

## BAXTER TAKES OVER MAXWELL CEMETERY

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Maxwell Cemetery, located off First Avenue and Highway 56, overlooks the growing Baxter Junction and Love's truck stop (seen in the background). The cemetery was recently taken over by the town, which could result in the lot being closed off to future burial plots. Herald-Citizen Photo/Liz Engel

**BAXTER** -- The town of Baxter has taken over one of the area's older family cemeteries, and its oversight could mean the lot will be closed off to any future burial plots.

Maxwell Cemetery, located on the corner of First Avenue and Highway 56 and overlooking the ever-growing Baxter Junction and Love's truck stop, was taken over last week after a 2-1 vote from the town's Mayor and Board of Alderman.

The board has been approached about the land before. Baxter Mayor Jeff Wilhite said the town could fence off the cemetery and use any remaining land, although he also said there are no immediate plans for its development.

Fencing off the land would eliminate the possibility of any additional burial plots at the site.

"I don't think anybody has any particular plans for it," Wilhite said. "I think the fact that there was usable property there, where it was divided up, that's what made the board finally decide to take it."

**A family representative, Bobby Palmer, who attended the meeting last week and requested the town take over the land, said it has been more than 25 years since anyone has purchased a plot at the site.**

When a municipality takes over a cemetery, its list of duties often include the upkeep, weed eating and mowing. Wilhite said it costs the town roughly \$60 a month to maintain another city-owned cemetery located off First Avenue and Buffalo Valley Road.

"There are some problems that you run into, and that's just something the board considered," Wilhite said. "We actually had a list of things, but the board decided that was worth taking."

**The cemetery land was given to Baxter by the same family that donated about an acre of land next to the future site for the Baxter fire hall, to be located on the corner of Fourth and Elm Street.**

Wilhite said one deal was not contingent on the other.

Aldermen Robert Vinson and Harmon Garris voted for the motion, Richard Waller voted no and Brian Burgess was absent.

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## THIS MAXWELL CEMETERY



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### WOODFORK MAXWELL CEMETERY, PUTNAM CO., TN

Located one mile north of the railroad crossing at Baxter on the east side of First Avenue. There were 10 or 12 unmarked graves here. Recorded by Dr. Louis Johnson Jr. Source: Putnam County Tennessee Cemeteries by Maurine Ensor Patton & Doris Garrison Gilbert, pg. 347.

\*MAXWELL, Wilson Dero "Dee Woody", b. 6 July 1867, TN – d. 10 May 1961, s/o William Wade Woodfork Maxwell & Sarah Frances Gentry.

\*MAXWELL, Mary Omega "Miggie" Allison, b. 28 September 1872, Putnam Co., TN – d. 4 August 1961, d/o Albert Washington Allison (1851-1894), (s/o James "Wooden Head Jim" Allison & Mary "Polly" Whitefield) & Lova Jane Lowe (1854-.after 1900), (d/o I. Alfred Lowe & Mary Clark).

\*MAXWELL, William Wade Woodfolk, b. 8 August 1835, TN – d. 30 June 1919, s/o Amos Maxwell (1803-1879) & Mary Polly Patton (1798-1875). Amos & Mary Patton Maxwell are both buried in the Maxwell Cemetery, N-140, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN.

\*MAXWELL, Sarah Frances (Gentry), b. 28 December 1846, TN – d. 7 January 1904

\*MAXWELL, Vander Vernon, b. 21 October 1878, TN – d. 18 June 1961, s/o William Wade Woodfork Maxwell & Sarah Frances Gentry

\*MAXWELL, Betty Pavo, b. 20 June 1883 – d. 3 September 1958

MAXWELL, Gilbert Ray, b. 13 July 1914, TN – d. 21 August 1979, s/o Vander Vernon Maxwell & Betty Pavo.

ROBESON, Louis D., b. August 1889 – d. 16 November 1902

ROBERSON, Vestal, b. 24 September 1902 – d. 19 April 1924

WALLER, Infant, b. 2 December 1907 – d. 2 December 1907, d/o Dow and Dorcas Waller, both buried in the Cookeville City Cemetery, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN.

WALLER, Ralph Odos, b. 14 June 1913 – d. 25 February 1916

WALLER, E. R., b. 1 March 1908 – d. 10 December 1910

WALLER, F. A., b. 19 January 1910- d. 7 July 1912

WALLER, Ida Oakes, b. 1883 – d. 1939 (b. October 1882, TN, d/o Frank & Lotti C. Oaks. \*See 1900 census.... \*See 1910 census, md Wade H. Waller).

