

LEFTWICH CEMETERY

Putnam Co., TN

(Sources: Tennessee Francis (Ensor) Leftwich Family Bible Records. Lewis Temple Leftwich family records by Mary Edna Leftwich Florida Foutch. Tennessee State Marriage records. Putnam County Cemeteries by Maurine Ensor Patton & Doris (Garrison) Gilbert. *Herald-Citizen*, Cookeville, TN obituaries. Research by Audrey J. (Denny) Lambert and others).

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G. Ballard

No dates, unmarked grave.

Ogeal Myrtle (Leftwich) Blair

b. 31 December 1905, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN – d. 18 March 1964, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 8th of October 1927, Putnam Co., TN to **Robert Leamon Blair**, ca. 1907, TN, s/o **William Alexander Blair** (1874-1953) & **Mattie Lou Fletcher** (1888-1960), both buried in Ridgewood Cemetery, Carthage, Smith Co., TN. Ogeal Myrtle (Leftwich) Blair, d/o **Lewis Temple Leftwich** (1855-1920) & **Tennessee "Tennie" Frances Ensor** (1866-1953).

*See Lewis Temple Leftwich buried in Leftwich Cemetery.

*See Robert William Blair Obt.

*See Tennessee "Tennie" Frances (Ensor) Leftwich Obt.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 375 – Robert L. Blair married 8 October 1926, Putnam Co., TN to Ogeal Leftwich).

Robert Leamon Blair & Ogeal M. Leftwich had a son named **Lewis Townsend Blair**, b. 13 January 1928, TN, md on the 16th of July 1949, Allen Park, MI to **Christine Jessie Los**, b. 1 April 1928, Fishing River, Manitoba, Canada, parents both born in Ukraine.

(1920 census Civil Dist., 8, Smith Co., TN: Dwl: 67 - **William A. Blair** is head of household, 44 yrs. old, TN, md to **Mattie**, 31 yrs. old, TN. Children: **Robert L. Blair**, 13 yrs. old, TN).

(1930 census Hartsville, Trousdale, TN: Dwl: 116 - **Robert L. Blair** is head of household, 23 yrs. old, TN, (19 yrs. old 1st marriage) md to **Ogeal**, 24 yrs. old, TN, (20 yrs. old 1st marriage). Child: **Lewis T. Blair**, 2 3/12 yrs. old, TN).

(1940 census Hartsville, Trousdale, TN: Dwl: 18 – **Leamon Blair** is head of household, 33 yrs. old, TN, md to **Ogeal**, 34 yrs. old, TN. Child: **Townsend Blair**, 13 yrs. old, TN).

Robert William Blair

b. 17 November 1952, Detroit, Wayne Co., MI – d. 26 June 2015, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN, md **Beverly (Birdwell) Blair**. Robert William Blair, s/o **Lewis Townsend Blair** (1928-2015) & **Christine Jessie Los**.

*See Ogeal Myrtle (Leftwich) Blair buried in Leftwich Cemetery.

NASHVILLE — Funeral services for Robert William Blair, 62, of Nashville, formerly of Ashland City, will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, June 26, at the Hickory Chapel of Woodbine Funeral Home in Nashville.

Interment will be in Leftwich Family Cemetery in Putnam County.

The family will receive friends from 5-8 p.m. on Thursday, June 25, and from noon until time of services on Friday at the funeral home.

Mr. Blair passed away on Tuesday, June 23, 2015.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Beverly Birdwell Blair; his sons, Jesse



Townsend (Lacey) Blair, Zachary Davis Blair and Alexander Thomas Blair; a grandson, Crockett Robert Blair; his mother, Christine Los Blair; a sister, Rhonda Louise Blair; a brother, Tracy Los Blair (Tracy Lynn); a niece, Anna Blair; his nephews, Samuel and Nathan Blair; and a brother-in-law, Barry (Michele) Birdwell.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lewis Townsend Blair.

Pallbearers will be family and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort Inc., or a charity of your choice.

Bro. Chris Smith will officiate at the services.

Arrangements by Woodbine Funeral Home, Hickory Chapel, (615) 331-1952.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 24 June 2015

NOTE: Lewis Townsend Blair, of Franklin, died Saturday, March 28, 2015. He was 87.

Mr. Blair was a retired veteran of the U.S. Navy and Air Force, who served during WWII and Vietnam. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Ogeal Leftwich Blair.

Survived by wife, **Christine Los Blair** of Franklin; two sons, **Robert (Beverly) Blair**, of Nashville, and Tracy (Tracy) Blair, of Franklin; a daughter, Rhonda Blair, of Dallas, TX; grandchildren, Jesse (Lacey) Blair and Zachary Blair of Nashville, Alexander Blair of Houston, TX, Anna Blair, Samuel Blair and Nathan Blair, all of Franklin; and a great-grandson, Crockett Blair, of Nashville.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 4, 2015, with visitation one hour prior at Crieve Hall Church of Christ, 4806 Trousdale Dr., Nashville, with Pat Waggoner and Mike Williams officiating.

Memorials may be made to French Literature Ministry at Crieve Hall Coc. Williamson Memorial Funeral Home And Cremation Services, 615-794-2289.

Ruth Shamblin (Jared) Brown

b. 18 March 1802 – d. 31 December 1878, md **Martin Brown**. Ruth S. (Jared) Brown buried in Leftwich Cemetery in an unmarked grave.

*See William Thomas Leftwich Jr. buried in Leftwich Cemetery.

Henry Edward Buckner

b. 3 April 1883, DeKalb Co., TN – d. 15 January 1957, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 8th of July 1906, Putnam Co., TN to **Rettie Kelly (Leftwich) Buckner**, b. 18 February 1890, Putnam Co., TN – d. 11 October 1957, Warren, Macomb Co., MI. Rettie Kelly (Leftwich) Buckner, d/o **Lewis Temple Leftwich** (1855-1920) & **Tennessee "Tennie" Frances Ensor** (1866-1953). Henry Edward Buckner, s/o **John Preston Buckner & Mary Jane Puckett**. Avo (Buckner) Leftwich Sherrell is the sister of Henry Edward Buckner.

*See James Edwin Buckner buried in Leftwich Cemetery

*See Lee Roy Buckner buried in Leftwich Cemetery

*See Odest Kenneth Buckner buried in Leftwich Cemetery

*See Samuel "Sam" Martin Buckner buried in Leftwich Cemetery

*See Martin "Mort" Waymon Leftwich buried in Leftwich Cemetery

*See Lewis Temple Leftwich buried in Leftwich Cemetery.

*See Tennessee "Tennie" Frances (Ensor) Leftwich Obt.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 346, #837: H. E. Buckner married 8 July 1906, Putnam Co., TN to Miss Rettie K. Leftwich).

