

**History of Great Grandfather & Great Grandmother Timothy &
Elizabeth Hettie (Paul) Denny Farm - deeds ca. 1800's**



Timothy Denny House in 1918
Virgil Timothy Denny in the foreground.

Tracing family deeds: Names found of owners of all or part of farm owned by Timothy & Elizabeth Hettie Denny-1870, are listed below: 11th Civil District (Putnam Co.) Tennessee. Located on Big Indian Creek Road east of Buffalo Valley. On the corner of this road used to be a country school & church called Denny's Seminary & Denny's Methodist Church. The land was donated by Timothy Denny. Down the road was the Timothy & Elizabeth (Paul) Denny farm. There are two natural springs on the property. They had two tenant houses , one barn & a big farm house. Crops and cattle were raised on this farm. By the house the springs ran into Muddy Indian Creek. Timothy & Elizabeth Hettie (Paul) Denny had two children born on this farm. The children's names were Virgil Timothy & Minnie Myrtle Denny. Timothy, Elizabeth Hettie (Paul) Denny & Timothy's sister Elizabeth Ann Denny are buried in the Captain William Jared Cemetery located on the present Robert Anderson Shanks farm.

People who owned all of parts of the **Timothy Denny** farm were:

J.W. McDaniel & Mary McDaniel - (Before 1871 - owned during the Civil War- 1860-65).

Timothy Denny & Elizabeth Hettie Paul – 1871

Recorded in the 1870 census as living in the 11th Civil District of Putnam Co.

William Taylor Maxwell - Before 1883

George H. Maddux - 1883

John Bell Denny & Eliza Jane Barnes - 1919

Virgil Timothy & Minnie Myrtle Denny – After 1898

Tim Denny & Audra Camilla Anderson– 1957

Robert Anderson Shanks & Doris Gillem – After 1957

Capt. William Jared Cemetery – located on Big Indian Creek east of Buffalo Valley on Big Indian Creek Road, Putnam Co., TN, cemetery used to be called the Jared-Byrne graveyard on what was originally the farm of Capt. William Jared. Graves recorded by Maurine E. Patton & Bettie G. Doyle, accompanied by Robert Anderson Shanks who owns the farm at present time, 2002.

Capt. William Jared – b. 3 June 175,8 Loudoun Co., VA – d. 22 September 1827, Cookeville, Putnam Co, TN – s/o **John Jared & Hannah Whitacre**

h/o **Elizabeth Raulston** –

Revolutionary War Veteran, Berkley, VA – Settled here in 1796, one of the first families of Tennessee.

Robert Houston Jared – b. 16 December 1872 – d. 12 August 1888

s/o **Moses Alexander Jared Sr. & Marinda Jane Price**

Marinda Jane (Price) Jared – b. 1 March 1830 – d. 14 November 1874

w/o **Moses Alexander Jared Sr.**

Moses Alexander Jared Jr. – b. 3 August 1827 – d. 29 September 1903 –

s/o **Moses Jared & Malinda Byrne**

William T. Byrne Jr. – b. 31 May 1813 – d. January 1830

s/o **William T. Byrne Sr. & Rhoda England**

Dorcas Jared – b. 10 December 1803 – d. 20 December 1836

d/o **William T. Byrne Sr. & Rhoda England** - md **Joseph Jared**

Timothy Denny – b. 22 December 1825 – d. 5 November 1898

s/o **Zachariah Denney & Catherine Stallings** – md **Elizabeth “Hettie” Paul**

Elizabeth Hettie (Paul) Denny – b. 26 October 1844 – d. 22 March 1922

d/o **Thomas Paul & Sarah Denny**

Lucy A. Jared – b. 20 November 1869 – d. 16 January 1891-
d/o **Jonothan Denny & Agnes Thompson**
Arthur B. Jared - b. 24 December 1890 – d. 19 August 1891
Moses Simon Jared – b. 25 November 1868 – d. 28 February 1901
s/o **Moses Alexander Jared & Marinda Jane Price**
Besty Ann Denny – b. 4 August 1832 – d. 12 October 1918
d/o **Zachariah Denney & Catherine Stallings**
Mattie F. Edmonds- b. 15 June 1897 – d. 30 August 1897 –
d/o **John & D.L. Edmonds**
F.J. E – only footstone and base of headstone remain, could be an Edmonds.

