

## YOUNG-MCDONALD GRAVEYARD

Putnam Co., TN

Located on Jared Baptist Church Road near the Smith Co., Tennessee line.

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### Le Compton Holford "Compton" Clark

b. 4 August 1869, Granville, Jackson Co., TN – d. 30 December 1919, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 1904, Smith Co., TN to **Nellie Izora (McDonald) Clark**, b. ? – d. 1969, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN. Children: Beliah Beulah Tennie Clark (1907-1984); Mary Ella/Ellen Clark (1909-1910) & Compton Holford Clark (1913-1987). Le Compton Clark is buried in the Young-McDonald Cemetery.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Smith Co., TN, pg. 15: Compton H. Clark married 2 March 1904, Smith Co., TN to Nellie McDonald).

### Mary Ellen (unknown) Clark

b. 2 June 1909 – d. 19 March 1910, d/o **Le Compton Holford "Compton" Clark & Nellie Izora McDonald**.

### Joe Osborne McDonald

b. 25 February 1900, TN – d. 12 February 1924, s/o **Matthew Trousdale McDonald & Ella Elizabeth Young**.

\*See Matthew Trousdale McDonald Obt.

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### Maggie Eula McDonald

b. 8 October 1891, TN – d. 19 September 1903, **Matthew Trousdale McDonald & Ella Elizabeth Young**.

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### Matthew Trousdale McDonald Obt.

b. 7 June 1851, TN – d. 13 June 1930, TN, md on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November 1876 to to **Ella Elizabeth (Young) McDonald**, b. 25 November 1857, TN – d. 8 January 1903. Matthew Trousdale McDonald md 2<sup>nd</sup> on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April 1909 to **Margret C. "Maggie" (Whitaker) McDonald**, b. 24 February 1867 – d. 7 March 1938, d/o John Price Whitaker (1826-1898) & Hester Ann Johnson (1830-1913). Matthew Trousdale McDonald, s/o **Samuel King McDonald** (1810-1887) & **Elizabeth Brooks**.

KILLS MAN AS RESULT OF MULE ARGUMENT: Virgil Petty Shoots "Uncle" Matt McDonald to Death Friday Morning:

Virgil Petty, 25, is being held in jail here prior to a preliminary hearing on the admitted charge of shooting "Uncle" Matt McDonald to death with a .32 caliber pistol at 7 o'clock Friday morning on Petty's farm in the twelfth district of Putnam county after an alleged argument over the feeding of a mule.

Petty, who lived on McDonald's farm, was said to have carried a new pistol with him when he went to work in a tobacco field, and that he shot the old man from a distance of about thirty yards. He shot six times, three of the bullets taking effect. McDonald was killed instantly. Petty had been taking care of the dead man's stock and they had had some argument over a mule, it was reported, which arguments resulted in bitter enmity between the two.

Petty was brought to Cookeville by sheriff Warren shortly after the murder and will be given a preliminary trial before Squire J. H. Hodge next Wednesday. A number of the citizens from the prisoner's district came to Cookeville Friday to make his bond, which was denied until after the hearing.

McDonald was under bond for the shooting on April 12, this year of John White, a farmer of the twelfth district, who is still in a serious condition resulting from his pistol wounds.

Burial will take place today or tomorrow, pending the arrival of McDonald's children, three boys, Young, Howard, and Edgar, and two daughters, who are in Montana, and Dillard, who is in Michigan. He will be buried in the family cemetery at the home.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 14 June 1930.

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Petty surrendered to Sheriff Warren shortly after the shooting and was brought to Cookeville and admitted to jail. At the preliminary hearing before Squire J. H. Hodge on Wednesday afternoon. Petty was admitted to bail to await the action of the Grand Jury next September, and ten men of the 12<sup>th</sup> district signed his hand.

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Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 26 June 1930.

VIRGIL PETTY GOES ON TRIAL IN MURDER OF MATT MCDONALD: Crowds Fill Court:

Virgil Petty, 25, went on trial Wednesday afternoon in criminal court here for the killing on June 13, 1930, of "Uncle" Matt McDonald at McDonald's home in the 12<sup>th</sup> District of Putnam county.

The widow of McDonald, sitting behind a brilliant array of counsel, is the foremost prosecutor of the case with the state. Attorney-General Boyd is being assisted by Judge O. K. Holladay, John Holladay and Howard Vaden. A large part of Wednesday afternoon was consumed in the selection of a jury.

Has Able Counsel:

Behind an equally brilliant array of counsel sits Petty, youthful killer, who says that he killed the old man because he feared him following an argument over the feeding of a mule that Petty was keeping for McDonald. At the time he was killed, McDonald was under bond for the shooting of John White on April 12, 1930. White will be used as a witness in the case. Attorneys for the defense are Worth Bryant, Keith Bohannon, and Solon Fitzpatrick, of Carthage.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 1 October 1931.

PETTY, HANCOCK MURDER HEARINGS, BUCKNER CASE FEATURES COURT DOCKET:

Two-Hundred Eleven Cases Scheduled For Three Weeks' Session Beginning Tuesday: Camp, Holladay To Preside.