(1910 census, Los Angeles, CA, Dist. 0271, Precinct 226 – **Henry E. Buckner** is head of household, 27 yrs. old, TN, (Occupation: Laborer, Lumber Mill), md to **Rettie**, 20 yrs. old, TN. Child: Leroy Buckner, 7/12 yrs. old, CA).

(1920 census 17th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 139 - **Henry E. Buckner** is head of household, 36 yrs. old, TN, md to **Rettie K.**, 29 yrs. old, TN. Children: Lewis P., 9 yrs. old; Odest K., 7 yrs. old; James E., 4+ yrs. old, TN & John H. Buckner, 1+ yrs. old, TN).

(1930 census 17th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 42 - **Henry E. Buckner**, 47 yrs. old, TN, md to **Rettie**, 40 yrs. old, TN, (16 yrs. old 1st marriage). Children: Lewis P., 19 yrs. old, CA; Odest H., 17 yrs. old, CA; James E., 14 yrs. old; John H., 11 yrs. old; Scott D., 9 yrs. old; William H., 6 yrs. old & Ned O. Buckner, 1 1/12 yrs. old. All born in TN).

(1940 census 17th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 37 - **Henry E. Buckner** is head of household, 57 yrs. old, TN, md to **Rettie K.**, 50 yrs. old, TN. Children: O. Kenneth, 27 yrs old; John H. 22 yrs. old; Scott C., 19 yrs. old; Billie H., 16 yrs old; Ned O., 11 yrs. old; Mary T., 8 yrs. old. All born in TN. Also living in the household: Virgle Bryant, 25 yrs. old, lodger, TN).

James Edwin Buckner

b. 14 August 1915, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN – d. 27 January 1942, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN, md on the 28th of April 1935, Putnam Co., TN to **Imogene (Carr) Leftwich**, b. 1 December 1916, Putnam Co., TN – d. 4 August 2002, Lutz, FL, d/o **William Matthew Carr & Margaret Frances Gentry**. Imogene md 2nd on the 29th of May 1953, Putnam Co., TN to **James "Pete" Maddux Nichols**, b. 10 June 1923, s/o **James Grimes Nichols & Edith Mabel Maddux**. James Edwin Buckner, s/o **Henry Edward Buckner & Rettie Kelly Leftwich**.

*See Henry Edward Buckner buried in Leftwich Cemetery

*See Odest Kenneth Buckner buried in Leftwich Cemetery

*See Samuel "Sam" Martin Buckner buried in Leftwich Cemetery

'God gave, He took, He will restore, He doeth all things well.'

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, pg. 476, Putnam Co., TN: Edwin Buckner md 28 April 1935, Putnam Co., TN to Imogene Carr. Parent: W. M. Carr).

Lee Roy Buckner

b. 21 March 1907, CA – d. 29 March 1907, CA, s/o **Henry Edward Buckner & Rettie Kelly Leftwich**.

*See Henry Edward Buckner buried in Leftwich Cemetery

Melba Lou Buckner

b. 22 March 1941 – d. 16 May 1942, d/o **Henry Edward Buckner & Rettie Kelly Leftwich**.

Odest Kenneth Buckner

b. 8 November 1912, Wilmington, Los Angeles, CA – d. 1 February 1941, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN, md 1940 to **Vera Sandora (Bartlett) Leftwich**, b. 16 December 1917, Putnam Co., TN. Odest Kenneth Buckner, s/o **Henry Edward Buckner & Rettie Kelly Leftwich**. Odest Kenneth died 3 months after he married of cancer.

*See Henry Edward Buckner buried in Leftwich Cemetery

*See James Edwin Buckner buried in Leftwich Cemetery

*See Samuel "Sam" Martin Buckner buried in Leftwich Cemetery

'Just in the morning of his day. In youth and love, he died.'

Samuel "Sam" Martin Buckner

b. 22 April 1926, Putnam Co., TN – d. 28 May 1926, Putnam Co., TN, s/o **Henry Edward Buckner & Rettie Kelly Leftwich**.

*See Henry Edward Buckner buried in Leftwich Cemetery

*See James Edwin Buckner buried in Leftwich Cemetery

*See Odest Kenneth Buckner buried in Leftwich Cemetery

William Bernard Carlen

b. 7 May 1824, TN – d. 8 August 1901, Putnam Co., TN, md **Sarah "Sallie" Carolina (Holladay) Carlen** (1824-1866), buried in Flat Rock, Wilson Co., TN, d/o **Stephen Holladay & Henrietta Draper**. William Bernard Carlen, s/o **Hugh Webb Carlen** (1799-1851) & **Martha Pemberton** (1798-1883).

An honest man the noblest work of God.

Thomas Clayburn Florida

b. 25 November 1940, Peru, Miami Co., IN – d. 4 April 1971, Westland, MI, md on the 7th of November 1959, GA to **Catherine Mary (Holland) Florida**, b. 4 July 1941, Detroit, Wayne Co., MI, d/o **Mr. Holland & Julia Panas**. Thomas Clayborn Florida, s/o **Samuel Owens Florida** (1914-1979) & **Mary Edna Leftwich** (1920-2010).

*See Mary Edna (Leftwich) Florida Foutch Obt.

*See Waymon Herman Florida

*See Michael J. Pierce

Waymon Herman Florida

b. 2 March 1952, Detroit, Wayne Co., MI, md on the 20th of July 1974, Brighton, Livingston Co., MI to **Mary Ann (Roberts) Florida**, b. 29 April 1954, d/o **Edward Roberts & Nancy Jane Fowkes**. Waymon Herman Florida, s/o **Samuel Owens Florida** (1914-1979) & **Mary Edna (Leftwich) Florida Foutch** (1920-2010).

*See Mary Edna (Leftwich) Florida Foutch Obt.

*See Thomas Clayborn Florida buried in Leftwich Cemetery.

*See Michael J. Pierce

Mary Edna (Leftwich) Florida Foutch Obt.

b. 2 November 1920, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN – d. 24 April 2010, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 20th of July 1938, DeKalb Co., TN to **Samuel Owens Florida**, b. 6 October 1914, Smithville, DeKalb Co., TN – d. 17 July 1979, Garden City, Wayne Co., MI, s/o **Thomas Clayborn Florida** (1889-1977) & **Della Ester Wallace** (1893-1978), both buried in DeKalb Memorial Gardens, Smithville, DeKalb Co., TN. Mary also md **James Marlie Foutch**, b. 21 September 1921, DeKalb Co., TN – d. 16 June 2015, (US Navy). Mary Edna (Leftwich) Florida Foutch, d/o **Martin "Mort" Waymon Leftwich** (1884-1928) & **Avo Buckner** (1893-1969). **James Marlie Foutch** is buried in DeKalb County Memorial Gardens, DeKalb Co., TN. James M. Foutch also md **Delia Elizabeth (Robinson) Foutch** (1924-1984).

*See Thomas Clayburn Florida buried in Leftwich Cemetery.

