BUFFALO VALLEY TENNSEESEE LEDGER PROJECT

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Four old store ledgers books were found by **Odelene (Huddleston) Pullum** resident of Baxter, Putnam Co., TN in the attic of the home of **Guy Fletcher Boyd**, b. 14 September 1910 – d. 16 October 1984, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN, s/o **Muncy Luther Boyd** (1885-1914) & **Cora Lee Fletcher** (1887-1963). Guy Fletcher Boyd married on the 30th of March 1935, Morgan Co., TN to **Gertrude (Snow) Boyd**, b. 13 July 1910 – d. 11 March 2006, Smith Co., TN, d/o **John & Alpha Snow**. Guy, Gertrude, Muncy & Cora Lee are all buried in Cookeville, City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

Odelene Pullum also found in the attic several old calendars, one I recall was dated 1914, and some vintage clothes and shoes. She told me she found the ledgers in the spring of 2011 in the attic of Guy Fletcher Boyd that they were renting at the time. She was told by the present owner, James Boyd, that she could have anything that was left in the house.

My cousin Carolyn (Shanks) Huddleston and her husband Ted Huddleston invited me to the Buffalo Valley Community Center in Putnam Co., TN on the 22nd of May 2011 to view the ledgers first hand. I was visiting in the area for the annual decoration day at Smellage Cemetery. Carolyn knew that I would like to see the ledgers. I went and viewed them and then asked Odelene if I could take them home to scan, she said yes. I took them home and scanned each and every page of the ledgers. It seemed like they were complete and no pages were torn out or destroyed. After I scanned the ledgers I mailed them back to Odelen Pullum and she received them in good condition. I don't know what her plans are in preserving these ledgers. But I have excellent scans of the pages for anyone wishing to view them on this DVD my husband, Mike Lambert made for me.

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Guy Fletcher Boyd
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Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN

Odelene (Huddleston) Pullum, md Richard "Shorty" Pullum, s/o Kenneth Scott Pullum & Norma Welch. Odelene (Huddleston) Pullum, d/o J. R. Huddleston & Ethel Elizabeth Jones. Kenneth Scott Pullum purchased the old John Smith Denny (1827-1912) farm located in Rock Springs, Putnam Co., TN. The farm was later sold to the Steven Westover family.

Where did these ledgers come from and who entered the information in them?

Many local residents stated from their knowledge of family histories that these ledgers originated from the area of Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN. The entries are all from residents that were living in the area of Buffalo Valley and close civil districts in Putnam Co., TN.

Buffalo Valley is located in Southwest Putnam County, Tennessee. The Caney Fork River is the Valley's western border, and Indian Creek flows through the Valley and empties in the Caney Fork River. To the

Northwest of the Valley is Rock Spring Creek, and on the South is Wolf Creek. On the North is the Chestnut Mound area.

One old store building still standing as of November 2011 in the town center of Buffalo Valley off I-40 has this history: Located in Buffalo Valley, this old building has housed a number of businesses including the DuBois Brothers General Store and Funeral Parlor in the early 1900's. In the 1920's it was the Walter R. Shanks General Merchandise Store. In the early1930's it was home to Pete Gill Merchandise, and from the late 1930's until the 1960's, it was Thurman Denton Alcorn General Merchandise. It also housed the Buffalo Valley Post Office in the 1940's and 1950's.

Note: After looking up what Civil Dist. (according to the U. S. census) the names of the people logged in the ledgers that lived in Putnam Co., TN, I tallied out how many lived in a particular district. Many names were not found in the census. The ones that I did find showed that the majority of purchasers lived in the 11th and 9th civil districts. Therefore it is my belief that the ledger books originated somewhere in the Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., area. The 9th Civil Dist. of Putnam Co., TN was considered the town of Buffalo Valley and the 11th Civil Dist. the Buffalo Valley area.

The handwriting entries appear to be written by the same person.

I am including research I have compiled using newspaper articles and local stories told about Buffalo Valley and surrounding areas. Included is information compiled on the people involved in the discovery of the ledgers and where they were found. Further research could be done on each individual and where they lived through deeds and maybe court records. The mystery still remains on who owned these ledgers and who stored them in the attic of Guy Fletcher Boyd. I still believe the ledgers are of historical and genealogical value to show the names of the people who lived in the area and what they purchased.
Audrey J. (Denny) Lambert

Research sources from local residents and books:

I received several letters talking about the store ledgers and who owned them from local genealogist. **Miriam (Shanks) Gwaltney** and **Carolyn (Shanks) Huddleston** are sisters and avid genealogists that are very knowledgeable about Putnam Co., TN. Their parents are: **Luke Alexander Shanks** (1890-1980) & **Dona Florence Boyd** (1889-1977), who lived in the 11th Dist. of Putnam Co., TN near Buffalo Valley on Hopewell Rd. **James "Pete" Maddux Nichols**, born 10 June 1923, Putnam Co., TN spent his whole life growing up in Buffalo Valley and then retired to live in Florida. He recently passed away on 7 November 2011, Tampa, FL. He is the son of **James Grimes Nichols** (1897-1928) & **Edith Mabel Maddux** (1900-1989). Stories told by local residents about the area were: **Dr. Samuel Denton** (1854-1944). In 1880 Dr. Samuel Denton went to practice medicine in Buffalo Valley, TN. He was the son of **John S. Denton** (1800-1893) & **Matilda Stevens** (1812-1906). **Lillian (Haggard) Prichard** (1916-1999), daughter of **Oscar Lafayette Haggard** (1888-1987) & **Bertha Margaret Stewart** (1897-1979) wrote a story about Buffalo Valley, TN. **Jephta Tubb Askew III** also called "J. T." Askew would tell stories about Buffalo Valley and surrounding areas. He was born April 26, 1919, Putnam Co., TN, s/o **Jephta Tubb Askew II** (1878-1963) & **Etta Terry** (1878-1972). **Dorris Mitchell Jones** (1942-2006) contributed articles to the *Upper Cumberland Genealogical Association* genealogy publication on several occasions. He did extensive research on the Jones and related families in the areas of Putnam Co. and DeKalb Co., and surrounding areas. At an estate sale in the 1970s in Baxter, Putnam Co., TN he purchased two old store ledgers. He then transcribed them and the information was published in several of the Upper Cumberland Genealogical Association publications. He was the son of **Frank Jones** and **Pauline Mullican Starnes**. D. Jones donated the first ledger to the Tennessee State Library and Archives in Nashville, TN and planned on donating the other ledger to the same, quoted in the 1991 UCGA Vol. XV, NO. 4. **Connie Wallace** wrote a story called 'Progress doomed Buffalo Valley', submitted to the *Herald-Citizen* on the 17th of June 1984. **J. B. Madison Leftwich** (1919-2011) was a teacher at Castle Heights Military Academy for 40 years, journalist, well-known columnist for *The Lebanon Democrat*, Wilson Co., TN and correspondent for the *Tennessean* and a community leader. He was born in Buffalo Valley, TN and graduated from Cumberland University. J. B. Leftwich wrote many articles about growing up in Buffalo Valley and about his family and local residents. He was an exquisite teacher, not only of math but of writing. He was a

mentor to a number of people. He was the son of **Lewis Cass Leftwich** (1892-1961) & **Lela Belle Bates** (1899-1970).

