

WILLIAM BOYD, Revolutionary War and Family Record
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William Boyd, a son of George Boyd, was born in Orange Co., N.C. on March 15, 1761.

His first wife was Mary Wasson. He had two sons by Mary Wasson—Henry S. Boyd and John Boyd. He married his second wife, Nancy Small, on Feb. 7, 1833 in Roane Co., Tenn., and he was living with her at the date of his death, Feb. 14, 1847.

William Boyd entered the services of the United States during the Revolutionary War from Orange Co., N.C. and served under Captain John Walker for six months as a private. He was attached to the second regiment commanded by Colonel Alfred Moore. After he was discharged, he moved to Surrey Co., N.C. and later volunteered for another six months. During this second period of service, he served under Captain William Shepherd and General Rutherford. At the end of this second period of service, he returned to his home in Surrey Co. After a short time, he volunteered again for a three-month term and served under Captain Joseph Bland. He was attached to the regiment commanded by Colonel Blanchard and General Campbell. During this last term of service, he was “marched to Kings Mountain, N.C., where they had a severe battle defeated the army and took them practically all prisoners.” After this third period of military service, he again returned to his home in Surrey Co. and remained there about four years. He later lived in Holston, Tenn.; Roan Co., N.C.; Lincoln Co., N.C.; Buncomb Co., N.C.; Anderson Co., Tenn.; Warren Co., Tenn.; Jackson Co., Ala; again in Warren Co., Tenn.; and finally in Roane Co., Tenn., where he resided until his death, Feb. 14, 1847.

A complete file of the Revolutionary War Record of William Boyd can be found in File S45878 and can be obtained from the National Archives and Records Service, General Services Administration, Washington, D.C.

Henry S. Boyd, a son of William Boyd, was born April 17, 1780 and died April 21, 1856. He married Susannah N. Baunigartner who was born Feb. 19, 1784 and died Sept. 9, 1858. A daughter of Henry S. Boyd and Susannah Baumgartner Boyd, Mary Wahoo Boyd was born Dec. 30, 1826 and died April 7, 1901. She married Joshua Christenberry who was born Nov. 1, 1819 and died July 26, 1874. For more detailed information on the family of Henry S. Boyd, see National File 444498, Mrs. Carol Christenberry Greer, of the Daughters of The American Revolution.

Dr. Walter McClain in his HISTORY OF PUTNAM COUNTY, TENNESSEE, states: “William Boyd of Virginia but later from North Carolina, settled near Knoxville, this State, where he resided until his death, His son, John Boyd, born in North Carolina, Dec. 9, 1777, and Elizabeth Leath, born in Virginia, Aug. 29, 1785, were married in Anderson County, Tennessee Dec. 16, 1801, and at once set out to locate in the new Cumberland country.

“John Boyd entered a large tract of fine farming land in Rock Springs Valley, now the 11th civil district of Putnam county, and erected a large two-story log house, weather-boarded and ceiled throughout with hand-made lumber .an unusual house in its day. In this house John and Elizabeth Boyd reared their large family of fourteen children .seven sons and seven daughters .thirteen of whom lived to marry and rear families of their own, John Boyd volunteered in the War of 1812 in Capt. John Sutton’s company of Tennessee Militia, and fought at New Orleans under Gen. Andrew Jackson.” A complete file of the military record of John Boyd in the War of 1812, file WC

6192, can be obtained from the National Archives and Records Service, General Services Administration, Washington, D. C.