*See Waymon Herman Florida

*See Michael J. Pierce

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, DeKalb Co., Co., TN, pg. 239 – Samuel O. Florida married 20 July 1938, DeKalb Co., TN to Edna Leftwich)

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Edna Florida Foutch, 89 of Cookeville will be held Monday April 26 at 11 a.m. in the Cookeville Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home with Rev. Herb Leftwich officiating. Interment will follow in the Leftwich Cemetery.

Mrs. Foutch died Saturday morning April 24, 2010 in Cookeville Regional Medical Center. Mrs. Foutch was born November 2, 1920 in Putnam County, Tennessee to the late Waymon and Avo Buckner Leftwich. Mrs. Foutch was a member of Cookeville Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She was active with the Cookeville and Baxter Senior Citizens Centers. Mrs. Foutch was a retired associate with the Burroughs Corporation (IBM) in Plymouth, MI.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Samuel Florida; son, Thomas C. Florida, step-son, James L. Foutch, sister, Retta Vanatta, and two brothers, Burch Leftwich, and Luke Leftwich.

Survivors include her husband of over 25 years, James Marlie Foutch (whom she married October 20, 1984 in Detroit, MI); son and daughter-law, Waymon & Mary Florida of Ann Arbor, MI; two daughters and sons-in-law, Ava & Keith Shevlin of Rocky Mount, NC, and Euretta & Mike Pierce of Rochester, NY; 8 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers. Memorials may be made to the Charity of your Choice in Mrs. Foutch's name. Mrs. Foutch's family will receive friends Monday from 10 a.m. until service time at the funeral home.

Mary Edna (Leftwich) Florida Foutch Obt.

b. 2 November 1920, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN – d. 24 April 2010, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 20th of July 1938 to **Samuel Owens Florida**, b. 6 October 1914 – d. 17 July 1979, MI & md **James Marlie Foutch**. Mary Edna (Leftwich) Florida Foutch, d/o **Martin "Mort" Waymon Leftwich** (1884-1928) & **Avo Buckner** (1893-1969).

COOKEVILLE -- Funeral services for Mary Edna Florida Foutch, 89, of Cookeville, will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, April 26, from the Cookeville Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Leftwich Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until time of services on Monday at the funeral home. Mrs. Foutch died Saturday, April 24, 2010, in Cookeville Regional Medical Center.



She was born Nov. 2, 1920, in Putnam County to the late Waymon and Avo Buckner Leftwich. Mrs. Foutch was a member of Cookeville Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She was active with the Cookeville and Baxter Senior Citizens Centers. Mrs. Foutch was a retired associate with the

Burroughs Corporation (IBM) in Plymouth, Mich. Her family includes her husband of more than 25 years, James Marlie Foutch (whom she married Oct. 20, 1984, in Detroit, Mich.); a son and daughter-in-law, Waymon and Mary Florida of Ann Arbor, Mich.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Ava and Keith Shevlin of Rocky Mount, N.C., and Euretta and Mike Pierce of Rochester, N.Y.; eight grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Samuel Florida; a son, Thomas C. Florida; a stepson, James L. Foutch; a sister, Retta Vanatta; and two brothers, Burch and Luke Leftwich. Pallbearers will be family and friends. Memorial donations may be made to the charity of choice in Mrs. Foutch's name. Rev. Herb Leftwich will officiate at the services.

Please share your thoughts and memories at www.hhhfunerals.com, (931) 526-6111.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 25 March 2010

Horace Jackson

b. 14 April 1912, TN – d. 30 March 1984, md on the 10th of February 1936 to **E. Euralean (unknown) Jackson**, b. 27 September 1912 – d. 11 April 1984.
'Together for always'

Freddie Jared

b. 22 December 1910 – d. 30 December 1910, s/o **S. S. & Vena Jared**.

Martha Elizabeth "Bettie" (Leftwich) Jared

b. 18 July 1862, Putnam Co., TN- d. 17 February 1926, md on the 20th of January 1876 to **Leroy "Roy" Jared**, b. 30 June 1849, TN – d. 20 February 1939, s/o **Josiah Jared & unknown mother**. Leroy Jared *unmarked grave. (inscription on stone: Bettie dau of W. T. Leftwich wife of Roy Jared). Martha Elizabeth "Bettie" Leftwich Jared, d/o **William Thomas Leftwich Jr.** (1827-1897) & **Martha Ann Brown** (1828-1884). Josiah Jared did not marry the mother of Leroy "Roy" Jared. Josiah later married Frances Woodbury Bennett.

'None knew thee but to love thee. None named thee but to praise.'

*See William Thomas Leftwich Jr. buried in Leftwich Cemetery.

*See Lewis Temple Leftwich buried in Leftwich Cemetery.

*See Tennessee "Tennie" Frances (Ensor) Leftwich Obt.

(1860 census 11th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 1214 - **Josiah Jared** is head of household, 44 yrs. old, TN, md to **Frances W.**, 27 yrs. old, TN. Children: Udorah, 7 yrs. old; Victoria, 3 yrs. old; Mary, 1 yr. old & **Leroy Jared**, 11 yrs. old. All born in TN).

Census Place: 1880 District 11, Putnam Co., TN

Source: FHL Film 1255275 National Archives Film T9-1275 Page 169B

Dwl: 162

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Leroy JARED	Self	M		W	30	TN
Occ:	Farmer	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Martha E. JARED	Wife	F	M	W	17	TN
Occ:	Keeping House	Fa: VA	Mo: TN			

(1900 census 17th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 104 - **Leroy Jared** is head of household, 50 yrs. old, b. June 1849, TN, md 23 yrs. to **Bettie Jared**, 37 yrs. old, b. July 1862, TN, 0 children born, 0 children living).

Alex Leftwich

b. 1 November 1885 – d. 12 February 1955, md **Bessie (unknown) Leftwich**, b. 1 June 1890 – d. 9 October 1975.

(SS Death Index: Name: **LEFTWICH, BESSIE** – Birth: 01 Jun 1891 -Death: Oct 1975-Age: 84- Last Residence (Baxter, Putnam Co., TN) - Last Benefit: (none specified) – SSN: 414-82-2275 -Issued By: TN).

Amie (Moss) Leftwich

b. 23 May 1851 – d. 9 December 1881, md **Joel Whitten Leftwich**, b. 12 March 1850, Putnam Co., TN – d. 20 February 1919, s/o **William Thomas Leftwich Jr.** (1827-1897) & **Martha Ann Brown** (1828-1884). 'Though Lost to Sight, to Memory Dear'

*See Joel Whitten Leftwich buried in Leftwich Cemetery.

Annie (Moss) Leftwich

b. 20 March 1881 – d. 3 February 1912, md on the 25th of May 1905, Putnam Co., TN to **John Oliver Leftwich**, b. 27 July 1881 - d. 21 November 1956, s/o **Joseph Whitten Leftwich** (1850-1919) & **Amie Moss** (1851-1881). Annie (Moss) Leftwich, d/o **Charlie Moss** (1854-1941) & **Julia Ann Gladdis** (1857-1944).

