

CHRISTIAN CEMETERY

Putnam Co., TN

Location: from I-40 exit 273, go east on Hwy. 56. After you pass the red brick house on the right the cemetery is on the right of the road, on the Bee Christian place. Many unmarked graves.

Also called the Pine Grove Cemetery.

GPS Coordinates: Latitude: 36.08842, Longitude: -85.71882

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Rube Austin

b. 25 December 1845 – d. 12 February 1905, md **Cathrine (unknown) Austin**, b. 23 March 1863.

Mary Minnie (Adams) Bussell Bandy

b. 7 August 1883, TN – d. 7 May 1964, md 1st on the 14th of November 1906, Putnam Co., TN to **Samuel D. Bussell**, b. 26 December 1879, TN – d. 10 August 1910. She md 2nd on the 11th of February 1912, Putnam Co., TN to **Henry Bandy**, b. ca. 1876, Jackson Co., TN, s/o **Sarah & unknown Bandy**.

*See Samuel D. Bussell buried in Christian Cemetery.

Children of Samuel D. & Mary Minnie (Adams) Bussell Bandy: Solon R. Bussell, b. 1908, TN md Myrtle Grogan & Arvil Sylvester Bussell, b. 17 March 1910, Putnam Co., TN –d. June 1983, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN md Mai.

Children of Henry & Mary Minnie (Adams) Bussell Bandy: Robert Lovina Bandy, b. 25 December 1920, Putnam Co., TN – d. 27 November 1982, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 366, #915: S. D. Bussell married 14 November 1906, Putnam Co., TN to Miss Minnie Adams. By whom married: J. B. Lafever, Justice of the Peace).

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 90, #354: Henry Bandy married 11 February 1912, Putnam Co., TN to Mrs. Minnie Bussell. By whom married: R. L. Youngblood, P. M. E. C.)

(1910 census 13th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 82 - **Samuel D. Bussell** is head of household, 39 yrs. old, TN md 3 yrs. to **Mary M.**, 24 yrs. old, TN, 2 children born, 2 children living. Children: Solon R., 3 yrs. old, TN & Arvell E. Bussell, 0/12 yrs. old, TN).

(1920 census 12th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 69- **Henry Bandy** is head of household, 42 yrs. old, TN md to **Minnie Bandy**, 35 yrs. old, TN. Children: Solon, 12 yrs. old, TN & Arville Bussell, 10 yrs. old, TN).

(1930 census 9th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 48 - **Henry Bandy** is head of household, 52 yrs. old, TN, (39 yrs. old 1st marriage) md to **Minnie**, 49 yrs. old, TN (24 yrs. old 1st marriage). Children: Robert Bandy, 9 yrs. old, TN).

(1930 census 9th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 49 – **Arvil Bussell** is head of household, 20 yrs. old, TN, (19 yrs. old 1st marriage), md to **Mai**, 21 yrs. old, TN, (20 yrs. old 1st marriage).

Jas. Bennett

no dates – (Co I 5th Tenn Cav).

(Source: U. S. Civil War Soldiers (1861-1865): James Bennett, Union, 5th Tennessee Cavalry, Co. I, (Rank in: Private – Rank out: Private. Film #M392 roll 1).

Lillian M. (Lafever) Buzzell (should be Bussell)

b. 25 August 1916 – d. 14 January 1941, md **Virgil Bussell**. Lillian M. Bussell, d/o **William Jesse Lafever & Sarah Elizabeth Gay**.

Samuel D. Bussell

b. 26 December 1879, TN – d. 10 August 1910, md on the 14th of November 1906, Putnam Co., TN to **Mary Minnie (Adams) Bussell Bandy**, b. 7 August 1883, TN – d. 7 May 1964

*See Mary Minnie (Adams) Bussell Bandy buried in Christian Cemetery.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 366, #915: S. D. Bussell married 14 November 1906, Putnam Co., TN to Miss Minnie Adams. By whom married: J. B. Lafever, Justice of the Peace).