Local residents talk about Buffalo Valley and the ledgers. Included are reminisces of the development of Buffalo Valley and surrounding areas and the coming of the railroad.

I recognize most of these names. Pete Nichols might know where some of the stores were located, also J. T. Askew. Guess we'd have to write to J. T. Askew since he doesn't hear well. Wade Jones had a mill by the bridge in Buffalo Valley, Joe Maddux had a store at Wanda Shanks near Indian Creek, Wirt Sanders had a store on Hwy 70 by his house, and maybe another in Buffalo Valley --- at a different time (Nell Sanders Beasley was his daughter who taught school in Buffalo Valley), these were older than I am. I believe a Fletcher had a store in Rock Springs area, that would tie in with Gertrude and Guy Boyd. Guy's mom was Cora Fletcher. She had a brother named Jim. Guy Boyd lived on the Fletcher farm. Guy's son James lives here in Nashville. I'll try to call him to see what he knows.
Miriam (Shanks) Gwaltney.

I'm wondering if they might have bought them at an Estate sale which they visited often and bought things--one time then they had a yard sale of things like that. People came from everywhere thinking it would be their antiques but it was things they had bought to re-sale. Yes, I'm sure that's where they were--but what store?
Carolyn (Shanks) Huddleston.

Mr. Walter Shanks had a store on Indian Creek, Will Christian's blacksmith shop and Jess Gamble ran the grist mill. I guess there were 10 or 12 families that lived up Dry Hollow from the store. We played horseshoes, pitched baseball and told a lot of tales. I sold Mr. Walter, walnuts, corn and fur hides. He had for a dime – you could buy a cold drink, ½" by 5" piece of baloney and crackers plus the hot sauce was free. There would be a lot of people there especially on Saturday. Elections were held there, that drew a big crowd. Also where yellow sucker fish were spawning those creek banks were lined from Buffalo Valley to Peter's Cave.

Now on down the creek was Robert Lonzo "Doll" Maxwell's store, shoe & barber shop and a settlement called "The Philippine Islands" where about 20 families lived. There were 2 blacksmith shops and a produce house there also. This was the north side of town. The south side or Buffalo Valley consisted of a produce house, Z. A. Medley & Son, Thurman Denton Alcorn general stores, Mr. Worth Saunders had a drug store and general store, barber shop in the basement. Eukeley Carr ran a grist mill, Will Christian had a black smith shop there.

The Tennessee Central Railroad was booming then. There was a depot and 5 or 6 homes for the section gang for the railroad, also at one time a tobacco warehouse and a stockpen.

Box car loads of chickens, eggs, cattle, hogs, sheep, lumber, logs etc….were shipped out. They had mule days and people would come form all over to buy and trade mules.

At one time there was an Oldsmobile dealership there plus caskets were made upstairs in the T. D. Alcorn store then owned by Charlie & Fred Maddux and Walter Shanks. In later years there was a shoe repair shop and pharmacy plus hair cuts on Saturday.

Buffalo Valley in the 20's, 30's, & 40's was a booming little town. It was said at one time more stuff was shipped from Buffalo Valley than Nashville.
James "Pete" Maddux Nichols.

In 1880 Buffalo Valley proper was made up of a blacksmith's shop, four stores, a grist mill and a tobacco press. One store was owned by Mit and Joe Bartlett, another by Wade Jones and Capt. P. Jones, another by Jno. T. Askew and another by R. S. Alcorn, J. N. Maddux, F. P. McGinnis and Joe Jones. This firm was known as "Alcorn, Maddux, Jones & Co." The tobacco press was operated by Capt. Bill Carlen, father of J. A. Carlen of Cookeville, and Rube Plunkett. Dr. Denton did not remember who were the owners of the

tobacco press, but did remember that Rube Plunkett was one of the largest men in that part of the country and on one occasion in the early eighties tipped the scales at 287 pounds with no more clothes on than the law allowed him. Most of this weight, Dr. Denton said, was made up of strength-producing matter, with only a small allowance of surplus fat. Wade Jones owned and operated the grist mill and the blacksmith shop was owned by some of the merchants as a community necessity, the work being done by trans clients who were generally on the move. Mail was brought in twice a week coming to Lebanon by rail then to Doweltown by horse to Laurel Hill then to Buffalo Valley, the route ending at Pekin.

Dr. Denton recalls but three citizens of Laurel Hill now living who were married at the time he moved to the Valley. They were Fate Vaughn, W. A. Moss and Bill Burton. At Buffalo Valley there were also three John Tucker, Jno. T. Askew, and F. P. McGinnis. Mr. McGinnis has since moved to Carthage, leaving but two of the originals still at Buffalo Valley. In Rock Springs Valley there were also three – H. M. Maddux, Lewis Fletcher, and Alex Huddleston. Perhaps, said Dr. Denton there are one or two others still living who were married in 1880, but he could not recall them without more time for deliberation. Story published in the *Putnam County Herald Newspaper*, Cookeville, TN: 24 August 1922.

Dr. Samuel Denton

There was a drug store next to the hotel, a road that went to the Caney Fork river, Mr. Z. A. Medley's house and his general store. He also had the U. S. Post Office in his store. That was where the young people hung out on Saturday afternoons to play records on the hand cranked victrola. Some that I remember were by Jimmy Rodgers, the Carter family, the Monroe brother, and others.