*See John Oliver Leftwich buried in Crest Lawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 283, #525– J. O. Leftwich married 25 May 1905, Putnam Co., TN to Miss Annie Moss).

Anita Kay (Davis) Leftwich Obt.

b. 24 July 1954, Coffee Co., TN – d. 1 April 2000, Putnam Co., TN, md **Herbert "Herb" Lynn Leftwich**, b. 4 September 1956, s/o **Luke Leftwich** (1926-2006) & **Joyce Helm**. Anita Kay (Davis) Leftwich, d/o **Hoyt Davis & Agnes Sons**.

*See Herbert "Herb" Lynn Leftwich

COOKEVILLE -- Funeral services for Anita Kay Davis Leftwich, 45, of Baxter, were held at 2 p.m. today, Tues., April 4, from the chapel of Dyer Funeral Home. Burial was in the Leftwich Family Cemetery.

Mrs. Leftwich died on Sat., April 1, 2000, at her residence.

She was born on July 24, 1954, in Coffee County to Agnes Sons Davis of Cookeville, and the late Davis. Mrs. Leftwich was a secretary at TTU. She was a member of Wolf Creek Baptist Church.

In addition to her mother, her family includes her husband, Herb Leftwich of Baxter; a son, Matthew Leftwich of Baxter; and three brothers, Paul Davis of Michigan, Brian Davis of Franklin, and Tracy Davis of Cookeville.

Bro. Thurman Seber officiated at the services.

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Burch Leftwich Obt.

b. 16 January 1911, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN – d. 19 October 1974, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 2nd of August 1931, Putnam Co., TN to **Maurine (Bartlett) Leftwich**, b. 16 February 1913, DeKalb Co., TN – d. 27 January 1996, Algood, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **Roscoe Franklin Bartlett** (1887-1963) & **Louisa Katherine "Kate" Shanks** (1888-1957). Burch Leftwich, s/o **Martin "Mort" Waymon Leftwich** (1884-1929) & **Avo Buckner** (1893-1969).

*See Martin "Mort" Waymon Leftwich buried in Leftwich Cemetery

*See Maurine (Bartlett) Leftwich Obt.

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 351: Burch Leftwich married 2 August 1931, Putnam Co., TN, age 21, address: Baxter, TN to Maurene Bartlett, age 18, address: Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN, name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: Roscoe Bartlett, Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN).

Burch Leftwich, 63, Carpenter, Baxter-

Funeral services for Burch Leftwich, 63, Baxter, Rt. 1, were held October 21 from the Chapel of Baxter Funeral Home. Bro. Roy Cross was the officiating minister. Burial was in Leftwich Cemetery.

Mr. Leftwich died October 19, 1974 at his home in Baxter. He was the son of late Waymon and Avo (Buckner) Leftwich. Mr. Leftwich was a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Maurine (Bartlett) Leftwich, Baxter, 2 daughters, Mrs. James Sherrell, of Baxter, Mrs. Bernes Johnson of Memphis, 2 sisters, Retta Vanatta of Westland, MI and Mrs. Edna Florida of Westland, MI, 1 brother, Luke Leftwich, Baxter, and 6 grandchildren.

Baxter Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

29 October 1974.

Diane Louise (Geiger) Leftwich Obt.

b. 27 August 1952 – d. 28 April 2003, md on the 30th of June 1973 to **Kenneth "Kenny" Luke Leftwich**, b. 13 April 1951, s/o **Luke Leftwich** & **Joyce Helm**. Diane Louise (Geiger) Leftwich, d/o **Gordon Andrew Geiger** & **Kay Eliene Albertson**.

*See Kenneth "Kenny" Luke Leftwich

*See Luke Leftwich Obt.

BAXTER -- Graveside services for **Diane Louise Leftwich**, 52, of Salem, Mich., will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 4, at Leftwich Cemetery in the Gentry Community of Putnam County.

There will be no visitation at the funeral home.

Mrs. Leftwich died on Monday, April 28, 2003, at her home in Michigan.

She was born on Aug. 27, 1952, in Mt. Clemens, Mich., to Gordon Andrew and Kay Eliene Albertson Geiger of Salem.

Mrs. Leftwich was a registered nurse at Children's Hospital.

In addition to her parents, her family includes her husband, Kenneth (Kenny) Luke Leftwich of Salem; four sons, Marty, Luke, Kale and Jake Leftwich; a sister and brother-in-law, Dawn and Gary Habkirk; a brother and sister-in-law, David and Amy Geiger; her father and mother-in-law, Luke and Joyce Leftwich of Baxter; brothers and sisters-in-law, Larry Leftwich of Buffalo Valley, Rev. Herbert and Lavinia Leftwich of Baxter, Sharon and Shields Griggs of Cookeville and Gail and Dale Myers of Baxter; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Daniel Geiger.

Rev. Herbert Leftwich will officiate at the services.

The Baxter Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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Dona (Anderson) Leftwich

b. 18 July 1896 – d. 12 February 1921, md on the 13th of June 1915, Putnam Co., TN to **John Oliver Leftwich**, b. 27 July 1881 - d. 21 November 1956, s/o **Joseph Whitten Leftwich** (1850-1919) & **Amie Moss** (1851-1881).

*See John Oliver Leftwich Obt. buried in Crest Lawn Cemetery.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 264, #10450 - Mr. J. O. Leftwich married 13 June 1915, Putnam Co., TN to Miss Dona Anderson).

Frances Joyce (Helms) Maxwell Leftwich Obt.

b. 19 December 1928, Silver Point, TN – d. 30 July 2014, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 25th of February 1956, Angola, IN to **Luke Leftwich**, b. 19 October 1926, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN – d. 8 April 2006, Putnam Co., s/o **Martin “Mort” Waymon Leftwich** (1884-1929) & **Avo Buckner** (1893-1969). Frances Joyce (Helms) Maxwell Leftwich md 1st to **Willard Maxwell**. Frances Joyce (Helms) Maxwell Leftwich, d/o **Tim Bob Helm** (1900-1987) & **Lassie V. Huddleston** (1905-1991), both buried in Crest Lawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

*See Luke Leftwich Obt.

Funeral services for Frances Joyce Leftwich, 85 of Baxter will be Friday, Aug. 1 at 1 P.M. at Pleasant Grove Methodist Church. Interment will follow at Leftwich Cemetery. Bro. Bill Cowan will officiate.

Mrs. Leftwich died early Wednesday morning, July 30, 2014 at her home.

She was born December 19, 1928 in DeKalb County to the late Tim Bob and Lassie Huddleston Helm.



In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Luke Leftwich on April 8, 2006, daughters-in-law Anita Leftwich and Diane Leftwich, sister Kate Maxwell, brother F.D. Helm.