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State of Tennessee)
1832
Roane County)

October sessions of the County Court,

On this 24th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before William B. Clark, John Catron & William Galbreath, Justices, now sitting it being a court of Record having a clerk and seal William Boyd a resident of the county of Roane & State of Tennessee aged 71 years the 15 of March next who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress passed June 7th 1832 that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, applicant resided in Orange County, North Carolina when he entered the service of the United States applicant entered under Captain John Walker for the term of six months as a private, applicant was attached to the second regiment commanded by Colonel Alfred Moore. Applicant was marched from Orange County to Wilmington where he was stationed for the term of six months. Applicant was in an engagement at Moors Bridge on a small river called black water against the tories that Caswell was a militia general who commanded at the engagement that after the engagement applicant was marched back to Wilmington where he remained until he was discharged. Applicant then went home then moved to Mecklinburgh County where he remained until he volunteered under Captain John Merritt Alexander for the term of three months, was attached to Colonel Franklin Locks & General Griffith Rutherfords regiment. Applicant was marched from Mecklinburgh through Burke County, then cross the mountains at the head waters of Swanannoa into the Cherokee country, traversed the cherokee country, burnt the lower town, middle towns and many other small towns belonging to the indians, had a small engagement between the said towns with the indians & killed a good many indians, after routing and subduing, was marched back to Mecklinburgh County where he was discharged after serving three months as volunteer, applicant then moved to Surrey County, where he volunteered for six months under Captain William Shipton in the regiment commanded by James Shepherd & General Rutherford, was marched from Surrey County to Savannah Town in South Carolina, from there to the magazine on Savannah river where applicant was stationed for the balance of the six months, was then discharged by Captain Smith. Applicant then went home to Surrey County where he remained a short time, then volunteered again for three months under Captain Joseph Bland was attached to the regiment commanded by Col. Blanchard & then joined General Campbell, was marched to Kings Mountain, North Carolina, where they had a severe battle, defeated the army and took them practically all prisoners. That Maj. Good also was one of the commanding generals, applicant then was marched to the moravian town, with the prisoners and there stationed until applicant was discharged after serving three months, then went home to Surrey County where he continued to reside about 4 years, then moved over on Hoiston Tennessee where he staid a short time then moved back to North Carolina Roan County where he remained about one year then moved to Lincoln County, N.C. where he resided about 2 years then moved to Buncomb Cty, where he resided about three years then moved to Anderson County, Tennessee, where he resided about 8 years, then moved to Warren Cty. Tennessee, resided in said county about 2 years, then moved to Jackson County, Alabama where resided one year then moved back to Warren, remained there about 6 months, then moved to Roane County where he has resided ever since. Applicant was born in Orange County, North Carolina in the 1761, applicant in all a 12 months as a malitiaman besides 6 months as a regular, applicant has no documentary evidence of his service as he has long since lost his discharge, nor does he know of any person living by whom he can prove his service. Applicant states that Jessie Mitchell, Morris Mitchell (who is a minister of the gospel but applicant could not get him to court) George W.

Duke, John Prichett, Drury Smith, Elijah Mitchell & Stephen Mitchell are neighbors of applicant who could testify that applicant is a man of veracity that he is entitled to credit and that they believe that he served as a soldier in the revolution in the manner as above stated, applicant has no record of his age, but knows it from the account that his parents gave him. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any other state. Sworn to in open court Oct. 24, 1832 William Boyd

JOHN BOYD
b. 9 Dec. 1777
d. 20 Aug. 1837

Married
16 Dec. 1801

ELIZABETH LEATH
b. 29 Aug. 1785
d. --1882

Children and some of the descendants of
John and Elizabeth Boyd:

- I. William Boyd
 b. 18 Oct. 1802
- II. Nancy Boyd
 b. 19 Jan. 1804

III. Mary Boyd Married Alford Cross
 b. 19 Nov. 1806, Jackson Co., Tenn. b. 1802, Marion Co., Ky.
 d. 1873, Dade Co., Ga d. 1882, Dade Co., Ga.