Source: Deeds of land situated in the 11th Civil District of Putnam Co., TN near Buffalo Valley.

Deed **J. W. McDaniel** to **Timothy Denny** - 1871
Deed- **Mary B. Ballard** to **Gordon C. Maxwell** – 1880
Deed –**William “Bill” Taylor Maxwell** to **George Henry Maddux** - 1883
Deed - **Josiah Bartlett** to **Timothy Denny** – 1894
Deed **John Bell Denny & Robert Filmore Maxwell** – 1919
Deed **Timothy Denny** to **Hettie Denny** - 1922
Deed - **Minnie Denny & Virgil Denny** - Land Document - 1922

Names of Neighbors mentioned in the **Timothy Denny & Virgil Timothy Denny** deeds:

Allen “Alan” Young – Before 1860 - s/o **John Young & Matilda Gibson** –
md **Mary Crowell**
J.M. Young - **John Madison Young** – b. ca. 1834 – s/o **Allen “Alan” Young & Mary Crowell**
David Young - Before 1860
Mary B. Ballard – Before 1877 – d/o **Adaline Ballard**
Recorded in the 1870 as living in the 11th Civil District of Putnam Co., TN
Gordon C. Maxwell – 1877 – s/o **Samuel Maxwell & Martha A. Patton** - md **Josephine M. Shanks** –
d/o **William Simon Shanks & Margaret “Peggy” Maddux**
George Henry Maddux – Before 1883 - s/o **Craven Maddux & Elizabeth “Besty” Brown** –
md **Elizabeth J. Brown**
James Nelson Maddux – Before 1885 – s/o **Snowden Horton Maddux & Lucy Ann Leftwich** –
md **Eudora “Dora” Jared** – d/o **Josiah Jared & Frances Woodbury Bennett**
Charlie Burton Maddux – Before 1922 – s/o **Josiah Bartlett & Mary J. Burton**
Robert “Bob” Lee Maddux – Before 1921 – s/o **James Nelson Maddux & Eudora “Dora” Jared**
Ernest Haywood Maddux – 1919 – s/o **James Nelson Maddux & Eudora “Dora” Jared**
William Hickman “Hick” Maddux – Before 1921 – **George Maddux & Elizabeth Brown**
Fred Miller Maddux – Before 1921 – s/o **Snowden Davis Maddux & Mary J. Burton**
Jonothan Denny – 1871 – s/o **Zachariah Denny & Catherine Stallings** – bro/o **Timothy Denny**
Recorded in the 1870 census as living in the 11th Civil District of Putnam Co.
John Bell Denny – Before 1919 – s/o **Jonothan Denny & Agnes Thompson** –
md **Eliza Jane Barnes**
Annie Whitehead – Before 1922
George Washington Boyd – Before 1922 – s/o **Bransford Boyd & Elizabeth Jane Jared** –
md – **Naomi Tennessee Carr** – d/o **Andrew F. “Dick” Carr & Carolyn Stillman Jared**
William Taylor Maxwell – Before 1883 – s/o **Gordon C. Maxwell & Josephine M. Shanks**
md **Martha L. Hendley** – d/o **Thomas Aden Hendley & Elizabeth Jane “Betsy” Gentry**
Felix Patterson McGinness – 1885 – s/o **Martha J. Exum McGinness** –
md **Victoria Jared** - d/o **Josiah Jared & Frances Woodbury Bennett**
Solon Maddux – s/o **James Nelson Maddux & Eudora “Dora” Jared** – md **Daisy Dean Jared**-
d/o **Christopher Columbus Jared & Montecello Lemiza “Sis” Braswell**
James W. Sutton md **Mary** – 1889
Robert Fain Shanks – s/o **Craven M.Shanks & Nancy Henley** – md **Anna “Annie” Anderson** –
d/o **Thomas Shirley Anderson Jr. & Louisa Alexander**
Luke Alexander Shanks – s/o **Robert Fain Shanks & Anna “Annie” Anderson** –
md **Dona Florence Boyd** – d/o **George Washington Boyd & Naomi Tennessee Carr**