Then the next store was owned by Byron Bartlett. His mother was the woman that owned the farm where the old grist mill was located that my greatgrandfather, William Hoggard worked at. That mill is said to have been called the Old Hoggard Mill at one time and was located on Little Indian Creek. The next place was a house where Walter Jared lived. Walter ran an undertaking business and sold caskets and vaults, which were pine boxes then. Most burial clothes for women were homemade at that time. He had a beautiful horse drawn hearse that he kept in storage, but used a motor vehicle instead. He did not embalm. Everyone was buried the day they died or the day after.

The large general store was owned by Walter Shanks. He also bought corn from the farmers top ship by rail. His son the Haggard boys grew and sold him corn by the boxcar load. They used that to keep paying for the farm Pa bought.

Farmers bartered products for manufactured goods at general stores. Prior to the Civil War several Putnam County stores were in operation along the Walton Road and in Cookeville. Ford & Douglass at Rock Springs below Buffalo Valley, in addition, served many customers in the southwestern portion of the county.

On the corner was the bank, then a big white house with a balcony owned by Mr. Clayborn Smith, and a small general store ran by Thurman Alcorn, next to the house. At one time Uncle Fellie had a restaurant there. Then a grist mill where the corn was ground for feed and corn meal and this was located next to the creek.

Lillian (Haggard) Prichard

I lived the first twenty-three years of my life in Buffalo Valley — from 1919 to 1942, at which time I went into World War II. My father, Jephta Tubb Askew II was Depot Agent from 1899 to 1905. Prohibition had come in about time I was born. This affected the shipment of barrels of whiskey, which came into the Depot of Buffalo Valley. The Depot of Buffalo Valley had a wooden floor about four feet high off the ground. Sometimes someone would crawl under the floor and with a brace and bit, bore a hole through the floor and hit a barrel and steal the whiskey. So they put an armor plate on the floor and that put a stop of having empty barrels.

Buffalo Valley had a tobacco warehouse, where tons of tobacco was sold, and shipped out by rail. That was the only transportation at that time, except a river boat or wagon.

My father told of driving big flocks of turkeys from Granville and surrounding areas, to be loaded train cars and shipped to New York, Chicago and other large cities. As soon as it began to get dark, the turkeys would fly up into the trees to roost. So the drivers would just have to pitch camp for the night. This meant that enough food had to be taken for the turkeys and their drivers.

Before the railroad — and also competing with the railroads — river boats would bring loads of salt, in, and other products to be sold at Buffalo Valley.

Buffalo Valley was the shipping point for all the surrounding communities, such as Granville, Chestnut Mound, Martins Creek, and some of DeKalb and Smith Counties. Livestock was shipped out of Buffalo Valley by train loads. Two weeks out of the year, Buffalo Valley would beat the Nashville stock yards in shipping livestock. They would bring locomotives and caboose and take out a train from Buffalo Valley.

We children always watched for the trains with several chicken cars, as we would always get a few eggs to sell while the car was on the side track.

During the time I was growing up, business was at its best with a bank, four stores with full lines of merchandise, one store sold ten suits of clothes on Saturday. They also had hand cranked Victrolas, or record players. There was a drug store, restaurant, car dealership, two saw mills, two grist mills. The business men that I recall were Z.A. Medley, Walter Shanks, Walter Jared, Wirt Sanders, R.L. Maxwell, T.D. Alcorn, Cleve Burch and Pete Gill. Saturday was always a big day. One lady from Chestnut Mound and one from Rock Springs would come to Buffalo Valley to make hats for the ladies.

About three times a year would be Mule Day. People would bring mules and horses to Buffalo Valley to be sold. The buyers would come from all parts to buy: Grisson, Heron, and Taylor were names of some of the buyers. Several car loads would be shipped out that day.

After the war I came back to live in Putnam Co., TN and visit with family and friends whenever I can.
Jephta Tubb Askew III

In most of the published literature that mentions Buffalo Valley it is referred to as nothing really existed prior to 1860. We have seen from the early land entries and surveys that there was much activity in the area at an early date. James Vance had a grist mill prior to 24 October 1803, and a sawmill by 1 April 1812. By 2 June 1812, David Young had some type of mill. From the old store ledgers we know there must have been a church in the area by 1832, as there was a "Parson" Lee. The earliest store ledger is Ledger D with first date in 1832, and there must have been an A, B, and C. Since Ledger D covered about ten years; it would seem reasonable that the store was probably started no later than 1826. It is my best guess that the store was on Indian Creek and owned by Vance & Young. In two of the ledgers a firm of Vance and Young is mentioned, and the account for Vance & Young shows only cash entries. Initially it was though the store was in Chestnut Mount area, but it had to be more centrally located as the town of Lancaster was formed in 1818. Lancaster would have been much easier to reach than Chestnut Mound. In the Rock Springs area, Allen Harvey had two schools prior to 24 August 1812.
Dorris Mitchell Jones

Research from books:

BUFFALO VALLEY – DOUBLE SPRINGS –SILVER POINT & BOMA, TN:

The village of Buffalo Valley is situated on the Caney Fork River, in the extreme western end of the county, and takes its name from the large and fertile valley at the mouth of which it nestles. Tradition tells us that long before settlement had been made here that a rank growth of cane covered many square miles and that herds of buffalo would come down from the mountains to graze through the winter, when other pasturage was dead or scarce. An old tradition current among the early settlers is that a huge buffalo was killed in the valley near the old Alcorn place, and from this circumstance the valley gained it's name.

The first business conducted here was the general store of Captain James T. Exum opened very soon after the war – probably about 1870. Later Robert Alcorn opened a store. About the same time Samuel Young had a store at his farm, some three miles up Rock Spring Valley. Charles Burton's store on the ridge toward Chestnut Mound, some six miles distant, was the next nearest store for many years, until Alex Burton opened a store about three miles out on the ridge.

The N. & K. railroad was completed to Buffalo Valley in 1890. Up to that time small steamboats made regular trips on the Caney Fork, as far up as Pinhook, carrying out many hundreds of tons of hogs, grain, lumber, etc. Rafts of logs were also common on this little river. The first railroad bridge was made with a turning span to allow the passage of boats, but after this was swept away by high water a few years later, boat traffic had entirely ceased and the present solid steel bridge was erected. The Bank of Buffalo Valley was opened in 1912. Today in Buffalo Valley there are three general stores, three grist mills, two blacksmith shops, one pole and timber yard, one produce dealer and several live stock dealers. This is the largest hog market in the county, shipping an average of seventy-five cars of hogs every month. The lumber shipments total about fifteen cars monthly, with another ten of produce, poultry and miscellaneous items. The population is 134 by actual count.