She was a homemaker, loving mother and grandmother. She was a member of Pleasant Grove Methodist Church. She was a member of the Putnam County Home Demonstration Club and was also 1995 Putnam County Rook Champion. She loved traveling, gardening and reading. Her favorite vacation spot was Myrtle Beach.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law Sharon & Shields Griggs of Cookeville, Gail & Dale Myers of Baxter, three sons and a daughter-in-law Herb & Lavinia Leftwich of Baxter, Larry Leftwich of Baxter, Ken Leftwich of Northville, Mi., one sister and brother-in-law Carmel and James Boles of Brush Creek, Tn., one brother & sister-in-law Jack & Keeble Helm of Silver Point, grandchildren: Melanie Nabors, Ken, Marty, Luke, Kale, Jake and Matthew Leftwich, Tiffanie Wright, Amber Griggs, Whitney Maxwell and Celeste Kemp, great-grandchildren: Katelin and Samuel Harness, Claire and Colton Maxwell, Riley, Hunter, Fischer, Bren, Holland and Ryjker Leftwich and Spencer Nabors.

Family will receive friends at Baxter Chapel of Hooper Huddleston Horner Funeral Home Thursday from 4 to 8 P.M. and Friday from 11 A.M. till service time at the church.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

Gracie Ellen Leftwich

b. 25 July 1897 – d. 27 November 1900, d/o **Lewis Temple Leftwich** (1855-1920) & **Tennessee "Tennie" Frances Ensor** (1866-1953). Gracie Ellen Leftwich was the twin of **Grady Martha Leftwich**, b. 25 July 1897, TN – d. 3 March 1988, MI, md on the 20th of September 1920, Sparta, White Co., TN to **Ewart Othella Jared**.

'Her Spirit smiles from that bright shore, And safely whispers, Weep no more'

*See Lewis Temple Leftwich buried in Leftwich Cemetery.

*See Tennessee "Tennie" Frances (Ensor) Leftwich Obt.

Herbert "Herbi" Lynn Leftwich

b. 4 September 1956, Detroit, MI md on the 23rd of July 1983, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN to **Anita Kay (Davis) Leftwich**, b. 24 July 1954, Coffee Co., TN – d. 1 April 2000, d/o **Hoyt Davis & Agnes Sons**. Herbert L. Leftwich md 2nd **Lavania (Sherrell) Leftwich**, d/o **Lloyd Ray & Anna Jewell Sherrell**. Herbert "Herbie" Lynn Leftwich, s/o **Luke Leftwich** (1926-2006) & **Joyce Helm**.

*See Luke Leftwich Obt.

Infant Leftwich

No dates...of **Ammie Leftwich**.

Infant Leftwich

No dates...of **Jessie Leftwich**.

Infants Leftwich

4 of **Ruth Leftwich**.

James "Jim" Marley Leftwich

b. 9 October 1901, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN – d. 3 May 1912, Putnam Co., TN, s/o **Lewis Temple Leftwich** (1855-1920) & **Tennessee "Tennie" Frances Ensor** (1866-1953).

'Beneath this stone in soft repose is laid a mother's dearest pride.'

*See Lewis Temple Leftwich buried in Leftwich Cemetery.

*See Tennessee "Tennie" Frances (Ensor) Leftwich Obt.

Joel Whitten Leftwich

b. 12 March 1850, Putnam Co., TN – d. 20 February 1919, md **Amie (Newman) Leftwich**, b. 23 May 1851 – d. 9 December 1881. Joel Whitten Leftwich, s/o **William Thomas Leftwich Jr.** (1827-1897) & **Martha Ann Brown** (1828-1884). Joel Whitten Leftwich md **Ellen Elizabeth (Newman) Leftwich**, b. 14 May 1861 – d. 1 December 1937, 'How desolate our home bereft of thee', for Ellen Elizabeth (Newman) Leftwich.

'An honest man, the noblest work of God'

*See Amie (Moss) Leftwich buried in Leftwich Cemetery.

*See William Thomas Leftwich Jr. buried in Leftwich Cemetery.

Jonathan "John" William Leftwich

b. 25 January 1892, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN – d. 5 October 1963, md on the 27th of January 1927, Putnam Co., TN to **Ila (Hix) Leftwich**, b. 13 November 1898 – d. 6 February 1988. Jonathan "John" William Leftwich, s/o **Lewis Temple Leftwich** (1855-1920) & **Tennessee "Tennie" Frances Ensor** (1866-1953).

*See Lewis Temple Leftwich buried in Leftwich Cemetery.

*See Tennessee "Tennie" Frances (Ensor) Leftwich Obt.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 393, #4312: John Leftwich married 27 January 1927, Putnam Co., TN to Ila Hicks).

Kenneth "Kenny" Luke Leftwich

b. 13 April 1951, md on the 30th of June 1973, Redford, Wayne Co., MI to **Diane Louise (Geiger) Leftwich**, b. 27 August 1952, Wayne Co., MI – d. 28 April 2003, Salem, MI, d/o **Gordon Andrew Geiger & Kay Eliene Albertson**. Kenneth "Kenny" Luke Leftwich, s/o **Luke Leftwich & Frances Joyce Helms**.

*See Diane Louise (Geiger) Leftwich Obt.

*See Luke Leftwich Obt.

Lewis Temple Leftwich

b. 20 July 1855, Putnam Co., TN – d. 11 May 1920, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 17th of September 1882, Putnam Co., TN to **Tennessee "Tennie" Frances (Ensor) Leftwich**, b. 23 January 1866, Putnam Co., TN – d. 28 January 1953, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **William Asbury Ensor** (1825-1901) & **Naomi Florilla Huddleston** (1827-1901). Lewis Thomas Leftwich, s/o **William Thomas Leftwich Jr. & Martha Ann Brown**.

*See Ogeal Myrtle (Leftwich) Blair buried in Leftwich Cemetery.

*See Martha Elizabeth "Bettie" (Leftwich) Jared buried in Leftwich Cemetery.

*See Jim Marlie Leftwich buried in Leftwich Cemetery.

*See John Leftwich buried in Leftwich Cemetery.

*See Martin "Mort" Waymon Leftwich buried in Leftwich Cemetery.

*See Tennessee "Tennie" Frances (Ensor) Leftwich Obt.

*See William Thomas Leftwich Jr. buried in Leftwich Cemetery.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 463: L. T. Leftwich married 17 September 1882, Putnam Co., TN to Tennessee F. Ensor).

Lillard Calvin Leftwich

b. 25 September 1923, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN – d. 6 December 1986, Wilson Co., TN, md **Nellie Jane "Nell" Jernigan**, b. 10 August 1925, Putnam Co., TN – d. 28 August 1999, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **Henry Woodrow Grady Jernigan** (1890-1952) & **Nola Edna Lowe** (1895-1987). Nellie md 2nd **Willie "Bill" Thurlow Walker**. Nellie is buried in Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN.