Arthur “Boots” Christian Obt.

b. 19 May 1917 – d. 8 January 1979, Putnam Co., TN, s/o **William Christian & Rosie Clark**.

(SS Death Index: Name: **CHRISTIAN, ARTHUR** – Birth: 19 May 1917 -Death: Jan 1979-Age: 61- Last Residence (Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN) - Last Benefit: (none specified) – SSN: 408-24-8168 -Issued By: TN).

BAXTER – Funeral services for Arthur Christian, 61, of Route 1, Silver Point, were held today at 2 p.m. at the Chapel of Baxter Funeral Home. Mr. Christian was pronounced dead Monday, Jan. 8, at Cookeville General Hospital.

Services were conducted by Bro. Scottie Glasgow and burial was at Christian Family Cemetery.

Mr. Christian was a native of Putnam County and was the son of William and Rosie Clark Christian. He was a farmer.

Survivors include one brother, William H. Christian of Silver Point; two sisters, Mrs. Tannie Herron of Cookeville and Mary Christian of Silver Point; three nieces; five nephews.

Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN: 11 January 1979

Rosa Lee Christian

b. 1874 – d. 1963.

John Hamilton

b. 24 May 1897, Putnam Co., TN – d. 23 April 1953, Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN md **Sarah Renda (Lafever) Hamilton**, b. 5 May 1898, Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN – d. no death date, d/o **James Andrews “Pappy” Lafever** (1873-1962) & **Missouri Tennessee Maynard** (1874-1953). **John Hamilton**, s/o **James T. Hamilton**, b. September 1867, Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN & **Frances Elizabeth “Bettie” Prentice**, b. April 1872, Putnam Co., TN – d. 1956, Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **James Prentis/Prentice** (1851-1933) & **Marbeth Arebelle Wallace** (1853-1919). James T. Hamilton, buried at Pine Cemetery, Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN. He worked as a farmer and died of TB.

*See Robert Prentice buried in Christian Cemetery.

James Prentis/Prentice, b. July 1851, TN – d. 3 August 1933, TN md 1st to **Marbeth Arebelle Wallace**, b. October 1853, TN – d. 6 December 1919, d/o **Joseph Josiah “Joe” Wallace & Jane/Besty Nolan Coffee**. James Prentis/Prentice, s/o **Robert Prentice & Elizabeth (probably) Kirkland**. James Prentice md 2nd on the 9th of January 1922, Putnam Co., TN to **Amanda (Brassell) Cox Prentice** b. 19 February 1856, TN - d. 24 May 1934, d/o **Egbert H. & Mary Brassell**. James and Amanda Prentice are both buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

*See story about James “Jim” Prentice in the book *Heritage of Putnam County Tennessee 2008*, pg. 178.

*See Odd Fellows Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN

James T. and Frances (Prentice) Hamilton's children: Minnie (died at birth), James Harvey; Emma A., Oliver; John; William "Willie"; Josephine "Josie"; Martha Avo and Jesse Lee Hamilton.

James Maynard

no dates (Co I 5th Tenn. Cav).

John L. Maynard

b. 7 October 1849 – d. 16 June 1896.

William Oren

(Tenn Pvt 26 Inf)

Robert Prentice

b. 1831, Smith Co., TN - d. 28 January 1890, (Corp'l Co G 1st Tenn Mt'd Inf), md 2nd on the 12th of December 1887, Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN to **Adelaide Wallace** – b. 6 February 1849, Silver Point, TN – d. 24 May 1923, d/o **William J. Wallace & Elizabeth "Betty Ann" Petty**. Adelaide Wallace was md 1st on the 29th of December 1869 to **Mansfield Smith Sr.** (1831-1876). Robert Prentice was md 1st to **Elizabeth (probably) Kirkland**. Robert Prentice, s/o **Robert J. Prentice**, b. 1777, VA & **Sarah (unknown) Prentice**.

*See John Hamilton buried in Christian Cemetery.

*See story about Robert Prentice in the book *Heritage of Putnam County Tennessee 2008*, pg. 178 - 179.