Buffalo Valley has this unique distinction—it has no real estate for sale. This may sound strange to people who are fed up on boom methods and auction lot sales, but it is the literal truth. For years there has been no land for sale in the village of Buffalo Valley.

Mr. A. L. Crawford, the mastermind of the enterprise, died at his home in Pennsylvania in 1890, just about the time his railroad reached Buffalo Valley.
***A History of Putnam County Tennessee* by Walter S. McClain – 1925**

Because of its location near the Caney Fork and the fertility of its soil, Buffalo Valley was also a thriving center of trade after the Civil War. Milt and Joe Bartlett, Wade and Joe Jones, John T. Askew, Robert Simpson Alcorn, J. N. Maddux, and Felix Patterson McGinness were among its early merchants. North of Buffalo Valley, M. E. and J. H. Jared operated a store in the Pekin community.[1]

Not all the citizens of Putnam County were subsistence farmers; a number had surpluses to sell. Buffalo Valley was a shipping point on the Caney Fork for the lower end of the county.[2]

About 1880 a woman failed 'to pay for sugar which she had charged at Exum and Alcorn's General Store in Buffalo Valley. The firm sued for the nickel debt and won the case.[3]

The coming of the railroad: Economic change, 1890-1920. It was eight a.m. on an autumn day in 1894 when Elmer L. Wirt, his wife Catherine, and their son Ralph boarded an eastbound train at Lebanon, Tennessee. They were on the last lap of their long journey form Minneapolis to Cookeville. Most of the day was probably tedious for the tired travelers, but perhaps it became more interesting when the locomotive began the slow climb from the Cumberland Basin to the Highland Rim at Carthage. When the cars reached Buffalo Valley, six-year-old Ralph probably gazed at the hills and hollows with some surprise.[4]

Beginning at the western edge of the county, the railroad company constructed depots at Buffalo Valley and Silver Point, where post offices and small settlements already existed.[5]
***Putnam County Tennessee 1850-1970* by Mary Jean DeLozier, 1979.**

[1]p. 65: 'Commerce': *Putnam County Tennessee 1850-1970* by Mary Jean DeLozier.

[2]p 64: *Putnam County Tennessee 1850-1970* by Mary Jean DeLozier.

[3]p 91: *Putnam County Tennessee 1850-1970* by Mary Jean DeLozier.

[4]p 93: The coming of the railroad: Economic change, 1890-1920: *Putnam County Tennessee 1850-1970* by Mary Jean DeLozier.

[5]98: *Putnam County Tennessee 1850-1970* by Mary Jean DeLozier.

The Nashville and Knoxville Railroad (later to become the Tennessee Central Railroad) entered the county from the west about 1888 and prosperity came quickly and has lasted to this day in the Cookeville area. Baxter and Cookeville sprung up as railroad towns and Monterey came into existence through timber and coal-related reasons with the Cumberland Mountain Coal Company.

At the western edge of Putnam County, just south of Interstate 40, lies the community of Buffalo Valley, named for the buffalo herds that were once in the area. Captain James T. Exum opened a general store in the new town in 1870. Samuel Young and Robert Alcorn operated the other two early general stores. Steamboats from Nashville served as the main form of transportation up until the coming of the railroad.

The Caney Ford River borders the community to the west and the Nashville and Knoxville Railroad reached the town in 1890. The community is located in the Central Basin of Tennessee and has fertile soils and is favorable for agriculture. The community saw development in the 1910s with a bank and stores being built. Buffalo Valley was a busy depot on the Tennessee Central Railroad and is located on a very scenic portion of the Caney Fork River.

Silver Point is located in western Putnam County about 14 miles west of Cookeville. The community is located at the edge of the Highland Rim overlooking the valley of Buffalo Valley. The Nashville and Knoxville Railroad reached the community in 1890 and the town became a live-stock and timber shipping center.
***Tennessee coal mining, railroading & logging in Cumberland, Fentress. Overton and Putnam Counties* by Jason Duke.**

Putnam County 1890 by Mary Hopson
The information in this article was published in the 1890-91 ***Tennessee State Gazetteer and Business Directory.***

One hundred years ago, in 1890, Putnam County was populated with most of its residents living in several small communities throughout the area.

Most of the communities were self-supportive with some having at least one or two doctors, a general store, blacksmith, post office, wagon maker, corn and flour mills, lawyers, Justice of Peace and some even had hotels and other businesses to provide for the necessities of everyday living.

Buffalo Valley had a population of 300 in 1890. Wade Jones was the postmaster, owner of a hotel, general store and flour mill and he was Justice of the Peace. Other businesses and citizens included: Alcorn and Son, general store; Bates Bartlett and Company, general store; Bates Bartlett, livestock; Sutton Bartlett and Company, general store; B. B. Burch, millwright; Hard Christian, and John Christian, blacksmith; W. C. Crowell, Justice of the Peace; Samuel Culwell, wagonmaster; Samuel Denton, physician; S&T Denney, furniture and carpenters; Miss Cyntha Denton, music teacher; Duke Wade, wagonmaster; William M. Farmer, physician; D. C. Gossage, saw mill; Hiram Helms, Cooper; Charley Hunter, shoemaker; Riley Jones, general store; F. M. Judd, livestock; and George McCrea, livestock.

The population of Silver Point, 16 miles Southwest of Cookeville, was mainly farm families. Robert Simpson Alcorn and M. Bartlett were in the livestock business; H. Bartlett and M. W. Sypert were physicians; R. C. Halley and J. L. Mitchell ran general stores; P. Jones, W. M. J. Wallace and John Tucker were Justice of the Peace; W. L. Mitchell was the blacksmith; M. Scuter was a carpenter; A. L. Wallace was a shoemaker, and there was a Tucker and Mitchell Livery Stable. J. F. Halley was postmaster.
***Siftings from Putnam County, Tennessee – Towns, Communities, People*, pp 5-6, By Mary Hopson, 1991.**

Research from newpapers:

Smith Co. Tennessee Record, TN
April 25, 1884

BUFFALO VALLEY: This valley is 6 miles long and 1 mile wide. Twenty-five years ago there was not a good framed house in it and the land was badly cultivated and very little interest taken in farming and improvement. Now, 1884, there are many good new buildings of good workmanship and neat farm mansions from the mouth to the head of the valley. We have one school house and regular school 6 to 8 months every year. The farms are in a state of high cultivation and the yield of corn and wheat is now 500 per centum greater that it was 25 years ago. This valley or section of country demands or needs a railroad through it or near to it and a school of high grade. It has had for the last 5 years from 8 to 12 representatives in other institutions of learning. Hence the importance of a good school here. The larger part of the citizens are working like they believed they were going to live 2 or 3 centuries.
Buffalonian.

