



OLD "MAT" LOFTIS CEMETERY  
MORRISON CREEK ROAD:  
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Source: Jackson County Tennessee  
Cemetery Inscriptions 1801 – 2003:  
Including Some Genealogy  
By **Larry Earl Mabry & Reda Knight  
Billbrey**: *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)

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 – 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

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 1<sup>st</sup>  
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

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

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)

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 Carolin – 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)

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