

OLD "MAT" LOFTIS CEMETERY MORRISON CREEK ROAD: pages: 566 – 570



Source: Jackson County Tennessee
Cemetery Inscriptions 1801 – 2003:
Including Some Genealogy
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Bilbrey**: *Following information is from this
book:*

Civil Dist. 9. From Gainesboro take Hwy
53 toward Celina and turn right on to
Dodson Branch Hwy (135) and go to
Morrison Creek Road and turn right. After
passing the Morrison Creek Church of
Christ the cemetery will be on the right and
up a steep bank. Located about 6 miles
East of Gainesboro. There is a sign on the

side of the road to this cemetery. Was named for James Madison "Mat" Loftis. Has also been called the Morrison Creek Cemetery.

Row #1 only has six fieldstones with no names

Row #2 only has three fieldstones with no names.

Row #3 in the middle of the cemetery, and field stone.

Ramsey, Loler "Lola V" – b. 16 September 1916 – d. 26 September 1919,
d/o Virgil Ramsey & Rosa Mai Gentry
(1919 Jackson Co., TN Death Certificate #212 dates not on field stone).

Spaces and one field stone

Loftis, Charley J. – b. 24 January 1918 – d. 24 February 1918, s/o John Loftis & America Ramsey
field stone – (1918 Jackson Co., TN Death Certificate #030 has Charley J. and gives dates. Calls for
Morrison Creek Cemetery).

Two field stones, cedar tree, two fieldstones,

Row #4

Gentry, (Arvin) Dewey – b. 6 December 1901 – d. 21 October 1918,
s/o John Gentry & Burnettie Mayberry

Remainder of Row #4 has nine fieldstones with no names.

Row #5

Gentry, (W)illiam (F)rancis – b. 15 August 1855 – d. 15 June 1931,
s/o Thomas C. Gentry & Rebecca Brown
Gentry, Angeline – b. 22 August 1857 – d. 11 July 1912, d/o John P. Loftis & Frances America Loftis

Two fieldstones, spaces, three fieldstones, and one space, one fieldstone has EVVAR, one fieldstone

Row #6 in the middle of the cemetery has six fieldstones with no names

Row #7

Loftis, Caleb Alan – b. 25 November 1975 – d. 28 April 1978,
s/o Ronald Dale Loftis & Carolyn Irene Clark

Fox, Jeffie Stone – b. 22 March 1915 – d. 17 November 1980, s/o Jefferson S. Fox & Gainesboro Loftis
(A teacher and never married)
*See Jeffie Stone Fox Obt.

Loftis, Donald (E)verett – b. 1 August 1923 – d. 4 January 1945, s/o Noah Lee Loftis & Cora C. Chaffin
(ASN34610348 Tenn PFC 114 44 Inf Div. WWII)

Loftis, Noah (L)ee – b. 15 April 1884 – d. 20 June 1972, s/o James M. Loftis & Sarah J. Dill
Loftis, Cora C. – b. 21 November 1892 – d. 12 July 1963, d/o Abner Hill Chaffin & Ina Bell Sliger
md 30 September 1906

Loftis, Sarah Belle – b. 30 December 1907, Jackson Co., TN – d. 9 August 1935, d/o Noah Lee Loftis &
Cora C. Chaffin , md 31 March 1934, Ernest Loftis, s/o George Rufe Loftis & Mattie Rhoten
*See Sarah Belle (Loftis) Chaffin Obt.

Fox, Gainesboro – b. 21 October 1891 – d. 14 July 1969, d/o James M. Loftis & Sarah Jane Dill
md 20 January 1914 to Jefferson Stone Fox who is buried in Fox Cemetery with his 1st
Wife, Mary Ella Dyer.

Gentry, Parzilla – b. 14 July 1875 – d. 11 August 1876, d/o Davis Gentry & Clery T. Loftis

Gentry, A. D. – b. 13 October 1852 – d. 27 February 1883

Gentry, Elvary – b. 10 March 1879 – d. 4 August 1885, d/o Davis Gentry & Clery T. Loftis

Gentry, W. D. – b. 16 February 1881 – d. 10 May 1889, d/o Davis Gentry & Clery T. Loftis

Gentry, Tennessee – b. 5 February 1846 – d. 27 August 1889, d/o James M. Loftis
w/o Andrew P. Davis Gentry

Row #8

Loftis, Demon (James) – b. 30 October 1888 – d. 22 April 1941, s/o James M. Loftis & Sarah J. Dill
h/o Ada Rush who was the d/o Cyrus Haden Rush

Loftis, son – b. 4 February 1924 – d. 16 February 1924 - - 1924 Death Certificate #378

Loftis, son – b. 27 March 1925 – d. 9 April 1925 - - 1925 Death Certificate #341

Loftis, son – b. 17 March 1925 – d. 31 March 1925 - - 1925 Death Certificate #337

Loftis, son – s/o Demon Loftis & Ada Rush

Above infants of Demon Loftis & Ada Rush - - Dates not on the stones....