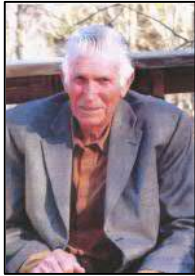
Luke Leftwich Obt.

b. 19 October 1926, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN – d. 8 April 2006, Putnam Co., TN md 1st on the 16th of July 1948, Bowling Green, KY to **Katie Pearl (Bussell) Leftwich**, b. 20 October 1926, TN – d. 1 July 1953, TN, d/o **Edgar Dibrell Bussell & Lou Siller Howell**. Luke Leftwich md 2nd on the 25th of February 1956, Angola, IN to **Frances Joyce (Helms) Maxwell Leftwich**, b. 19 December 1928, Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN – d. 30 July 2014, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **Tim Bob Helms & Lassie Huddleston**. Katie Pearl (Bussell) Leftwich is buried in Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. Luke Leftwich, s/o **Martin "Mort" Waymon Leftwich & Avo Buckner**. Frances Joyce Helms md 1st to **Willard Maxwell**.

*See Frances Joyce (Helms) Maxwell Leftwich Obt.
*See Herbert "Herb" Lynn Leftwich
*See Martin "Mort" Waymon Leftwich buried in Leftwich Cemetery.

BAXTER -- Funeral services for Luke Leftwich, 79, of Baxter, will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, at Pleasant Grove Methodist Church. Burial will be in Leftwich Cemetery with full military honors.

The family will receive friends after 2 p.m. today, April 10, at the Baxter Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston and Horner Funeral Home and from 11 a.m. until time of services Tuesday at the church.



Mr. Leftwich died Saturday, April 8, 2006, at his residence.

He was born Oct. 19, 1926, in the Buffalo Valley Community of Putnam County to the late Waymon and Avo Buckner Leftwich.

Mr. Leftwich was a Navy veteran of World War II and a retired carpenter. He was a member of Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, where he had served as Sunday school superintendent, song leader and board of trustees member. Mr. Leftwich was a Mason, serving with High Twelve Lodge #577 in Detroit, Mich.

His family includes his wife of 50 years, Joyce Helm Leftwich of Baxter; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon and Shields Griggs of Cookeville and Gail and Dale Myers of Baxter; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Larry Leftwich of Baxter, Ken Leftwich of Northville, Mich., and Herb and Lavinia Leftwich of Baxter; a sister, Edna Foutch of Cookeville; 11 grandchildren, Melanie Nabors, Ken Leftwich, Marty, Luke, Kale, Jake and Matthew Leftwich, Tiffanie Harness, Amber Griggs and Whitney and Celeste Myers; and three great-grandchildren, Katelin and Samuel Harness and Riley Leftwich.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Katie Bussell Leftwich; two daughters-in-law, Anita and Diane Leftwich; a sister, Retta Vanatta; and a brother, Burch Leftwich.

Pallbearers will be the grandsons and a special great-grandson, Samuel Harness.

Bros. Thurman Seber and Bill Cowan will officiate the services.

Hooper-Huddleston and Horner Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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Martin Alexander Leftwich

b. 1 November 1885 – d. 12 February 1955, md **Bessie (Anderson) Leftwich**, b. 1 June 1890 – d. 9 October 1975, d/o **Paul Anderson** (1845-1915) & **Sarah Elizabeth "Bettie" Carr** (1852-1929).

Martin "Mort" Waymon Leftwich

b. 20 April 1884, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN – d. 15 August 1929, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 29th of December 1909, Putnam Co., TN to **Avo (Buckner) Leftwich Sherrell**, b. 2 June 1893, Smithville, DeKalb Co., TN – d. 9 May 1969, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN. Martin Waymon Leftwich, s/o **Lewis Temple Leftwich** (1855-1920) & **Tennessee Francis Ensor** (1866-1953). Avo (Buckner) Leftwich Sherrell, d/o **John Preston Buckner** (1857-1898) & **Mary Jane Puckett** (1859-1918), both buried in Mount Holly Cemetery, Smithville, DeKalb Co., TN. Avo (Buckner) Leftwich Sherrell is the sister of Henry Edward Buckner. After the death of Martin Waymon Leftwich Avo md 2nd to **Oliver Boyd** and md 3rd to **Robert Sidney Sherrell** (1887-1968), buried in Cookeville City Cemetery.

Children of Martin Waymon & Avo Buckner are: Burch Leftwich (1911-1974), md Maurine Bartlett; Retta V. Leftwich (1912-1987), md Herman Vanatta; Mary Edna Leftwich (1920-2010), md Samuel Florida & md James Marlie Foutch; and Luke Leftwich (1926-2006), md Katie Pearl Bussell & md Joyce Helm).

'God gave, He took, He will restore, He doeth all things well.'

'Asleep in Jesus waiting for the First Resurrection'

*See Henry Edward Buckner buried in Leftwich Cemetery.

*See Lewis Temple Leftwich buried in Leftwich Cemetery.

*See Tennessee "Tennie" Frances (Ensor) Leftwich Obt.

*See Luke Leftwich Obt.

*See Herman Vanatta buried in Leftwich Cemetery.

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 544, #1615 – Waymon Leftwich married 29 December 1909, Putnam Co., TN to Avo Buckner).

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 107 – **Robert Sid Sherrell** married 25 September 1953, Putnam Co., TN, age 65, address: Franklin, Cookeville, TN to **Avo Leftwich**, age 60, address: Rt. 1, Baxter, TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: Henry Buckner, brother. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of male: George Sherrell, brother).

Maurine (Bartlett) Leftwich Obt.

b. 16 February 1913, DeKalb Co., TN – d. 27 January 1996, Algood, Putnam Co., TN, md **Burch Leftwich**, b. 16 January 1911, Putnam Co., TN – d. 19 October 1974, Putnam Co., TN, s/o **Martin "Mort" Waymon Leftwich & Avo Buckner**. Maurine (Bartlett) Leftwich, d/o **Roscoe Franklin Bartlett** (1887-1963) & **Louisa Catherine "Kate" Shanks** (1888-1957).

*See Burch Leftwich Obt.

BAXTER - Funeral services for Maurine Bartlett Leftwich of Baxter are scheduled for Monday, January 29, in the Baxter Chapel of Hooper and Huddleston Funeral Home, beginning at 2 p.m.

Burial will follow in Leftwich Cemetery. The family will receive friends after 2 p.m. today (Sunday) at the funeral home.

Mrs. Leftwich died Saturday, January 27, 1996, at Masters Health Care Center in Algood. She was 82.

A native of DeKalb County, she was born on February 16, 1913, daughter of the late Roscoe Franklin and Katherine Shanks Bartlett. She was a homemaker, a member of Pleasant Grove Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Burch Leftwich; three sisters, Pansy Stone, Hortense Bartlett and Stella Ward; and four brothers, Cordell, Doyle, Ned and Walter K. Bartlett.