Smith Co. Tennessee Record, TN
May 2, 1884

BUFFALO VALLEY:
L. B. Cheek of New Middleston was in our town and vicinity Tuesday week, April 23, selling machinery of various kinds stirring up the citizens on the subject of a better mode of farming. We have in our town, at the terminus of Buffalo Valley, 4 stores, 2 blacksmith shops, 2 physicians, 1 mill, and several dwelling houses, 2 shoe shops, etc. More business is transacted here than at the county site. There is no trading more than that given above that I know of. We have had some sickness but no deaths nor marriages during the last week. Wheat is fine. Corn planting is active and everybody is busily employed.
Buffalonian.

***Cookeville Press*, Cookeville, TN**
June 5, 1902

PUTNAM COUNTY – There are now four daily passenger and two freight trains passing though the entire length of Putnam County, a distance of over fifty miles. This gives to the farmers daily access to all markets, North, South, East and West. Along these fifty miles of road millions of bushels of Irish potatoes could be raised and sold all the way for 50 cents to one dollar per bushel.

The same is true as to sweet potatoes.

Millions of gallons of strawberries could also be grown and marketed at highest prices.

Spring chickens as now worth 12 to 15 cents per pound and hens at 10 cents. Corn, oats, wheat and hay of all varieties command a handsome profit. With these facts and brilliant outlook starring the people of this county in the face, at all times and places, what is to hinder Putnam County from becoming one of the richest and most powerful counties in the State?

***Putnam County Herald*, Cookeville, TN: Vol. 1 No. 1 (25 cents a year)**
February 11, 1903: Vol. I. No. 1 (Source: The Upper Cumberland Researcher, Summer 200: Vol. XXV, No. 2).
The Morgan Produce Co. shipped a carload of eggs last Saturday to New York City. By the way did you ever stop to think of how many hen fruits it takes to fill a car?

Wirt writes that Morgan Bros Produce is getting ready to ship out 500,000 pounds of dried apples from Cookeville and Algood.
***Herald-Citizen*, Cookeville, TN: October 21, 1903**

(March 2, 1904) Rural mail delivery begins in Putnam County.

Wirt writes, “Cookeville is putting on airs over the starting Tuesday of six rural free delivery routes from our post office.

“Everything went smoothly and people generally put up boxes.”

Those first six routes and their mail carriers are: Route 1, to Algood, Judd, Venia, Selby, Avoton, and Waterloo. Bynum Greenwood, carrier. Route 2, to Hudgens, Ditty, and Windowcliff. C.A. Reagan, carrier. Route 3, to Shipley, Quiz and Selena. Walter Smith, carrier. Route 4, by way of **Geo. Judd’s store** to Leon, back via the Gainesboro Grade. Joe Morgan, carrier. Route 5, out Sparta Road to Newark, then back along Bunker Hill Road. Hartford Johnson, carrier. Route 6, to Goffton, up Dry Valley to John Jackson’s and back via Jernigan. Arthur Johnson, carrier.

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Carriers leave Cookeville Post Office each morning at 7:30 a.m. and return in the evening.
***Herald-Citizen*, Cookeville, TN: March 2, 1904.**

Early Monday morning Buffalo Valley was visited by a disastrous blaze, the store of Walter Shanks, and residence and grist mill of G. C. Burch being consumed. The fire started in the kitchen of Mr. Burch’s home after a fire had been kindled in the cook stove, and soon the house was a mass of blames, which soon spread to his grist mill and Mr. Shanks’ store. It was thought that Mr. Burch’s store would also burn and most of the contents were removed but the direction of the wind saved the building. Practically nothing was saved from the home of Mr. Burch and Mr. Shanks suffered almost a completer loss. We understand that Mr. Shanks will reopen with a new stock of goods in a nearby building right away.

At presstime for this week's edition, Buffalo Valley - Putnam's "lower county town," - was on fire. The whole town.

A fire that started last night in Walter Jared's home spread to just about every structure in Buffalo Valley. In flames at presstime were Z.A. Medley's store, his home, the home of his son, Luke, the large stock barn of the Jared brothers, R.L. Maxwell's home, the store operated by Luke Medley in the town's old bank building, and the old Maxwell House.

Flames missed the Tennessee Central railroad depot there. They did not spare the town's Shell service station. It's gone. So are the US Post Office and all its mail. The Post office was in the Medley store. Witnesses say the townspeople had no means to fight the flames except to try to beat them out with rags.

As the newspaper went to press this week, even crossties on the railroad tracks through town were burning. The situation for Buffalo Valley looks hopeless.
***Herald-Citizen*, Cookeville, TN: 5 February 1931.**

Fire has broken out in Buffalo Valley and, at press time, the news paper reports that residents there "are frantically fighting with nothing but bare hands, beating out flames with rags, facing a hopeless battle against bitter odds."

It seems that all of the village of Buffalo Valley is in flames.

Destroyed already are the Z. A. Medley general store and the US Post Office inside it; the Home of Luke Medley and the feed store he operated; the home of R. L. Maxwell; a large stock barn owned by the Jared Brothers, the Shell service station, and the Maddux family's store. It started in the Walter Jared home. As the newspaper went to press, the fire was still spreading.
***Herald-Citizen*, Cookeville, TN: 6 February 1931.**

Where Buffalo Roamed Now Sleeping Valley

Going west at Silver Point, we turned to the right off State 141 just before crossing the bridge over the Tennessee Central tracks.

Down we wound through a series of curves.

This is Buffalo Valley," Mrs. **E. H. (Ernest Haywood) Maddux** said. "This is the trail the buffalo took from their higher grazing lands down to the Caney Fork River."

Contrasting Buffalo Valley in the days when it was a cornucopia with its modest status today, someone said, "the bottom rail gets on top."

Mrs. Maddux born **Elmo Nichols** (1892-1978) in Buffalo Valley, said, tongue-in-cheek, "We used to look up to the 'flat woods' and sort of sneer, and now they look down at Buffalo Valley and sort of sneer."

The 'flat woods,' Mrs. Maddux said, was the area about Baxter and Cookeville.

People settled early on the fertile creek lands in the valley and a hundred years and more ago it was the breadbasket of the area.