L to R: Minnie Mytle, Elizabeth “Hettie”, Virgil Timothy, & Timothy Denny, unknown woman, could be a cousin, niece or neighbor, & Elizabeth Ann “Besty” Denny, sister of Timothy Denny. Besty lived with Timothy & “Hettie” Denny. Virgil Timothy would have been 12 yrs. old and his sister Minnie Mytle would have been 14 yrs. old at the time this picture was taken.
Picture taken 1896 by American View Co., Blacksburg, SC



Timothy Denny’s House. Located in the lower part of Putnam Co., TN, near Buffalo Valley on Big Indian Creek. Bullet holes riddle the old home from carpetbaggers shooting at it after the Civil War.



Built in the early 1800’s, this old house saw lots of action during the Civil War. It is said that Union Soldiers shot at the owner, J.W. McDaniel who managed to save his life by hiding from the approaching enemy. The house was later owned by Timothy Denny. Located in the lower part of Putnam Co., TN. Standing on porch: Virgil Timothy, Elizabeth & Hetti (Paul) Denny. Notice the handmade woodturning decorative trim on the porch.



The Timothy Denny farmhouse as it looked in 2001. The porch is gone and it stands in ruins. The decorative trim was attached to the front porch and I removed some of the trim years before the farm was sold. I took it home and refinished the woodturned trim.



Mike Lambert, husband of Audrey June Denny is standing by the two natural springs that were in front of the Timothy Denny farmhouse. These two springs ran into Muddy Indian Creek that ran into Big Indian Creek, 11th Civil District of Putnam Co., TN.



The Timothy Denny farm is now owned by Robert Shanks. All that is left is the memories of brave pioneers settling down in rural countryside. People growing crops & tending to their animals. Raising families and making family history. It was not a easy life but a satisfying one. The pride of owning land and developing a working farm was a great accomplishment.

I am proud of my heritage and I am lucky to be able to trace a lot of information because of people in this county that felt it important enough to document and preserve this way of life for future generations.

Near the Timothy Denny homestead was land that belonged to Capt. William Jared the Rev'l War soldier. William moved his family here in 1796 being one of the 1st families to settle in the new state of Tennessee. In this area is the Capt. William Jared cemetery where William Jared is buried along with Timothy Denny and his wife Elizabeth "Hettie" Paul Denny.



On the Timothy Denny farm was a tenant house. My parents, Tim Denny & Geraldine Loftis lived in this house for a period of time. My father's Aunt Minnie Denny allowed my father to move into this house because he needed someplace to live. It was your basic house with no running water or electricity. My parents had three children, Ronald Timothy, Richard Lewis & Audrey June Denny that were raised in this house till Audrey June was three months old. Tim had several dairy cows that he was suppose to take care of. My father wasn't the farmer type. After I was born my father moved the family to Warren, MI. We lived with my mother's family, the Loftis' on Stewart St. in Warren, MI.

My father found work and bought a house in East Detroit, MI on Donald Ave. later we moved a few streets down to Tuscany Ave. My father bought the house on Tuscany Ave. from the Eastpointe Church of Christ. It used to be the preacher's house.

I don't remember living in this tenant house because I was too young.

I remember going by this house when we would visit growing up. A family was living in this house but I don't know who they were. Several families just took up residence without paying needing someplace to live.

In 2001 this property was owned by Robert Shanks. My husband and I went to take pictures of the ruins of this tenant house and they are pictured below.

