

LEE FAMILY CEMETERY (#264)

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Pg. 73 – The Lee Cemetery in the Macedonia community of Putnam County is named in honor of James Jackson “Jack” Lee and his wife A. C. (Adelia Catherine Bilbrey) Lee.

No one knows for sure who was the first person buried in the Lee Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. It is known that at least two were buried there prior to the death of Jack Lee in August of 1899. One was Susan Scarbrough Perry Lee the third wife of Zachariah Lee. Susan died on March 8, 1883 and is buried in the cemetery. Family tells that one day while Zachariah and Susan were out walking they came across this plot of land and Zachariah (not feeling good at the time) stuck a stick into the ground saying “this is where I want to be buried”. This never came to pass but shortly thereafter Susan got sick and Zachariah buried her there. They only one of Zachariah’s wives to be buried in the Lee Family Cemetery.

One other person known for sure to be buried there was a workhand of Jack Lee’s. This workhand was working on a farm of the Johnson Bilbrey in the Shady Grove community when he took sick and died. Mr. Bilbrey was a brother-in-law of Jack’s. Jack took his horses and a wagon and brought the workhand back and buried him on top of a hill on his farm, this being what is now the Lee Family Cemetery.

This is the same cemetery where Jack was buried on August 12, 1899 after a tragic accident took his life and all the people buried in the cemetery are relatives of his with the exception of two persons.

In 1930 a handwritten transfer of this land was given to the Trustees of the cemetery by the children and heirs of J. J. Lee and his wife, A. C. Lee. The writing is most interesting in its phrasing.

“Know all me by these present that for the love and affection which we entertain for our parents and other kindred who are buried in the J. J. Lee graveyard and because of our desire to forever protect said graves from trespass and injury during the coming years. We, Helen Jackson, Jackson Blaylock, Vira Bilbrey, Myrtle Lansford, Bertha Rockwell and Helen Jackson in trust as trustees of the J. J. Lee family graveyard and to their successors as such forever said J. J. graveyard located and being in the third civil district of Putnam County, Tennessee.”

Then it gives a boundary description and continues, “And we covenant with the said above named trustees that we have a good and lawful right to make this conveyance, that we are lawfully seized and possessed of said land and that the same is unencumbered and that we will forever warrant and defend the title to the said trustees and their successors in trust forever.”

The conveyance goes on to give the guidelines of trustee-ship and upkeep, ending with the statement, “and said trustees are expected to always manifest the proper interest in looking after and protecting said graveyard to the end, that it may always be cared for in a manner worthy of the memory of our parents J. J. Lee and A. C. Lee.

These boundaries were in effect until November 1995 when a boundary line agreement and quitclaim deed was entered into by James Michael Roberson and the trustees of the cemetery. This redefined and fixing or all prosperity the boundary line for the J. J. Lee Cemetery.

The trustees at the time were Shirley Blaylock, Arvil Rockwell, Anna Ruth Egbert and Jim W. Lansford. All of whom are direct descendants of J. J. Lee and A. C. Lee.

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LEE GRAVEYARD, Putnam Co., TN

Recorded by Mrs. Virgil Jones and also Reba Ford. Located in the Macedonia area.

BEASLEY, Barbara Jo, b. 14 September 1940 – d. 24 January 1941, d/o Theodore R. & Marie Beasley.

BLAYLOCK, James A., no dates

BLAYLOCK, Nancy Rebecca, b. 29 March 1877 – d. 30 September 1908, w/o James A. Blaylock.

BUMBALOUGH, GARY, no dates

HOWARD, Infant, no dates, of Ede Howard.

HILL, Infant, no dates, (2) of Press and Elizabeth Lee Hill.

HYDER, Angeline, b. 21 May 1882, d/o James Jackson Lee & Catherina Bilbrey. Angeline was the w/o Joe D. Hyder.

JONES, Burl, b. 2 September 1876, s/o James K. Polk Jones.

JONES, Charlie, b. 29 September 1900 – d. 8 June 1901, s/o Burl Jones.

LANSFORD, JOHN WADE, no dates.

LANSFORD, Laura/Louise, no dates.

LANSFORD, Infant, no dates, of Laura Lansford.

LANSFORD, Myrtie, no dates, d/o John Lansford.

LANSFORD, Ethel, no dates, d/o John Lansford.

LEE, James Jackson, b. 12 April 1850 – d. 10 August 1899. h/o Catherina Bilbrey.

LEE, Catherina, b. 22 August 1853 – d. 24 September 1927, d/o William C. and Nancy Bilbrey.

LEE, Raymond, no dates

LEE, Walter, no dates, s/o Polk Lee.

LEE, Susan, no dates.

LEE, Rubie, no dates.

LEE, Harriett, d. 8 May 1896, d/o Zacharias Lee & Zene Wyatt.

LEE, Infant, b. 1885, of Zacharias Lee & Zene Wyatt.

LEE, Infant, b. 2 February 1898 – d. March 1898, Zacharias Lee & Zene Wyatt.

LEE, Infant, no dates, of Bill Lee

LEE, Frank, no dates.

LEE, Sarah, no dates.

LEE, Tom, no dates.

LEE, Infant, no dates, of Tom Lee

LEE, Louella, no dates, d/o Tom Lee.

LEE, Billy, no dates, s/o Tom Lee.

LEE, Luther, no dates, s/o Tom Lee.

POPE, Brenda Faye, no dates, d/o Lloyd Pope.

ROBERSON, Infant, no dates, of Polie Roberson.

ROCKWELL, Roll K., b. 1 August 1888 – d. 13 December 1957.

ROCKWELL, Bertha Caroline, b. 9 October 1887 – d. 12 August 1947, d/o James Jackson & Catherina Lee.

ROCKWELL, Arlie, no dates.

ROCKWELL, Rance, b. 17 March 1929 – d. 24 November 1931, s/o Roll K. & Sertha Adeline Lee.

SMITH, Verlin, no dates.

SMITH, Royce Verlin, no dates.

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