Because of its productivity, the valley, a length of about 5 miles from Silver Point to the Caney Fork, was many years ago frequently referred to as "Egypt."

In lean years, it is said, people would talk of going to "Egypt," referring to Buffalo Valley, to buy corn and wheat.

Before the laying in 1890 of the Nashville and Knoxville Railroad, acquired by the Tennessee Central in 1903, small steamboats made regular runs on the Caney Fork, taking livestock and grain to market from western Putnam County.

The first railroad bridge was built with a center section which would turn to permit the passage of the small steamers. But when the bridge was washed down by the flood of 1902, it was rebuilt without the provisional section and the boats had to stop.

As late as the 1930's, Buffalo Valley was the largest livestock shipping point in the county and one of the largest on the Tennessee Central. Until the 1920's, a large sales floor for loose-leaf tobacco was in operation.

At peak seasons as many as 100 railroad cars of hogs, cattle, sheep and produce were shipped out of the Buffalo Valley station each month.

Now, Buffalo Valley, the town, once the nucleus for the fruitful valley, is a dozing village, with one grocery store and a post office where the bank used to be.

When a native glances up at the new highway, lancing and narrowing his valley, and speak the work "progress," he sometimes seems to be asking a question.

He is remembering a Buffalo Valley that once was.
Charles Denning executive editor of the *Herald-Citizen*. *Putnam County Herald* – Vol. LXII Number 33: Thursday, 19 August 1965.

The children laughed when the old man said, "this town is thriving, very prosperous now, but the time will come when trees will grow up through our buildings.

The old man was a local prophet, **George Medley**. The town was the village of Buffalo Valley in 1925.

Today, the prophecy has been fulfilled. Buffalo Valley, a very prosperous community in the early 20th century, is now a relic of the past.

Buffalo Valley gets its name because buffaloes formerly grazed on the fertile bluegrass hillsides.

Buffalo Valley is situated on the Caney Fork River, a tributary of the Cumberland, in the extreme western end of Putnam County.

Since Buffalo Valley is located where three counties – Putnam, Smith and DeKalb – join together, it was a large river port in the late 19th century and a large railroad center in the early 20th.

The Buffalo Valley community makes up the 9th District of Putnam County and covers a large area of land.

Even though the census shows a slight population increase from 265 people in 1900 to 401 people in 1930, not many people moved into or out of Buffalo Valley during that period. In fact, in 1925, there was no real estate for sale.

It had been that way for several years. The number of people that came to Buffalo Valley from other communities, such as St. Mary's Hollow and Club Springs, varied.

Buffalo Valley was nicknamed "Little Egypt" because people could buy practically anything they wanted there.

Three general stores, **Z. A. Medley** and Co., **Robert Alcorn**'s Store and **Samuel Young**'s Store, were located there. These stores sold anything from the basic needs to dry goods, photographs, and furniture.

The **McKinley-Denny** Oldsmobile dealership was located in Buffalo Valley. A large number of people bought cars in the 1920's, whether they could drive or not. Prices ranged from $300 to $500.

The Bank of Buffalo Valley was established in 1912 by **Samuel Denton** and **Jim Evans**. Other types of industry and commerce included:

Three grist mills, two blacksmith shops, a lumber yard, a produce house, a drug store, a tobacco house, and several livestock dealers.

A large amount of livestock was brought to Buffalo Valley to be sold. Mule Days and Chicken Days were very important.

On advertised days, farmers would bring their mules or chickens from miles around to sell. Buyers would come from as close as Lebanon and as far away as New York City. After the sales, the livestock would be shipped by rail to other markets.

Besides shipping, the railroad played an important role in passenger transportation. In 1925, four passenger trains made daily stops at the Buffalo Valley depot. People from surrounding communities would walk or ride horses long distances to catch the train at Buffalo Valley in order to travel to Cookeville or other towns.

Even though there were automobiles, there were not many good roads. Also, the train was much faster.

Because of the fertile farm land, a large amount of corn was grown in the Valley. In fact, so much corn was grown there that the area was known as the county's "breadbasket."

Wheat was another important crop to the farmers. They tried to grow enough to keep themselves in flour.

A threshing machine would come into the community and move from farm to farm. The farmers and their families would gather where the machine was located. The men would help with the wheat while the women cooked for everyone.

Prosperity began to decline in the late 1920's. The railroad which had helped make the community prosperous, helped to cause its decline. The trains made daily trips to Cookeville and Nashville. Shoppers could catch the early train to either town and return later that day.

Buffalo Valley merchants ran ads in the weekly newspapers urging people to "buy at Home." This did not stop them from shopping elsewhere.

Connie Wallace, *Herald-Citizen*, Cookeville, TN: June 17, 1984.

"Buffalo Valley used to be the hub of the county," said Carolyn Huddleston who grew up a couple miles from the town's center and still lives a few miles from the old post office.

"Buffalo Valley was the big city to me," she laughed. "It had so many cars and horses and activity that it scared me when I was little.

Miss Carolyn remembers the shipping port on the Caney Fork River, tobacco warehouses, mills and stores. "It was a village. It's hard to believe how it looked before the interstate went through and the road to Center Hill.

"The town was divided into two parts and there were two barbershops, a variety of stores, grocery stores, furniture and clothing stores, and a very popular bank. The town was bigger than Cookeville. There was a train depot where you could catch the train to Nashville or Cookeville. Cookeville had a movie theater back then and I can remember my mother taking me there by train so we could have lunch and see a movie," she said.

But people came to Buffalo Valley as well as to Cookeville to be entertained.

"We used to have concerts in the old school house. The Carter Family would come out here and so would Flatt and Scruggs," Huddleston said.

Were there restaurants?

"Well, many of the stores sold fruit and would make you a sandwich. You could buy a sixounce Coke for five cents. They were so good and would bubble right up your nose," she laughed. Some of Miss Carolyn's recollections were passed down by her parents and some are her own memories.

"When the Depression hit, the bank closed. But I understand that people got their money back eventually. We had honest bankers," she said.

"But people began to leave because there were no jobs. Everything was pretty well gone by the time I 40 was built.

Carolyn (Shanks) Huddleston: *Herald- Citizen*, Cookeville, TN: February 5, 2004.

Rural Peddlers Of Long Ago Are Now Icons of Americana.

Four score years ago when I was a lad, the arrival of the peddling wagon – later the peddling truck – usually was the most exciting event of the week in my little valley in Putnam County.

Peddlers were slices of rural Americana.