(Source: U. S. Civil War Soldiers (1861-1865): Robert Prentice, G 1 Tenn Mt'd Inf. Widow: Adelaide Prentice).

Robert & Elizabeth (probably) Kirkland Prentice children: James "Jim" Prentice (1851-1933) & George W. Prentice (1857-?).

James Prentis/Prentice, b. July 1851, TN – d. 3 August 1933, TN, md **Margaret Meikle** and md **Marbeth Arebelle Wallace**, b. October 1853, TN– d. 6 Dec. 1919, TN, d/o **Joseph Josiah "Joe" Wallace & Jane/Besty Nolan Coffee**. James Prentis/Prentice, s/o **Robert Prentice & Elizabeth (probably) Kirkland**.

James & Marbeth Arebelle Wallace Prentis/Prentice children: Johnny, b. 1908; Frances Elizabeth "Bettie" (1872-1856); Mary J. (1875-1898); Josephine "Josie" (1879-1902); Caroline (1881-1930); James Monroe (1884-1969); Martha Susan (1888-1924); Martin Bradley (1889-1981); Lonnie Dowell (1894-1949) & Erma M. "Army" Prentice (1897-1917).

Betty Sue Smith

b. 1959 – d. 1958.

NEGLECTED CEMETERY FOR VETERANS TO BE RESTORED

by Amye Wright
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SILVER POINT -- Inside of a wrought iron gate, under a large grove of trees lies the Christian Cemetery-- also known as Pine Grove Cemetery. That cemetery has been neglected for some time and some locals are planning to do something about it on Oct. 15.

Through her research, local genealogist Joyce Maynard was able to trace her husband's great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather to the cemetery.



When they visited the site they were shocked by what they saw. Limbs are scattered all over the site and the property is overgrown.

(Ed Butler, 1st Lt. of the Dillard-Judd Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, discusses plans to clean up the long-neglected Christian Cemetery with Joyce Maynard, Ronald Maynard Jr. and Ronald Maynard Sr. Herald-Citizen Photo/Ty Kernea)

"The place is just a mess," Maynard said.

She's unsure of what happened to the original caretakers of the cemetery but she is sure of one thing--the cemetery will be cleaned up.

Of the graves that are marked, many are simply sandstone slabs with no inscription. Other graves are identifiable only by sunken areas the size and shape of a burial plot.

Marked graves reveal that at least four Confederate veterans, one veteran of the Spanish-American War and one World War II veteran are buried there.

Other marked graves include the family names of Anderson, Austin, Bandy, Bennet, Bussell, Christian, Hamilton, Maynard, Prentice, Smith, Whitehead and Williams.

The small group is attempting to reach out to the descendants of those interred.

"It really needs to be cleaned up because it's just terrible," Maynard said.

Ed Butler, 1st Lt. of the Dillard-Judd Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, will be leading the clean-up efforts along with the SCV.

"I just hate to see a cemetery grow up," Butler said.

At one point, cows were able to enter the cemetery where they knocked over headstones. An old barbed wire fence surrounds the property but Butler believes that the cows were able to break through to gain access to the cemetery.

"That's just wrong," Butler said.

The clean-up group is planning to make repairs to some of the toppled markers but some are so damaged by the elements that the inscriptions are nearly impossible to decipher. The group is also in need of a few volunteers experienced with the operation of chain saws and weed eaters with saw blades.

To get to the cemetery, take I-40 west to Silver Point exit. Turn left on Highway 56 toward Smithville. After crossing the railroad tracks, turn left on Old Baxter Road and travel approximately one-half mile to a double brick entryway with wrought iron gates with a white fence on either side. The cemetery is located in a large grove of trees approximately 25-yards inside the entrance.

For more information about the cemetery or the individuals interred there contact Joyce Maynard at 526-1558 or 979-5257.

Anyone interested in helping clean up the cemetery or memorial services at the cemetery can contact Ed Butler at 544-2002 for more information.

The clean up will take place Oct. 15.

"The SCV is always ready, willing and able ... to clean up old cemeteries," Butler said.

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