Virgil Petty, avowed killer of "Uncle" Matt McDonald, aged 12<sup>th</sup> district farmer, and Willie Hancock, youthful slayer of Ridley Carr, and John Buckner, held on charges of incest and rape, will occupy the spotlight of Putnam county's sensational criminal court session which will begin Tuesday for a three weeks' duration.

Petty faces his second trail on the murder charge, his first hearing last October resulting in a mistrial. Petty killed McDonald in April, 1930, following an alleged argument over the feeding of a mule. According to testimony offered at the first trial, Petty used a 32:20 caliber pistol. Petty contended that his act was in self defense.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 12 May 1932.

JURY PICKED FOR MURDER CASE IN HANCOCK HEARING:

**Bulletin:** [Virgil Petty was acquitted by a jury](#) which reported at 8:45 this morning. He was charged with the murder in June, 1930, of M. T. "Uncle Matt" McDonald, aged 12<sup>th</sup> district farmer.

The Virgil Petty murder case went to the jury early Wednesday afternoon after brilliant arguments on both sides had been made. The jury reported just before court adjourned at 4:30 that it would take further deliberation to reach an agreement.

All the details which led to the killing of "Uncle Matt" McDonald were re-hashed during the three-day trial, Petty contending that his act was in self defense. The state contending that the murder was cold-blooded.

Jury in the Petty case was made up of J. M. Lovelady, Luke Smith, Dudley Walker, George Hudson, Alex Hunter, J. O. Lowe, Hamp Brown, Stant Dillon, J. L. Colvert, Quinn Robinson, Bob Johnson, and Herbert West.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 26 May 1932.

Census Place: 1880 District 12, Putnam Co., TN

Source: FHL Film 1255275 National Archives Film T9-1275 Page 155B

Dwl: 195

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
<b>Mathew MCDONALD</b>	Self	M	M	M	29	TN
	Occ: Farmer	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
<b>Ellar MCDONALD</b>	Wife	F	M	M	22	TN
		Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
George MCDONALD	Son	M	S	M	2	TN
		Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Leona MCDONALD	Dau	F	S	M	1	TN

Scott BUSH	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
	Other	M	S	W	23	TN
	Fa: ---	Mo: ---				
Nancy HOLOMON	Other	F	S	W	8	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				

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(1920 census 12<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN; Dwl: 110 - **Mathew McDonald** is head of household, 68 yrs. old, TN, md to **Maggie**, 52 yrs. old, TN. Children: Joe O. McDonald, 19 yrs. old, TN. Also living in the household: Frank C. Cass, grandson, 1 7/12 yrs. old, TN).

(1930 census 12<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN; Dwl: 92 Family: 101 - **Mat McDonald** is head of household, 78 yrs. old, TN, (25 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) md to **Maggie**, 62 yrs. old, TN (42 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage).

(1930 census 12<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN; Dwl: 93 Family: 102 - **Virgil Petty** is head of household, 22 yrs. old, TN, md (20 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) to **Pearl**, 20 yrs. old, TN, (18 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage). Living in the household: **Virginia Petty, mother**, 50 yrs. old, TN, widow).

**Rita Mable McDonald**

b. 26 January 1902 – d. 7 February 1904.

**Willis Eshman McDonald**

b. 17 May 1905 – d. 2 September 1906.

**Isaac George Young**

b. 27 January 1818 – d. 19 September 1884, md to **Elizabeth (Moore) Young**, b. 1 December 1822, TN – d. 18 February 1879. Isaac George Young, s/o **Samuel Young** (1787-1857) & **Elizabeth “Besty” George** (1787-1847). Samuel Young, s/o **William Young** (1744-1818) & **Elizabeth Huff** (1754-1819), both buried in the Young-Bartlett Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

(1850 census 18<sup>th</sup> Dist., Jackson Co., TN; Dwl: 652 - **Isaac G. Young** is head of household, 33 yrs. old, TN, md to **Elizabeth**, 28 yrs. old, TN. Children: Rhoda, 7 yrs. old; Samuel, 6 yrs. old; William, 5 yrs. old & Amento Young, 2 yrs. old. All born in TN. Also living in the household: Jane Harboard, 21 yrs. old, TN & Leroy Harboarn, 1 yr. old, TN).

(1860 census 12<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN; Dwl: 1175 – **I. G. Young** is head of household, 42 yrs. old, TN, md to **Elizabeth**, 36 yrs. old, TN. Children: Samuel D., 17 yrs. old; William 15 yrs. old; Darthula, 8 yrs. old; Tennessee H., 6 yrs. old; Ella, 2 yrs. old & Richard M. Young, 1 yr. old. All born in TN. Also living in the household: Emily Young, 46 yrs. old, TN).

(1870 census 12<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., post office: Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN; Dwl: 43 – **Isaac Young** is head of household, 52 yrs. old, TN, md to **Elizabeth**, 48 yrs. old, TN. Children: William, 25 yrs. old; Darthula, 18 yrs. old; Tennessee, 16 yrs. old; Eller, 12 yrs. old; Richard, 11 yrs. old; John, 8 yrs. old & George Young, 6 yrs. old. All born in TN).

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	Occ: Works On Farm	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
John YOUNG	Son	M	S	W	18	TN
	Occ: Works On Farm	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
George YOUNG	Son	M	S	W	16	KY
	Occ: Works On Farm	Fa: ---	Mo: ---			

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