Only the ice truck in the summer months rivaled the thrill and expectations of the peddling wagon, which to rural children was a super-market on wheels.

In those days, we visited the wee commercial center in Buffalo Valley only on Saturdays. On one day in the middle of the week, the peddler, a merchant welcomed by farm families, made a stop at our house.

The peddler bought our eggs and frying size chickens, and we bought his flour, kerosene and peppermint candy.

A visit with the peddler also was a social event for farm families, most of whom had no radios, telephones or automobiles or other implements of communication. We learned who was sick, who had had an accident, who had moved out of the community and, occasionally, who was having an affair.

The above thoughts surged through my memory as I realized there are few days in our lives when we make no visits to grocery stores. We make lists and stock items on each senior discount day, but the following day we return for the can of jelly or tube of toothpaste we forgot.

So, I wonder what the residents of Buffalo Valley and its surrounding communities do when they suddenly discover the soda box is empty or the reserve package of sugar is just an illusion. Do they drive several miles just to buy one needed item? Or maybe borrow from a neighbor, as was the custom in day so of yore?

'Tis true, we survivors of the era had no electricity, drew our drinking water from wells and read at night by the light of kerosene lamps, but we had thrills, including the peddling wagon and the ice truck, both unknown by modern youth.

County stores also were social scenes. In Buffalo Valley, the stores operated by R. L. Maxwell, Zina Medley, Walter Shanks and Thurman Alcorn not only were thriving commercial enterprises but also social centers, especially on Saturdays when farm families gathered to buy supplies and to exchange tidbits.

The social aura of Buffalo Valley stores continued into another generation when sons of storeowners assumed the mantle. As much as any other factor, World War II and later the transition from the agriculture to manufacturing signaled the end of a unique era. Historians, pointing to modern transportation, evolving social structures and abandoned traditions, have chronicled the demise of village commerce.

Buffalo Valley was never Camelot where, by law, the rain never fell until after sundown and by eight, the morning fog had disappeared. But the community had its knights and knaves, who added flavor to daily life.

Even in my era in the community between the two world wars, it was hard life and most of us opted for other scenes.

And like long departed friends, Buffalo Valley of the '20s and '30s lives in the minds of its survivors who embellish pleasant memories and soften images of the hard times.

A few of us survivors would like to go back to the life of those years, and to welcome the iceman and to buy a peppermint stick form the peddler.

But only in our dreams.

J. B. Leftwich is a native of Buffalo Valley and retired journalist.
J. B. Madison Leftwich, *Herald-Citizen*, Cookeville, TN: Cumberland Tales, January 10, 2010.

LEDGER BOOKS
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Loose page: January – August, 1924 – **Lee Breeding** Secured by **Lon Morrow**. Name of **Joe Crook** is mentioned he lived in the 11th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN in 1930 next door to **Jess Huddleston** who occupation is merchant of groceries. The spelling of Lee Breeding could be different as it is hard to clarify the spelling of the surname. See the loose page at the end of this document.

MERCHANTS AND DRY GOODS MERCHANTS

1900 census Putnam Co., TN:

8th Dist: Twin Oak, east of Baxter

Elmore Judd: Dry Goods Salesman

James Cameron: Dry Goods Salesman

9th Dist: Buffalo Valley

John A. Burch: Dry Goods Salesman

10th Dist: Gentry

Mitch Manners: Merchant

James Buck: Merchant

11th Dist: Buffalo Valley area

William Blair: Merchant

Robert B. Gentry: Merchant

12th Dist: Gentry area

Felix Jared: Dry Goods Merchant

James A. Boyd: Dry Goods Merchant

13th Dist: Silver Point

Robert Jones: Dry Goods Merchant

Evert W. Jones: Dry Goods Salesman

Bethel C. Jones: Dry Goods Merchant

Walter R. Jones: Dry Goods Merchant

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Anderson, Tommy	89	?	
Anderson, Walt	100	11	Walter Anderson
Askew, Jep	92	9	Jep T. Askew
Adams, James	157	?	
Alcorn, A. V.	129	9	Van Able Alcorn
Bartlett, D. M.	110	9	Daniel M. Bartlett
Barnes, Ben	152	?	
Bates, J. B.	116	11	Joshua B. Bates
Boyd, George	77	11	George Washington Boyd
Boyd, John & John White	79	11	John White
Boyd, John C.	109	12	
Boyd, John J.	103	?	
Buck, Wess	83	11	
Burch, B.	141	9	Barnett Burch
Burch, Jim	131	9	James T. Burch
Burch, Mrs. Martha	119	9	Martha E. Burch
Burton, Bill	26	11	
Burton, Jack	19	?	
Butler, Bass	98	?	
Butler, Henry	49	11	
Carlen, Capt. W. B.	37	?	
Carr, Hartman	86	9	
Carr, Jesse	151	11	
Carr, Zeb	86	11	Zebedee H. Carr
Cox, L. O.	72	?	
Denny, James	18	9	
Denny, J. S.	156	11	John Smith Denny
Denny, Toy	95	11	Hugh Toi Denny
Denny, Willie	38	11	William Timothy Denny
Draper, D. M.	128	?	

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Duke, W. B.	102	?	
Duke, Wade	68	17	
Evans, J. D.	70	11	John Evans
Evans, S. O.	67	11	Simon Obadiah Evans
Fields, Henry	35	11	
Ferrell, Leonard	97	?	
Fletcher, L. H.	130	?	
Jared, B.	74	?	
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Jared, J. H. & H. B. Maddux	90	11	
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Jared, P. Y.	107	11	
Jared, W. W.	142	11	William W. Jared
Jernigan, Fain	81	?	
Johnson, Buck	150	9	
Jones, B. L. & son	52	?	
Jones, Buck	40	?	
Jones, Grant	54	9	
Jones, Pedigo	21	?	
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Jones, Tim	23	?	
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Leftwich, Lute	144	?	
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Maddux, J. N.	22	11	
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Maddux, Wilbert	158	?	
Martin, Harve	91	?	
Maxwell, Mrs. B. A.	53	?	
Maxwell, R. F.	42	11	Robert Filmore Maxwell
Maxwell, S. F.	56	17	Silus Foster Maddux
Maxwell, Sid	44	9	
Maxwell, Smith	76	?	
Medley, Black	160	11	Blackstone Medley
Medley, Bob	113	11	Robert Medley