Loftis, James (M)adison Jr. – b. 8 March 1844 – d. 21 March 1926,
s/o James Madison Loftis Sr. & Sally Elvira Dowell

Loftis, Sarah (J)ane – b. 31 August 1856 – d. 8 June 1939, d/o Roland Dill & Nancy Caroline Stafford
*See Sarah Jane (Dill) Loftis Obt.

Loftis, H. P. – b. 7 November 1873 – d. 22 January 1874

Loftis – b. 8 January 1875 – d. 8 January 1875, infant s/o G. ? Loftis

Loftis, William “Willis” – b. 16 April 1882 – d. 5 September 1883,
s/o James Madison Jr. & Sarah Jane Dill

Loftis, Jane – d/o James Madison Jr. & Sarah Jane Dill

Loftis, Oliver Benton – b. 21 January 1881 – d. 14 August 1892, s/o James Madison Jr. & Sarah Jane Dill

Loftis, James – b. 27 November 1894 – d. 17 September 1895, s/o James Madison Jr. & Sarah Jane Dill

Loftis, Jimmie – b. 15 April 1884 – d. 15 April 1884, s/o James Madison Jr. & Sarah Jane Dill
Twin to Noah Lee Loftis

Concrete marker

Loftis, Clerry – b. 8 March 1899 – d. 19 June 1899, d/o James Madison Jr. & Sarah Jane Dill

Loftis, Nancy Bell – b. 23 June 1898 – d. 11 August 1905, James Madison Jr. & Sarah Jane Dill

Row #9

Loftis, Selina – d. November 1878 – field stone

Loftis, H. H. – d. 9 February 1872 – field stone

Loftis, Daniel – b. 14 March 1874 – d. 29 February 1897, s/o John Martin Loftis & Celina Johnson

Loftis, Daniel N. – b. 14 March 1874 – d. 30 January 1892, s/o John Martin Loftis & Celina Johnson

Loftis, Celina – b. 10 June 1835 – d. 21 November 1903, d/o Samuel Johnson & Nancy M. Jones

Loftis, John M. – b. 18 February 1833 – d. 13 July 1902, s/o James Madison Loftis & Sarah Dowell

Spaces and five fieldstones with no names...

Next seven names all on one rock:

Loftis, Henry H. – b. 30 March 1901 – d. 30 March 1901

Loftis, Dewey H. – b. 16 April 1903 – d. 16 April 1903

Loftis, Eva L. – b. 24 May 1907 – d. 4 November 1907

Loftis, (S)amuel J. – b. 1 January 1879 – d. 29 April 1931, s/o John Martin Loftis & Celina Johnson

Loftis, Miram – b. 17 January 1877 – d. 3 January 1914, d/o Merdy Fox & Eletha Fox

Loftis, Earnest – b. 1 November 1909 – d. 1 November 1909

Loftis, Clara Mae – b. 20 September 1904 – d. 20 September 1904

Row #10

Loftis, George (R)ufe – b. 8 August 1880 – d. 24 September 1936, s/o John Pierce & Frances America

Loftis. (Jackson County, TN Sentinel, 8 October 1936 obit. calls for Morrison Creek Cemetery)

George Rufe Loftis md on the 23rd of December 1905, Jackson Co., TN to Mattie May Rhoten (1888-1980).

Spaces, and two fieldstones, spaces, two fieldstones with no names, spaces...

Next is one long marker with four names on it:

Loftis, Henry (H)arrison – b. December 1875 – d. 1948, s/o John Martin Loftis & Celina Johnson

Loftis, Peggy Jane – b. January 1876 – d. 1945, d/o Merdy Fox & Eletha Fox

Loftis, Jones H. – infant

Loftis, Anna Dora – b. August 1897 – d. 1951, sister

Row #11

Gentry, Harriett – b. 6 April 1875 – d. 15 October 1944, d/o George Rufus Loftis
Gentry, Hickmon P. – b. 14 June 1874 – d. 12 October 1922, s/o Henderson Gentry & Louvernia Loftis
(1922 Jackson Co., TN Death Certificate #395 has born 22 March 1874 calls for Gentry Cemetery)
*See *Harriet (Loftis) Gentry Obs.*

Meador – d. 6 January 1876 - - field stone

Row #12, two fieldstones

Gentry, Ina M. – b. 22 May 1906 – d. 22 May 1906, d/o W. F. Gentry & Samantha Harley

Spaces, two fieldstones...