**1850 census 12<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Jackson Co., TN**

Dwl: 344

**Amos MAXWELL** 46 M W Farming VA

**Mary MAXWELL** 53 F W KY TN

Wilson MAXWELL 21 M W Farming TN

Granvell MAXWELL 18 M W TN

Maranda MAXWELL 16 F W TN

Permelia MAXWELL 14 F W TN

William W. MAXWELL 12 M W TN

Alain C. MAXWELL 11 M W TN

Bird C. MAXWELL 9 M W TN

Milda J. MAXWELL 8 F W TN

Lean P. MAXWELL 7 F W TN

**1860 census Dist. #7, PO Double Springs, Putnam Co., Tenn., July 20, 1860**

Dwl: 738/ 738

**Amos MAXWELL** 57 M W Farmer (value of real estate, 1,000) (value of personal estate, 800) VA

**Mary MAXWELL** 60 F W KY

**Woodford MAXWELL** 25 M W Farmer TN

Alvin C. MAXWELL 23 M W Farmer TN

Bird C. MAXWELL 22 M W Farmer TN

Lean P. MAXWELL 18 M W TN

**1870 census 10<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN**

Dwl: 24 Family: 24

**W. W. MAXWELL** 35 M W (value of real estate, 200) (value of personal estate, 300) TN

**Sarah MAXWELL** 23 F W Keeps House TN

Wilson MAXWELL 3 M W TN

Mary MAXWELL 0 b. 7/12 October F W TN

**Census Place: 1880 District 7, Putnam Co., Tennessee**

Source: FHL Film 1255275 National Archives Film T9-1275 Page 144C

Dwl: 18 Family: 19

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
<b>Woodfork MAXWELL</b>	Self	M	M	W	44	TN
Occ:	Farmer	Fa: ---	Mo: ---			
<b>Sarah MAXWELL</b>	Wife	F	M	W	33	TN
Occ:	Keeping House	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Wilson MAXWELL	Son	M	S	W	13	TN
Occ:	Works On Farm	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Mary MAXWELL	Dau	F	S	W	10	TN
Occ:	At Home	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Dura MAXWELL	Dau	F	S	W	8	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
John MAXWELL	Son	M	S	W	6	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
Nancy MAXWELL	Dau	F	S	W	4	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				

Vander MAXWELL      Son    M      S      W      1      TN  
Fa: TN Mo: TN

**1900 census 13<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN**

Dwl: 31

**Frank OAKS** Head 47 M W Married (27 yrs. married) Farmer TN TN TN

**Lotti C. OAKS** Wife 47 F W b. November 1852 (4 children born, 4 children living) TN TN TN

**Della OAKS** Dau 20 F W b. December 1879 Single TN TN TN

**Ida OAKS** Dau 17 F W b. October 1882 Single TN TN TN

**1900 census 20<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN**

**Woodfork MAXWELL** Head 64 M W b. August 1835 Married (35 yrs. married) Farmer TN VA KY

**Sallie MAXWELL** Wife 53 M W b. December 1846 Married (35 yrs. married)

(11 children born, 8 children living) TN TN TN

**Dora J. MAXWELL** Dau 28 F W b. April 1872 Single TN TN TN

**Ideme MAXWELL** Dau 24 F W May 1876 Single TN TN TN

**Vander MAXWELL** Son 20 M W b. October 1879 Farm Laborer Single TN TN TN

**Lenton MAXWELL** Son 17 M W b. May 1883 Farm Laborer Single TN TN TN

**Clarence C. MAXWELL** Son 13 M W b. May 1887 Farm Laborer Single TN TN TN

**1910 census 18<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN**

Dwl: 248

**Wade H. WALLER** Head 25 M W M1 (4 yrs. married) Farmer Rented Farm TN VA TN

**Ida WALLER** Wife 26 M1 (4 yrs. married) (2 children born, 1 child living) TN TN TN

**Fred R. WALLER**, son 3/12 M W Single TN TN TN

**1920 census 13<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN**

Dwl: 5

**Vander V. MAXWELL** Head 41 M W Farmer General Farm TN TN TN

**Betty E. MAXWELL** Wife 35 F W TN TN TN

**Helen F. MAXWELL** Dau 15 F W TN TN TN

**Vander Mae MAXWELL** Dau 13 F W TN TN TN

**Birnice MAXWELL** Dau 11 F W TN TN TN

**Woodfork Hooper MAXWELL** Son 8 M W TN TN TN

**Gilbert Ray MAXWELL** Son 5 M W TN TN TN

**Raymond Hughes MAXWELL** Son 3 2/12 M W TN TN TN

**Reed MAXWELL** Son 1+ Son M W TN TN TN

**1920 census 20<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Mill Road, Putnam Co., TN**

Dwl: 23 Family:23

**Dow WALLER** Head 34 M W Flour Mill TN VA TN

**Dorcus WALLER** Wife 28 F W TN TN TN

**Lois M. WALLER** Dau 10 F W TN TN TN

**Robbie A. WALLER** Dau 7 F W TN TN TN

**Dow Jr. WALLER** Son 4 6/12 M W TN TN TN

**Wilburn WALLER** Son 1 3/12 M W TN TN TN

**COOKEVILLE CITY CEMETERY, COOKEVILLE, PUTNAM CO., TN**

Located: 241 S Walnut Ave., Cookeville, TN

\*WALLER, Dow, b. 29 February 1884, TN – d. 3 March 1965

\*WALLER, Dorcas, b. 12 May 1890, TN - d. 8 June 1972

**MAXWELL CEMETERY, PUTNAM CO., TN**

Located one half mile south of the Baxter exit off Interstate 40, on Boat Dock Road. Recorded by Dr. Louis Johnson Jr., 2 July 1981.

MAXWELL, Amos, b. 16 June 1803, VA – d. 17 March 1879  
MAXWELL, Mary, b. 24 August 1798, KY – d. 22 May 1875

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