Some descendants of Mary Boyd and Alford Cross:

- A. Elizabeth Cross Married Louis T. Leftwich
 b. 24 Sept. 1825, Marion Co., Tenn. b. 22 July 1823,
 d. 20 July ___ Putnam Co., Tenn. King Wm. Co., Va.
 d. 19 March 1898,
 Putnam Co., Tenn.
1. William Thomas Leftwich
 b. 18 Dec. 1845
 d. 17 Jan. 1880
 2. Snowden Marshall Leftwich Married (1) Elizabeth Carlton
 b. ca. 1847, Jackson Co., Tenn. (2) Sue Carlton
 d. ca. 1927, Dallas, Texas
 3. Mary Lucinda Leftwich Married Walt Anderson
 b. 14 Sept. 1848, Jackson Co., Tenn. b. 22 Aug. 1843
 c. 7 Nov. 1885, Putnam Co., Tenn.
 4. Samuel Alexander Leftwich Married Catherine Anderson
 b. 18 Feb. 1850 10 Jan. 1875 b. 31 Oct. 1849
 Jackson Co., Tenn. d. 28 May 1928
 d. 20 Dec. 1921, Putnam Co., Tenn.
 5. Lewis Jasper Leftwich did not marry
 b. 25 Nov. 1851, Jackson Co., Tenn.
 d. 19 Dec. 1912, Putnam Co., Tenn.
 6. Martha Elizabeth Leftwich Married Zack T. Butler
 b. 18 Sept. 1853, Jackson Co., Tenn.
 d. 2 Nov. 1928, Putnam Co., Tenn.
 7. Annie Tennessee Leftwich Married Matthew Taylor
 b. 1 July 1855, Putnam Co., Tenn.
 d. 2 July 1899, Putnam Co., Tenn.
 8. **Joel Alford Leftwich** Married (1) Harriet Catherine Evins
 b. 17 May 1858 14 Oct. 1876 b. 14 Feb. 1860
 Putnam Co., Tenn. d. 21 Oct. 1879
 d. 27 June 1936 Married (2) **Alice Gentry**
 Putnam Co., Tenn. 23 Nov. 1884 b. 7 Sept. 1868
 d. 23 May 1955
 9. Virginia Ellen Leftwich Married Thomas Stone Johnson
 b. 6 Sept. 1859 20 Jan. 1876 b. 17 Feb. 1852
 Putnam Co., Tenn. d. 6 Dec. 1927
 d. 22 Jan. 1934
 Putnam Co., Tenn.



Leonard Alford Leftwich at about age 3. He was the son of Joel Alford Leftwich and Alice Gentry Leftwich. Picture courtesy of Mrs. Dero Brown

- a. William Louis Johnson Married Mary Lula Johnson
 - (1) **William Louis Johnson, Jr.** Married Virginia Wilcox
 - (a) William Louis Johnson III
 - (b) John Wilcox Johnson
 - (2) Florence Virginia Johnson Married Charles K. Martin
 - (3) Bernice Love Johnson (died at age of 12)
 - (4) Hubert Vernon Johnson Married (1) Jane Barrett
 - (2) Ann King
 - (3) Gloria Bouillerce
 - (5) Elizabeth Johnson Married James Cullen
 - (6) John Thomas Johnson Married (1) Frances Naddux, (2) Mary Jo Law
 - (7) Willard W. Johnson Married Agnes Yates
 - (8) Thurman Harold Johnson (killed in service WWII)
 - b. Martha Louetta Johnson Married James A. Phillips
 - (1) Thomas Thurston Phillips Married Mae Sadler
 - (2) James Malcolm Phillips Married Joanna Nichols
 - (3) Alton Phillips Married Josie Margaret Naddux
 - (4) Virginia Phillips Married Carman Maynard
 - (5) Alfred Travis Phillips Married Beatrice Callahan
 - (6) Louie Brown Phillips Married Lena Verble
 - (7) Jesse Denton Phillips Married Louise Holladay
 - c. Samuel Stadler Johnson (died at age of 2)
 - d. Solon Madison Johnson Married Elsie Medley
 - (1) Neil Livingston Johnson
 - (2) William Finis Stone Johnson
 - (3) Mary Virginia Johnson
 - e. Thomas Alfred Johnson Married (1) Arlie Cooper (2) Ida Gentry
 - (1) Juanita Johnson Married Dow Waller, Jr.
 - (2) Selrna Te Johnson
 - (3) Alfred Lionel Johnson Married Louisa Gillett
 - (4) Lelon Canter Johnson Married Madge Stanton
 - (5) Arlie Gylma Johnson Married Calvin B. Gentry
 - (6) Bernes Malcolm Johnson Married Ann Frances Leftwich
 - (7) James Ray Johnson (died in infancy)
 - (8) Mable Jean Johnson Married Darman Waller
10. George Madison Leftwich Married Annie Haggard
- b. 20 Jan. 1861 10 Mar. 1887 b. 12 Sept. 1870
 - Putnam Co., Tenn. d. 1 March 1933
 - d. 26 May 1906, Putnam Co., Tenn.
- B. Joel Cross Married Matilda Janey
- b. 1827, Marion Co., Tenn.
 - d. 12 Dec. 1891, Dade Co., Ga.
- C. Lucinda Cross Married Hambleton Eller
- b. 1829, Marion Co., Tenn.
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- D. William D. Cross Married Didarna Tittle
- b. 12 Oct. 1833, Marion Co., Tenn.
 - d. 17 Feb. 1911, Dade Co., Ga.