Loftis, Elizabeth – d. 9 December 1874 – field stone

Two fieldstone markers

Loftis, H. P. – d. 22 JN 1874
(Field stone with d. 22 JN 1874 XXV for 25 yrs.???)

Spaces, foot stone has M C B top is gone

Row #13 - - two fieldstones, spaced

Loftis, Labon – b. 1760 – d. 8 November 1850, s/o *Job Loftis & Elvira Goodlett*
Loftis, Elizabeth – b. 1769 – d. 29 December 1859 (nee Holcombe)

Spaces, one fieldstone, and spaces

Jentry, A. D. – d. 27 February 1889 - - field stone

Spaces, one field stone, Then Row #14, one fieldstone, spaces, one fieldstone, spaces, one fieldstone no names

Loftis, Elvery – b. February 1895 – field stone

Loftis, Elviry – b. 13 February 1810 – d. 15 February 1897 – field stone – next to the double stone for James Madison “Matt” Loftis & his wife, Sarah Elvira Dowell.

Loftis, James Madison Sr. – b. 13 February 1810 – d. about 1902,
s/o Laborn/Laban Loftis & Elizabeth Holcombe

Loftis, Sally Elviry – *Sarah Elvira Dowell*

b. 13 February 1810 – d. 15 February 1897, d/o John Dowell & Sarah Hickman
md 22 March 1832 - - had 11 children. Elviry has a single stone next to her double stone.

Two fieldstones with no names...

Loftis, F. W. – b. 6 September 1883 – d. 27 January 1910 – fieldstone

Spaces

Loftis, John (P)ierce – b. 3 August 1833 – d. 8 September 1911,
s/o Thomas Jefferson Loftis & Parlitha Gallion
Loftis, Frances America – b. 9 September 1837 – d. 1 September 1914,

d/o James Madison Loftis & Sarah E. Dowell

Remainder of row 18 has eight fieldstones with no names...

Row # 19 - - in the middle of the cemetery only has two fieldstones with no names

Row #20 - - only has three fieldstones with no names

Row #21 - - only has four fieldstones with no names

Row #22

Field stone

Steward, Ernest – b. 30 October 1912 – d. 7 May 1950, s/o Lee & Daisy Stewart

Steward, Lee – b. 20 October 1879 – d. 19 April 1950

Steward, William – b. 10 July 1869 – d. 15 January 1942

Fieldstone

Spaces

Stewart, Melvin P. – b. 10 June 1887 – d. 2 May 1956

Stewart, Edna C. – b. 7 May 1898 – d. 9 March 1996

Row #23

Fieldstone

Spaces

AA MABR – d. 25 April 1829 - - coffin shaped stone

Row #24 - - only has three fieldstones with no names

Row #25 - - only has two fieldstones with no names

Row #26 - - only has four fieldstones with no names

Row #27 - - only has four fieldstones with no names

Dill, Roland Jr. – b. about 1812 – d. about 1872, s/o Roland C. Dill Sr.

Dill, Nancy Caroline – b. about 1810 – d. about 1894

(Children: Sarah J., Martha, Rachel, James P., America and Nancy Angeline)

From others sources and not found in 2000

Loftis, Cyrus Madison – b. 9 November 1928 – d. 9 November 1978, s/o Demon Loftis & Ada Rush
(Obt. Jackson Co., Sentinel, 16 November 1978 calls for cemetery on Morrison Creek)

Gentry, Levy B. – b. 31 January 1918 – d. 13 February 1918, s/o Harmon & Gracy Gentry
(1918 Jackson Co., TN Death Certificate #023 calls for Morrison Creek Cemetery)

Jefferson “Jeffie” Stone Fox Jr. Obt.

A former school teacher at Fox Elementary School in Gainesboro, Mr. Jeffie Fox passes away November 17, 1980 suddenly at his residence.

A former resident of Route 1, Gainesboro, he was a retired teacher, a member of the Jackson County Retired Teacher’s Association and a Mason.

