

**Thompson Luther “Tobe” Denny Obt.**

(Thursday September 21, 1911) Special to the Nashville Banner Newspaper - TN  
Sudden Death of Judge Denny Sudden Summons For Judge Denny –  
City Attorney of Cookeville and Prominent Citizen is Dead

Cookeville, Tenn., Sept. 12, 1911- Judge T. L. Denny, one of the most prominent lawyers of this section of the state, died suddenly of heart failure at 9 o'clock last night at his home in this city. His death came as a great shock to everyone. He was 60 years old and is survived by his wife and by five children by his first marriage, Mrs. H. M. Jared, Mrs. O. K. Holladay, Miss Clara Denny and Larimore Denny of this city, and Mrs. Will McCluen of Monterey.

Judge Denny had held the office of County Superintendent of Public Instruction and County Judge of this county and Mayor of this city and at the time of his death was City Attorney. He had frequently served as special Circuit Judge and Criminal Judge and had practiced his profession in all of the courts of this and the adjoining counties.

His first wife who before their marriage was Miss Frances Ford of this city died several years ago and he was married a second time to Mrs. Robertson of Mount Juliet, who survives him.

NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN NEWSPAPER – 13 September 1911 –pg. 4

Judge T. L. Denney – Cookeville, Tennessee, September 12, 1911 – Judge T. L. Denney died suddenly tonight of heart failure. He was sixty-years old and one of the most prominent lawyers in this section of the state. He had held the offices of county judge and mayor of this city, and at the time of his death was city attorney. He had frequently served as special circuit and criminal judge. He is survived by his wife and five children by his first wife as follows: Mrs. H.M. Jared, Mrs. O.K. Holladay, Miss Clara Denney and Larimore Denney of this city and Mrs. William D. McClun of Monterey. He was a member of the Christian church and a Mason, and greatly esteemed by all who knew him.

GAINESBORO SENTINEL – 17 December 1903 – Vol. 6, No. 16, pg. 1.

News reached here Monday morning that Leslie Denny at Granville had killed himself. He had gone upstairs and a loud report was heard and when his room was reached he was found dead and a pistol was lying near. It is not known whether it was suicide or accident.

PUTNAM COUNTY, TN - NEWSPAPERS –

Deaths Reported in the Putnam County Herald - 1908

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DENNY, FANNY: Mrs. **Fanny Denny**, wife of Mayor T. L. Denny, died at her home in this city on Saturday Sept. 12, 1908, (*tombstone states d. 1907*) aged about 53 years. While she had been in poor health for some time her friends did not realize her condition, and her death was a surprise. She was laid to rest in the city cemetery Sunday afternoon, many friends being present to pay respect to the loved departed one. Mrs. Denny had been for many years a devoted member of the Christian church, and died in the triumph of Christian faith. She was a daughter of the late **Chas. R.** and **Penelope Ford**, and sister of Messrs. T. D. Ford Jas. F. Ford and Miss Cora Ford and Mrs. O. Ranchfuss of this city, and Mrs. Sallie Watson of Pittsburgh, Pa. Five children survive Mrs. Denny -- Mrs. H. M. Jared, Mrs. O. K. Holladay, Mrs. W. M. McCluen, Miss Clara Denny, and Master Larimore Denny, all of this city. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the family in their bereavement. [Date 9/16/1908, Vol. VI, No. 33, Page 1].

**Frances “Fannie” Jane Ford** - b. 21 October 1854 - d. 12 September 1907, Cookeville, TN – d/o Charles Randolph Ford & Henrietta Phoebe “Penelope” Draper - md December 1878, Thomas Luther Denny- b. 26 August 1851, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN- d. 12 September 1911- s/o Jonothan & Agnes (Thompson) Denny. T. D. Ford (brother, Thomas Draper Ford who md Virginia Belle Birdwell); Jas. F Ford (James Fitzgerald Ford who md Nellie Wirt); Cora Ford (Cora

*Isabella Ford); Mrs. O. Ranchfuss (Nan Denton Ford who md Oscar Rauchfuss); Sallie Watson (Sarah Bullard Ford who md Herbert Watson). Mrs. H.M. Jared (Minnie Belle Denny who md Hasker Michael Jared); Mrs. O. K. Holladay (Marguerite "Maggie" Black Denny who md Oscar King Holladay); Mrs. W. M. McCluen (Cora Agnes Denny who md William D. McCluen); Clara Lucy Denny (md Dr. Elisha A. Conger); Master Larimore Denny (Theophalus Larimore "Larry" Denny who md Ollie May Davis).*

*\*See Chapter 5.*

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