- E. Zachariah Jackson Cross Married Emma Elizabeth Wilkinson
 - b. 20 Jan. 1835, Hamilton Co., Tenn.
- d. 22 Sept. 1894, Palo Pinto Co., Texas

- F. Martin Van Buren Cross Married Mary Jane Ballard
 - b. 1837, Hamilton Co., Tenn.

- G. James Alford Cross Married Mary Ann Amanda Jones
 - b. 1839, Hamilton Co., Tenn.
 - d Dade County, Ga.

- H. Thomas Hart Benton Cross Married Nancy Caroline Cagle
 - b. 1843
 - d. Dallas Co., Texas

- IV. Elizabeth Boyd Married William Vance
 - b. 2 Dec. 1808 b. ca. 1803

- A. The children and their ages are listed as follows in the 1850 U. S. Census for Jackson Co., Tenn., 13th Dist., Page 507. They later lived in Industry, Ill.

Martha Ann	19	James R.	15	Caroline M.	7
Mary E.	18	William N.	13	Catherine M.	7
John B.	17	Margaret E.	11	Milton A.	4
		Eliza Jane	9	Clinton F.	1

- V. Ephraim Boyd
 - b. 16 Sept. 1810

- VI. Lavina Boyd
 - b. 13 May 1812

- VII. James Boyd
 - b. 22 April 1814

- VIII. Malinda Boyd
 - b. 10 Dec. 1816

- IX. Ruth Boyd
 - b. 9 Jan. 1818

- X. John C. Boyd Married Martha Holladay
 - b. 3 Sept. 1820

- A. James A. Boyd Married Rhoda Frances Nichols
 - (For a fuller account of the descendants of James A. Boyd, see pages 231-239 of "The Book of Jared" by Eleanor N. Hall, Pub. 1963.)

- XI. Alexander Boyd Married Leitha Evans
 - b. 12 Oct. 1821

- A. The children of Alexander Boyd as listed by the 1850 U.S. census for Jackson Co., Tenn. and the 1860 and 1870 census for Putnam Co., Tenn.

Obadiah Boyd b. ca. 1841

Sydney Boyd b. ca.1855

Sarah Boyd b. ca. 1842 Robert F. Boyd b. ca. 1857
 James Boyd b. Ca. 1846 Leitha Boyd b. ca. 1859
 Bransford Boyd b. ca. 1850
 Joseph Boyd b. Ca. 1861 William Pierce Boyd b. Ca. 1853

XII. Jefferson W. Boyd Married Mary Ann Jared
 b.1 Dec. 1823 b. 13 July 1824
 d.28 April 1891 d. 23 Oct. 1907

- A. **Alvin Whitten Boyd** Married **Mary Goodpasture**
 1. **Ernest H. Boyd** Married **Mattie Ragland**
 2. Ova Boyd
 3. Vallie Boyd
 4. Mary Aline Boyd
 5. Grover Cleveland Boyd Married Rachel Farmer
 6. Margie Boyd Married William M. Burt, Jr.
 7. Grechen Boyd
- B. Malinda Boyd
 C. Houston Savage Boyd Married Mary Algood
 D. Mary Elizabeth Boyd
 E. William Moses Boyd Married Martha B. Smith
 F. John Jefferson Boyd

(For a fuller account of the descendants of Jefferson W. Boyd, see pages 252-253 of "The Book of Jared" by Eleanor N. Hall, Pub. 1963.)