Mr. Fox was born March 22, 1915, in Jackson County to the late Jeffie and Gainesboro Loftis Fox.

Mr. Fox is survived by one nephew Dale Fox of Detroit, MI, who is the son of the late Frank Fox.

Funeral services were conducted for Mr. Fox from the Chapel of Anderson Funeral Home Wednesday, November 19, 1980, at 1 p.m. with Brother James Paul Anderson officiating.

Anderson Funeral Home in Gainesboro, was in charge of the arrangements with burial in the Loftis Family Cemetery on Morrison's Creek.

Note: Jefferson "Jeffie" Stone Fox, Jr., was born on March 22, 1915, in Jackson County, Tennessee, to his widowed mother Gainesboro Loftis Fox. His father Jefferson Stone Fox, Sr., had died eight months earlier and was buried in Fox Cemetery.

Jeffie's mother Gainesboro Loftis Fox never remarried. At the time of her husband's death, she had been a bride of only six months; fourteen months after her marriage, she was a widow and a mother. She had the help of her extended Loftis family, eventually living in the house built by her great-grandfather Laban Loftis on Morrison Creek and serving as the caretaker of the original James Madison Loftis, Sr., family Bible. Gainesboro reared her son--her only child--to appreciate scholarly pursuits and to serve his community. Jeffie Jr. attended Tennessee Technical University and became a teacher in Jackson County. His love of education impacted many of the county's young people.

Jeffie's mother died in 1969, 55 years after her husband's death. Jeffie buried his mother in Old Mat Loftis Cemetery.

Jeffie Fox, Jr., died when he was 65 on November 17, 1980, in Jackson County. He was buried not far from his mother's grave in the Old Mat Loftis Cemetery, the same cemetery where his grandparents and great-grandparents had been laid to rest.

Sarah Belle (Loftis) Chaffin Obt.

Mrs. Sarah Belle Loftis, 27, died at the home of her parents, Friday evening, August 9th, at 3 o'clock on Morrison Creek. She was born Dec. 30, 1907, was a member of the Church of Christ, obeyed the gospel in her early days and lived faithful until death.

She was married to Ernest Loftis, March 31, 1934.

She leaves to mourn her death, her husband, and an infant daughter, her parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Noah Loftis six sisters, Mrs. Lonnie B. Gentry of Gainesboro, Mrs. Lola and Vada Lee Loftis; four brothers, Jimmie, Dolliver, Donald and Daniel Loftis, besides a host of friends and relatives. She was laid to rest Sat. evening at 2:30 in Morrison.

Jackson County Sentinel, TN: 15 August 1935.

Harriet (Loftis) Gentry Obt.

Mrs. Harriett Gentry, wife of H. P. Gentry, deceased, passed away Sunday evening, Oct. 15th at 8 o'clock, following a short illness.

Mrs. Gentry spent 22 years in the 9th District and the Morrison Creek community.

Survivors are 7 children, 3 girls and 4 boys, all now of Jackson County, except one daughter in Detroit, MI. Besides these she is survived by one brother, Willis B. Loftis, of Holdenville, OK, and one sister, Mrs. G. R. Gentry, also of Holdenville, OK, and many other relatives and friends are left to mourn their loss.

We all join in extending our love and appreciation to Bro. J. W. Fox, and all others who aided and assisted during her sickness. We feel that she has gone to rest and we hope to meet her in heaven and must do our

best. Let's Fear God and keep His commandments is my prayer to all the living. By Willis B. Loftis, Holdenville, OK.

Jackson County Sentinel, TN: 26 October 1944.

Sarah Jane (Dill) Loftis Obt.

Mrs. Sarah Loftis, age 86, died at her home on Morrison Creek June 8th, following a short illness of paralysis.

Mrs. Loftis was the widow of Jimmie Loftis and was the mother of fifteen children, seven of whom survive her. She had spent most of her long life in the community where she died. She had been a true Christian lady since her early girlhood and her passing is a distinct loss to her community and church.

The seven children who survive her are Noah, George Ruff and Denton Loftis, Mrs. Ollie Fuqua, Mrs. May Lou Rush, Mrs. Elvira Leonard and Mrs. Gainesboro Fox. Besides these many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 5th by Rev. Coleman and burial was in the Morrison Creek Cemetery.

Jackson County Sentinel, TN: 2 June 1939

*Read more about the cemeteries in Putnam County, TN, Jackson County, TN and surrounding areas at:
<http://www.ajlambert.com>