually granted.

Died 7 October 1927 and is buried in the James A. Boyd Cemetery, Baxter, TN.

**Roda Frances (Nichols) Boyd**

White – Female – Married

Age: 67 yrs. 8 months 0 days

Date of Birth: 5 August 1849

Place of Birth: TN

Date of Death: 2 April 1917

Place of Death: Putnam Co., TN

Cause of death: "I attended Dec. 7 1915 to Apr. 2, 1817, died at 10 p.m. of Myocarditis & old age.

Attended by: Dr. L. A. Ledford, M. D., Baxter, TN

Husband: **James A. Boyd**, nephew of Bransford Boyd

Father: **David H. Nichols**, VA

Mother: **Elizabeth Betsey Ann Jared**, TN

True: D. B. Boyd, Baxter, TN

Registrar: W. F. Judd

**RHODA FRANCES "FANNIE" (NICHOLS) BOYD OBT.**

Mrs. Fannie Boyd, wife of James A. Boyd, died Monday night of heart failure at her home in Baxter. She was about sixty-five years old and was a most estimable Christian lady. She had been a devoted member of the Southern Methodist Church from her childhood. She was a daughter of David Nichols, one of the leading pioneer citizens of Putnam county. She is survived by her husband, and four grown children: John C. Boyd and D. B. Boyd of Baxter, Mrs. Henry Holeman of Granville, and W. L. Boyd of Texas; also by the following brothers and sisters: Rev. B. B. Nichols of Boma, J. P. Nichols of Buffalo Valley, J. C. Nichols of Lebanon, L. B. Nichols of Los Angeles, Calif., Mrs. G. D. Byrne of Monterey, Mrs. T. C. Holladay of Lebanon and Mrs. Elizabeth Boyd of Cookeville. She leaves a large number of other relatives in Cookeville and Putnam County who mourn her loss. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon by Rev. R. J. Craig.

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BACK: ZORA LEONA, ZORA ANNE, DALLAS BETHEL, JOHN CLINTON, VERNA ZELMA  
 OTHERS: VIRGIE CHARLES OSBORNE, JOHN, W.L., JAMES OSBORNE, JAMES,  
 JIM, MAMMY, M.D. OSBORNE, HILL ALL BOYDS EXCEPT THE OSBORNES

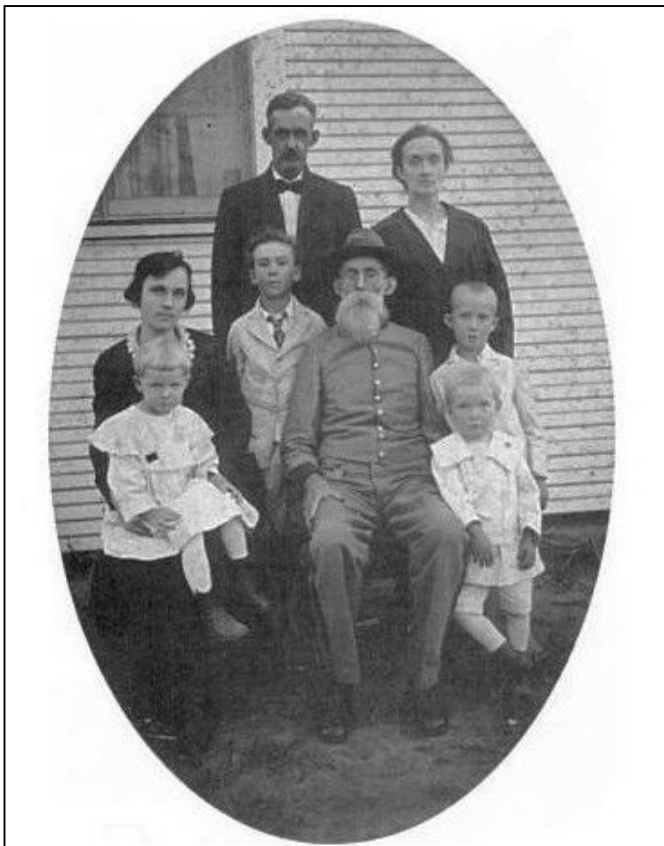
Standing: L to R: Zora Leona Boyd, Zora Anne Boyd, Dallas Bethel Boyd, John Clinton Boyd, Verna Zelma Boyd Osborne.

Others: L to R: Virgie Louise Boyd next to her Charles Wesley Osborne, John Farmer Boyd sitting on lap of William Lemuel "Lem" Boyd Sr., James Leslie Osborne, James Alexander Boyd, James "Jim" Alexander Boyd, Mary Jane (Jared) "Mollie" "Mammy" Boyd, Marshall David Osborne & William Lemuel "Bill" Boyd Jr. Picture made about 1920.

**Source:** When the South was Southern by Michael Andrew Grissom, pg. 336. ISBN: 1-56554-092-1

**LADONIA, TEXAS, 1920.** James Alexander Boyd, of Putnam County, Tennessee, is shown here in the UCV uniform he wore to the annual reunions of the United Confederate Veterans. Accompanied by his daughter, Zora Holleman, and with train tickets that entitled them to travel for a month, he seized the opportunity provided by the Houston reunion and spent the month visiting relatives in Texas. In this photo, he is surrounded by his son, Lem Boyd (standing); his daughter, Verna Osborne (standing next to Lem); her sons, Charles Wesley Osborne (standing in front of Lem); James Leslie Osborne (standing in front of Verna), and M. D. Osborne (standing in front of James); and the elderly veteran's other daughter, Edna Combs, who holds her daughter, Kathleen, on her lap. Boyd joined Co. K, 16<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Infantry, on June 9, 1861. Discharged due to ill health, he joined the cavalry on February 10, 1863, and served with Co. A, Allison's Cavalry, until captured and sent to a prison camp. After the War, he was a pillar of the community, living to the age of 83. A strict Methodist and Mason, his well-attended funeral was held on the front lawn of his home.

Courtesy of James K. Turner.







**FAMILY OF WILLIAM LEMUEL BOYD SR. & MARY JANE "MAMMY" JARED: ca. 1920**

Front Row, L to R: Amanda Frances "Fannie" Boyd, William Lemuel Boyd Sr., Zora Leona Boyd, Mary Jane (Jared) "Mollie" "Mammy" Boyd and Alta Marietta "Marie" Boyd.

Back Row, L to R: Laverna Zelma "Verna" Boyd, Marshall David Boyd and Edna Sue "Susie" Boyd.



Standing L to R: Dallas Bethel Boyd & William Lemuel Boyd.

Sitting L to R: James Alexander Boyd, Zora Anne Boyd & John Clinton Boyd.

Picture taken about 1920 at the William Lemuel Boyd home near Ladonia, TX.



Alonzo Osborne & his wife Laverna Zelma "Verna" Boyd, d/o William Lemuel Boyd Sr. & Mary Jane (Jared) "Mollie" "Mammy" Boyd. Alonzo Osborne, s/o Joseph Osborne & Mandy Wright

\*See Boyd files at: <http://www.ajlambert.com>