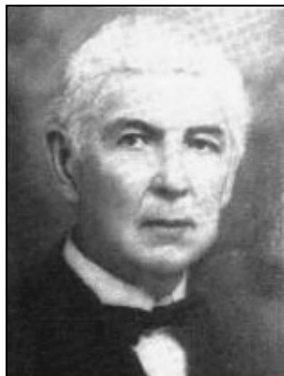
XIII. Anna Boyd
 b. 26 March 1825

XIV. Bransford Boyd Married Elizabeth Jane Jared
 b. 12 June 1828
 d. in service during Civil War

- A. Alexander Lafayette Boyd Married Nancy Elizabeth Nichols
 B. Elizabeth Boyd Married Sam Maxwell
 C. William Irvin Boyd Married Amanda Maxwell
 D. George Washington Boyd Married Tennessee Carr

(For a fuller account of the descendants of Bransford Boyd, see pages 240-242 and 407-410 of "The Book of Jared" by Eleanor N. Hall, Pub. 1963.)

NOTE: Mr. Johnson has a certified copy of the Bible or Family Record of John Boyd and Elizabeth Boyd dated 2nd of June 1874.



Dr. William Hardin Ragland (1842 – 1927), a confederate war veteran and prominent pioneer Cookeville physician, was the son of Dr. William Ragland of Smith Co. and the grandson of Dr. Hardin Ragland of Wilson Co., TN. He was married 2nd to Elizabeth Lou Butler. They were the parents of **Mattie Ragland, (Mrs. Ernest Boyd)**; Mary Ragland, (Mrs. Thomas G.) Dillon; Nan Ragland; & Grace Ragland. Picture courtesy of Houston Boyd.

(Dr. William Hardin Ragland was md 1st to Anne Burton, d/o Charles F. Burton & Sarah/Sallie Murray/Burton. Anne Burton was born 5 November 1847 and died 25 July 1878. Their children were: William "Edward" Ragland, John B. Ragland, Charles Burton Ragland & Ernest Ragland.

*See extraction from the will of Charles F. Burton died ca. 1891 father of Anne Burton Ragland. Source: Terri Moore of Amarillo, TX, 2003).

Extraction from the will of **Charles F. Burton**, died ca. 1891 father of **Anne Burton Ragland**.

FIFTHLY

I will and bequeath to the children of my dead Ann to wit: to Edward and John Ragland two hundred and fifty dollars each, and to Charles Ragland five hundred dollars, and to John R. Burton in trust for Earnest Ragland one thousand dollars, the interest of which is to be used for schooling him and the principle to be paid to him by my said trustee when he arrives at the age of twenty one years.

Charles F. Burton operated a store in Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN. Charles was born 11 November 1811, VA and died 1 August 1891. He married Sarah/Sallie Murray. She was born 6 February 1816, TN and died 8 September 1904. They are both buried: Charles F. Burton Cemetery, located on Hwy. 70 near the Putnam – Smith County line, TN.

Charles F. Burton was living in the 11th Civil Dist. of Putnam Co., TN in the 1860 US Census.