Her family includes two daughters and sons-in-law, Anna L. and Bernes Johnson of Somerville, TN; and Lois and Jim Sherrell of Baxter; three sisters, Anna Carter and Thelma Bilbrey, both of Cookeville; and Vera Seely of Ferndale, MI; a brother-in-law, Luke Leftwich, of Baxter; sister-in-law, Edna Foutch of St. Petersburg, FL; six grandchildren, Robert and Thomas B. Johnson, Jimmy Sherrell, Judy Matheney, Patricia Gilbert and Donna Sherrell; and 10 great-grandchildren, Clay and Dusty Sherrell, Jacob and Beth Johnson; Deanna, Laura, Katie and Emily Gilbert; and Joshua and David Matheney.

Officiating at the services will be Bro. J. Glea Shelley and Bro. Van Gilbert. Active pallbearers will be Robert, Thomas B. and Jacob Johnson, Jimmy and Clay Sherrell and Bill, Joshua and David Matheney.

Nephews will be honorary pallbearers.

Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN: 28 January 1996.

Tennessee "Tennie" Frances (Ensor) Leftwich Obt.

b. 23 January 1866, Putnam Co., TN – d. 28 January 1953, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 17th of September 1882, Putnam Co., TN to **Lewis Temple Leftwich**, b. 20 July 1855, Putnam Co., TN – d. 11 May 1920, Putnam Co., TN, s/o **William Thomas Leftwich Jr. & Martha Ann Brown**. Tennessee "Tennie" Frances (Ensor) Leftwich, d/o **William Asbury Ensor** (1825-1901) & **Naomi Florilla Huddleston** (1827-1901).

*See Lewis Temple Leftwich buried in Leftwich Cemetery.

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*See Jim Marlie Leftwich buried in Leftwich Cemetery.

*See John Leftwich buried in Leftwich Cemetery.

*See Martin "Mort" Waymon Leftwich buried in Leftwich Cemetery.

*See William Thomas Leftwich Jr. buried in Leftwich Cemetery.

Rites Held For Mrs. Tennessee Leftwich:

Funeral services were conducted last Thursday afternoon at the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church for Mrs. Tennessee Ensor Leftwich, 87, widow of the late Luther "Lute" Leftwich. Mrs. Leftwich died Wednesday at the home of her son, John Leftwich in the Gentry community. The Rev. Chester Stephens, church pastor, conducted the services with interment in the family cemetery.

Mrs. Leftwich was the last surviving child of the late Capt. William Ensor and Florilla Huddleston Ensor whose large family included many persons prominent in the history of Putnam County.

She spent her entire life in the community in which she was reared and had been a devoted member of the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church since girlhood.

Survivors include besides her son, six daughters, Mrs. Vera Judd, Baxter; Mrs. Nettie Wallace, Silver Point; Mrs. Rettie Buckner, Boma; Mrs. Moncie Maddux, Cookeville; Mrs. Grady Jared, Detroit; and Mrs. O'Neal Blair, Baxter.

Mrs. Leftwich was a sister of the late Dr. L. D. J. Ensor, John L. Ensor, Mrs. Frank Ballard, and Mrs. M. H. Leftwich of Cookeville and Wirt Ensor of the 12th District.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 29 January 1953.

Treva Leftwich

b. 20 February 1928 – d. 20 February 1928, d/o **Jonathan William Leftwich & Francis Ensor**.

Vada Leftwich

b. 21 April 1898 – d. 25 September 1900.

'Our darling one has gone before, to greet us on that blissful shore'

William C. Leftwich

b. 14 April 1916 – d. 8 June 1974, (Pvt US Army WWII), s/o **John Oliver Leftwich** (1881-1956) & **Dona Anderson** (1896-1921).

*See John Oliver Leftwich Obt. buried in Crest Lawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

William Thomas Leftwich Jr.

b. 8 March 1827, VA – d. 18 August 1897, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 16th of September 1847, King Williams Co., VA to **Martha Ann (Brown) Leftwich**, b. 12 March 1828 – d. 16 November 1884, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **Martin Brown & Ruth Shamblin Jared**. William Thomas Leftwich Jr., s/o **William Thomas Leftwich Sr. & Martha Bates**.

*See Ruth Shamblin (Jared) Brown Leftwich Cemetery.

*See Joel Whitten Leftwich buried in Leftwich Cemetery.

*See Lewis Temple Leftwich buried in Leftwich Cemetery.

*See Tennessee "Tennie" Frances (Ensor) Leftwich Obt.

*See Martha Elizabeth "Bettie" (Leftwich) Jared buried in Leftwich Cemetery.

Arthur Moss Obt.

s/o **Jim & Rhoda Moss** died of milk fever in 1930s. unmarked grave.

ONE OF POISONED MOSS FAMILY DIES: OTHERS IMPROVE: Funeral Held For Eldest Son, Arthur, 14, At Leftwich Cemetery: Seek Dreaded Weed.

Milk-poisoning took its tolls at 4 o'clock Friday morning as Arthur Moss, 14, oldest son of James Moss, tenth district farmer, succumbed to a slege of illness resulting from drinking poisoned milk.

Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon at the Leftwich grave yard in the twelfth district by the Rev. J. O. Davis, former pastor of the Chestnut Mound Methodist church.

While burial services were being conducted for the poison victim, three other members of the same family lay critically ill with the same malady. Mrs. Moss, a daughter, Ina Mae, 18, and a son, Ray, 11, who were defined as being "hovering between life and death," this week took a turn for the better and Tuesday were reported as greatly improved. None of them was able to be up, however.

Search is being made by residents of the community for the dreaded milk weed, and many theories were advanced as to the cause of the sickness. White snake root was said to have been a possible source of the distribution of the poison from the cow to the family. The cow from which the family got milk and a steer which grazed on the same pasture, died last week.



(pictured: White snake root).

Led by Dr. L. M. Freeman, of Granville, physicians fought the disease with every force at their command, and today a partial victory seemed assured. The state department of public health lent its aid in combating what was believed at first a possible epidemic. No

other cases have been reported.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 12 November 1931.

Note: Cows that grazed on the plant (which was widespread throughout the Midwest) passed the toxin tremetol into their milk. Hence the name, [milk sickness](#). Anyone who drank the milk would experience muscle pain, loss of appetite, vomiting, gastrointestinal discomfort, constipation, bad breath and finally irreversible coma. Safer grazing practices and the mixing of milk from many cows at the dairy has curbed the incidence of the illness.

A week would pass before Nancy Hanks Lincoln, mother of [Abraham Lincoln](#), succumbed to an illness that had plagued Midwestern frontier families in the 19th century. Records show that more than half of the deaths in Dubois County, Indiana, during this time could be attributed to one plant, [Eupatorium rugosum or white snakeroot](#). She died October 5, 1818, at the age of 34.