Dwl: 1233 – Family: 1233

C.F. BURTON 48 M Merchant (value of real estate, 2400) (value of personal estate, 3500) VA

Sarah BURTON 44 F TN

Virginia BURTON 22 F TN

Edward BURTON 16 M Farmer TN

Winfield S. BURTON 14 M TN

Ann BURTON 12 F TN

Fannie BURTON 9 F TN

Mary BURTON 7 F TN

Frank BURTON 4 M TN

John BURTON 2 M TN

Victoria BURTON 11 F TN

Laura BURTON 6 F TN

J.L. BECK 28 M Clerk (value of real estate, 500) TN

11 Civil Dist. of Putnam Co., TN – 1870

Dwl: 52 – Family: 52

Charles BURTON 59 W M Farmer (value of real estate, 2000) (value of personal estate, 1000) VA

Sarah BURTON 53 F W Keeping House TN

Frances BURTON 18 F W TN

Mary BURTON 16 F W TN

Francis BURTON 14 F W TN

John BURTON 12 M W TN

Liza BURTON 14 F B (Black)

11 Civil Dist. of Putnam Co., TN – 1880

Dwl: 132 – Family: 143

Charles F. BURTON W M 68 Married Retired Merchant VA VA VA

Sally BURTON W F 63 Wife Married Keeping House TN TN TN

John BURTON W M 21 Son Single Physician TN VA TN

Ellen BUCK B (Black) F 22 Servant Single Servant TN TN TN

Earnest Ragland W M 3 Grandson TN TN TN

Dwl: 132 – Family: 144

Frank M. BURTON 24 M W Married Farmer TN VA TN

Leona BURTON 20 W F Wife Married Keeping House TN TN TN

Dwl: 133 – Family: 145

Edward M. BURTON 36 W M Married Physician TN VA TN

Emer L. BURTON 29 W F Wife Married Keeping House TN TN TN

Minnie L. BURTON 11 Dau. Single At Home TN TN TN

Waller W M 8 Son TN TN TN

Sally 5 W F Dau. TN TN TN

Charles T. 1 W M Son TN TN TN

11 Civil Dist. of Putnam Co., TN – 1900

Dwl: 127 – Family: 129

Edward M. BURTON Head W M December 1843 – 56 Married (# of yrs., married, 30) Farmer TN VA TN

Ema L BURTON Wife W F July 1852 – 47 Married (# of yrs. married, 30) 10-9 (10 children born, 9 children living) TN VA TN

Charles T. BURTON Son W M March 1879 – 21 Single School Teacher TN TN TN

Emerson BURTON Son W M July 1882 – 17 Single At School TN TN TN

Edward M. BURTON Son W M July 1885 – 14 Single At School TN TN TN

John M. BURTON Son W M November 1888 – 11 Single At School TN TN TN

Ema A. BURTON Dau. W F July 1891 – 8 Single At School TN TN TN

Nela F. BURTON Dau. W F September 1898 – 1 Single TN TN TN

Sallie BURTON Mother W F February 1816 – 84 Widow TN NC TN

William Boyd – Revolutionary Soldier

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By Carol Bradford

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During the last term of service, he was marched to King's Mountain, SC where they had a severe battle, defeated the British and took most of them prisoners. After his last service in the war, he returned to Surrey Co., NC, but he later lived in Holston, TN, Roane Co., NC, Lincoln Co., NC, Buncombe Co., NC Anderson Co., TN, Warren Co., TN, Jackson Co., AL, again in Warren Co., TN, and finally in Roane Co., TN.

War of 1812 – John Boyd

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Great-Great Granddaughter of John Boyd

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John Boyd joined the West Tennessee Militia on September 20, 1814 for a period of six months and twenty days. He was a private in the company commanded by Captain John Sutton. He belonged to the infantry battalion commanded by Major William Woodfork and attached to General Taylor's brigade in the war with the hostile Creek Indians. He was honorably discharged on April 10, 1815.

Elizabeth Boyd, widow of John Boyd, applied for his pension in 1874.

John Waggoner Jr. - <http://www.rootsweb.com/~tnsmith/cempics/confedgrave.htm>

Confederate Soldiers Graves

The Confederate Soldiers Graves are located approx. 3 miles south of Chestnut Mound in the Tom Hollow off St. Mary's Hollow Road. These graves are located in a very narrow hollow that can be entered at #197 St. Mary's Hollow Road. There is a very rough road accessible by four wheel drive for one-half mile and then a walk of 3/10 mile. It is one of the most remote areas of Smith County. Formerly there were two or three cabins in the hollow but none today.

Uriah R. Gillihan from Jackson Co. TN and T.W. Phillips from Overton Co. TN had been members of the 28th Confederate Infantry and had fought in several major battles such as, Shiloh, Fishing Creek, Stone's River. Both had been either wounded or sick and were furloughed from the army. Gillihan and Phillips met in Putnam Co in spring of 1865 while on the way home. Lee had surrendered in April but they were not aware of it. They attended a dance at Buffalo Valley and became involved in a dispute. Fearing for their lives they left Buffalo Valley and went to the home of Charles F. Burton, arriving about daylight. Mr. Burton being a Southern Sympathizer fed the two boys and sent them to hide in a cabin down in the Tom Hollow. They were discovered by the Home Guard who marched them around the area, then physically tormented them with bayonets. They were then tied to separate trees and shot by the Union men.

When the two bodies were discovered Charles F. Burton had them wrapped in blankets and buried. Mr. Burton had a rock wall built around the graves which he kept clean and decorated with flowers for the remainder of his life. There are descendants of the Burton family, and the Lewis Fletcher family, who helped bury the soldiers, still living in the Chestnut Mound area who are knowledgeable about this event.

In the 1970's Guy Boyd grandson of Lewis Fletcher, that helped build the wall around the graves in 1865, was instrumental in getting stone markers placed at the graves.

In Vol.V. No. 1 of the Smith County Historical & Genealogical Society newsletter is an article by Katheryn Frye Dickens titled TOM HOLLOW REVEALS CONFEDERATE HISTORY. This is a well researched and interesting account of this event.

Listed in Smith County Cemeteries - South of the Cumberland River Pg.186.



Confederate Soldiers Grave



Judge Ernest Houston Boyd, Sr. (1879 – 1956)
s/o Alvin Whitten Boyd & Mary Goodpasture



Alvin Whitten Boyd was a prominent pioneer, Cookeville, TN lawyer and State Senator. His wife was Mary Goodpasture. Ernest Houston Boyd was born and reared in Cookeville, TN and was a graduate of Cumberland University.

Judge Boyd was elected Putnam County Superintendent of Schools at age 22, and while serving in that office, in joint effort with the Nashville superintendent of Schools, organized the Middle Tennessee Teachers Association, and served as its first secretary.

Judge Boyd served as County Attorney, District Attorney-General of the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Tennessee, and Chancellor of the Fourth Chancery Division of Tennessee.

Judge Boyd served as Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Odd Fellow for State of Tennessee and three times represented Tennessee in the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellow. He also served as Grand Patriarch of the Rebecca Lodge for State of Tennessee.

Judge Boyd served for many years as a member of the Tennessee Historical Commission and the Tennessee Historical Society.

He was ruling elder, clerk of the session, and chairman of the pulpit committee of the First Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. for many years. He was moderator of the Presbytery and served as commissioner to the Grand Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

He was married to Mattie Ragland. She was the daughter of Dr. William Hardin Ragland and granddaughter of Dr. William Ragland and Thomas Harvey Butler, who served as Tennessee Secretary of State.

Judge Boyd practiced law at different times with his father, Alvin W. Boyd; his uncle, John Boyd; his brother, Grover Boyd; and sons, Ernest Houston Boyd Jr. and William Hardin Boyd.

Judge Boyd was well known as an historian, and was the author of Early History of Putnam County 1854- 1954, Nuggets of Putnam County History, and many articles on Putnam County History. He lectured extensively throughout

Tennessee. Story Courtesy of Houston Boyd – pg. 143, Pictorial History of Putnam County Tennessee by 1st American Bank, Cookeville, TN.

Josephine Burton Obt.
Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN

BURTON, JOSEPHINE: Mrs. Josephine Burton, wife of Charles Burton, died at her home in Nashville Tuesday morning, June 20, 1911, of tuberculosis. She was brought to Cookeville for burial and laid to rest Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Burton had lived here most of her life and had many friends in this section. [Date 6/22/1911, Vol. IX, No. 25, Page 4]

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