Audra Moss

6 February 1911.

Ina Mai Moss

d/o **James "Jim" & Rhoda Moss** died of milk fever in 1930s. unmarked grave.

INA MAE MOSS, 18, THIRD TO SUCCUMB TO 'MILD SICKNESS': Funeral Services Conducted Tuesday Afternoon For High School Girl: Member Senior Class:

“Milk sickness” struck its terrible blow again at 2 o’clock Tuesday morning as Ina Mae Moss, 18, daughter of James Moss, 10th district farmer, succumbed to the effects of drinking poisoned milk.

Funeral services were conducted for the beautiful young high school student at the home Tuesday afternoon by Dr. Harry L. Upperman, president of Baxter Seminary, to which institution Miss Moss was to return next week to finish her senior year. Burial was in Leftwich cemetery, in the 12th district of Putnam county, beside a sister who died in October, and two brothers, who were also victims of milk poisoning.

Was Better:

Ina Mae’s condition was believed by physicians to have been slightly improved, and plans to remove her to a dormitory room at Baxter Seminary had been made by Dr. Upperman, who was to give her her final year of schooling there. She was stricken again Monday night, however, and never recovered.

Ina Mae was the third of the children of Jim Moss to die of the illness, the first being Arthur, 14, and the second, James, 9.

Mrs. Moss, who barely escaped death several weeks ago as a result of drinking the infected milk, was reported as being improved Tuesday, she being able to be up. She still suffers from the ravages of the disease, however, and is not thought to be out of danger. Another son, Ray, 11, who was among the first to be stricken, is still in bed critically ill.

FAMILY NEEDS AID!

The stricken family of Jim Moss is suffering from acute want. They have barely enough to eat, hardly enough clothes to cover their backs, and not enough fuel to provide comfort during cold weather.

Their needs are real, and it is a worthy case. Imagine your own plight had you lost four children, three of them by a terrible illness caused by poisoning.

If you can spare any food – and it is plentiful –; if you can spare any clothes – and they, too, are plentiful-; if you can help gather fuel for the family, communicate with the Herald, Sheriff Hubert Crawford, or Dr. Harry L. Upperman, at Baxter.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 17 December 1931.

Infant Moss

No dates.

James Moss

s/o **James “Jim” & Rhoda Moss** died of milk fever in 1930s. unmarked grave.

SECOND MOSS FAMILY DIES OF DREAD DISEASE; Death Toll Mounts As James 9, Succumbs to Attack of ‘Milk Sickness’: Others Sick but are up:

Death toll mounted in the poison-stricken family of Jim Moss in the tenth district of Putnam county early Sunday morning as a son, James, 9, succumbed to an aftermath of the horrible ravages of ‘milk-sickness.’

The child had not been sick more than a few days when he died having recovered, it was believed, from an earlier attack which had been comparatively mild. Either because of too early exposure, or because of something he had eaten, the child was again taken ill last week.

Other members of the family, who had been critically ill recently with the same malady, today were reported able to be up, but were still sick, and unable to do anything. Another son, Shelby, 6, is in bed with the disease and his condition is reported as being “serious.”

Need Help:

The family is the meantime, has been poverty-stricken along with the disease, and stand in a real need for aid in the form of food, clothing, bed clothing, and heating facilities. The daughter, Ina Mae, 18, who at first was expected to die, will be given a home at Baxter Seminary, where she will graduate in high school next spring. In the event that medical aid is further needed to alleviate her suffering, it will be supplied at Baxter.

It was feared Monday night that the impression that all members of the family had recovered had been made on the public, but it was shown to the Herald that that was a mistake. Communication with the Putnam County Chapter of the American Red Cross brought assurance of further relief, and the Shriner's Club has appointed a committee to look after the needs of the family and make arrangements to supply them.

Funeral services for James Moss were conducted Monday afternoon at the Leftwich cemetery in the twelfth district by the Rev. B. M. Harness, of the Methodist church.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 3 December 1931.

Odessa Moss

d/o **James "Jim" & Rhoda Moss** died of milk fever in 1930s. unmarked grave.

Whitten Moss

s/o **James "Jim" & Rhoda Moss** died of milk fever in 1930s. unmarked grave.

Michael John Pierce

b. 26 August 1948, md 2nd on the 17th of September 1984 to **Euretta (Florida) Herko Pierce**, b. 1 January 1950, d/o **Samuel Owens Florida** (1914-1979) & **Mary Edna (Leftwich) Florida Foutch** (1920-2010). Euretta (Florida) Herko Pierce was md 1st on the 14th of September 1968, Dearborn Hts., MI to **Joseph Herko**, b. 14 January 1947, Scranton, PA, s/o **Robert Herko & Anna Tizzouri**. Euretta was divorced from Joseph Herko.

*See Mary Edna (Leftwich) Florida Foutch Obt.

John Bell Rittenberry

b. 26 May 1932 – d. 27 April 1997.

(SS Death Index: Name: **RITTENBERRY, JOHN B** – Birth: 26 May 1932 -Death: Oct 1975-Age: 64- Last Residence (Lebanon, Wilson Co., TN) - Last Benefit: (none specified) – SSN: 408-48-7862 -Issued By: TN). (Death date was verified with a family member or someone acting on behalf of the family).

William Deward "Jack" Rittenberry

b. 1906 – d. 1935.

Keith G. Shevlin

b. 16 July 1943, md **Avodell (Florida) Shevlin**, b. 15 November 1942.

Herman Vanatta

b. 7 November 1907 – d. 18 March 1970, md on the 16th of June 1934, Bowling Green, KY to **Rettie (Leftwich) Vanatta**, b. 26 June 1912, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN – d. 27 March 1987, Westland, Wayne Co., MI, d/o **Martin "Mort" Waymon Leftwich** (1884-1929) & **Avo Buckner** (1893-1969). Herman Vannatta, s/o **James Thompson Vanatta** (1864-1944) & **Mary Adaline Malone** (1868-1946).

*See Martin "Mort" Waymon Leftwich buried in Leftwich Cemetery.

Altie Whitehead

b. 1905 – d. 1926.

Amy Whitehead

b. 1895 – d. 1916.

Bertha Whitehead

b. 1890 – d. 1955

Estel Whitehead

b. 16 May 1902 – d. 2 February 1977, md **Florence (unknown) Whitehead**, b. 8 November 1902.

Joe Sidney Whitehead

b. 1915 – d. 1968, md **Vera E. (Chaffin) Whitehead**, b. 11 May 1916 – d. 26 May 1978, buried in Crest Lawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

John Alex Whitehead

b. 1908 – d. 1908.

Martha Whitehead

b. 1877 – d. 1908.

Sid Whitehead

b. 1875 – d. 1964.

*See more cemeteries and virtual cemetery at: <http://www.ajlambert.com>