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Medley, J. B.	36	?	
Medley, James Sr.	48	11	
Medley, Lem	145	9	Lem P. Medley
Medley, Mary (sister of George)	60	11	
Medley, Mrs. James	39	?	
Medley, N. B.	99	9	Nep B. Medley
Medley, Poley	55	8	Pollie Medley
Medley, Sid	92	9	Syd J. Medley
Mitchell, Mc	82	?	
Morgan, Robert	97	11	Robert W. Morgan
Morrow, James	24	?	
Morrow, Tom	27	?	
Moss, R. L.	143	?	
Moss, S. A.	115	?	
Moss, S. H.	57	?	
Moss, Taylor	149	9	
Murray, Burriss	119	?	
New, John & Lula	108	?	
Nichols, J. Clint	112	?	
Nichols, Walter	153	11	
Peak, Mat	33	11	bro. of Solon Peek
Peak, Solon	105	11	Solon Peek
Pedigo, J. D.	28	?	
Petty, Carr	83	?	
Pickard, Fain	131	?	
Prichard, Ben	105	?	
Pullum, Jesse	155	9	
Sadler, Tom	67	11	Thomas Sadler
Sampson, Dave	126	?	
Sexton, Frank	46	?	
Shields, Shelie	106	?	
Smith, V. N.	154	?	
Stanton, A.	88	11	
Steakley, Will	121	11	
Sullens, J. J.	125	11	
Sutton, William	47	11	
Terry, Etta	66	?	
Thompson, E. L.	66	11	
Tucker, Bill	32	?	
Tucker, John	31	13	
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Vaughn, John	71	?	
Wallace, J. B.	135	?	
Wallace, Joe	50	13	
Wilkerson, Yancy	69	13	
Winchester, Ike	151	11	Isaac Winchester
Winchester, J. P.	127	11	John P. Winchester
Winchester, Jim	158	?	
Winchester, Joy	159	?	

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Anderson, Sid	174	9	Syd E. Anderson
Anderson, Toney	464	9	Tony Anderson
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Barnes, Bm	372	?	
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Bartlett, Lon	326	9	Lon Bartlett
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Bartlett, Sid	212	?	
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Bean, Ora	44	?	
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Brown, Burton	162	?	
Brown, Riley	143	17	
Buck, Wes	183	11	
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Burch, Cleveland	491	9	
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Burton, Marshall	310	9	
Butler, Bass	279	?	
Butler, Henry	384	11	
Butler, James	278	?	
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Campbell, Bill	394	?	
Campbell, Melissa	67	9	
Carr, Halton	324	?	
Carr, Jessie	473	11	
Carr, Joe Hooker	439	?	
Carr, John (col)	122	?	
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Chism, Jack	385	?	
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Denny, J. B.	39	11	John Bell Denny
Denny, J. S.	95, 328	11	John Smith Denny
Denny, James	45	9	
Denny, John	66, 346	11	Jonathan Denny
Denny, Mrs. T.	402	11	
Denny, Tonie	169	11	
Denny, Toy	52	11	Hugh Toi Denny
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Edmond, John	129	17	
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Erwin, Doss	408	13	
Evans, J. D.	130	11	John Evans
Evans, Joe B.	41	?	
Evans, Ike	321	?	
Evans, L. S.	107	?	
Evans, S. O.	84, 442	11	Simon Obadiah Evans
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Mrs. Boulden	260	?	
Fields, Henry	87	11	
Fisher, Will	142	?	
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Jared, J. H.	100	11	Joseph Haywood Jared
Jared, Isaac	208	11	
Jared, Leona	322	11	
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Jared, Simon	267	11	Robert Simon Jared
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Jones, Bethel	266	13	Bethel C. Jones
Jones, Grant	407	9	Grant U. Jones
Jones, Ike	297	?	

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Jones, James	505	13	
Jones, John Buck	344	?	
Jones, Joseph	123	?	
Jones, Matilda	393	9	
Jones, P. (son of Adlaide)	230	9	
Jones, P. (son of Capt.)	85, 223, 257, 298, 327, 376, 424, 478	9	
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Jones, Wade Jr.	103	9	
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Judd, Fronia	136	9	
Judd, Leonard	141, 350	?	
Judd, Lem	140, 352	?	
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Hunt, Will	212, 306	?	
Jared, Alice	261	12	Alice Adams Jared
Jared, Harvey	142	?	
Jared, J. H.	70	11	Joseph Haywood Jared
Jared, Walter	111	11	
Johnson, Buck	163	9	
Jones, Henry	59, 187, 231, 263	13	
Jones, J. S.	67	?	
Jones, P. Jr.	71	9	Prettyman Jones
Jones, James T.	262	13	
Jones, Matilda	216	9	
Jones P. (son of Adlaide)	183	9	
Jones, Tamer	290	11	
Judd, Aline	112, 301	9	
Judd, Dona	92, 294	9	
Judd, Leonard	33, 341	?	
Judd L. F. (Lucien)	89, 257	?	
Kerr, R. L.	57, 198, 277	?	

Kinnard, Rus	185, 249		?	
Lamberson, Brash	235		?	
Lamberson, John	46		?	
Lamberson, Virgil	64		?	
Lee, M. E.	77, 271		?	
Leftwich, G. M.	40		11	
Leftwich, Joe	177		?	
Leftwich, Lute	118		?	
Little, John	234		13	
Maddux, Bob Lee	155		11	Robert Lee Maddux
Maddux, Bradley	210		11	
Maddux, Dora	195		17	
Maddux, Hay	117		?	
Maddux, James T.	343		11	
Maddux, Joe	47, 266	11		
Maddux, Lem	359		?	
Maddux, Mary	131		?	
Maddux, S.F.	166		17	Silus Foster Maddux
Maddux, Sam	226		11	
Maddux, Solon	80		11	
Maddux, Wilbert	41, 327		?	
Malone, Andrew	48		?	
Maxwell, Ansburn	306		?	
Maxwell, Columbus	267		?	
Maxwell, James S.	189, 334		?	
Maxwell, James Jr.	337		?	
Maxwell, R. F.	154		11	Robert Filmore Maxwell
Maxwell, Robert Jr.	246		11	
Maxwell, Sam	317		11	
Maxwell, Smith	132		11	
Maynard, Poley	100		?	
McBroom, Woody	331		?	
McCulley, Sam	105		?	
McCulley, W. R.	122, 288		?	
McKinley, James	273		?	
Medley, Black	82, 274		11	Blackstone Medley
Medley, Brad	123		11	Bradley Medley
Medley, Doss	66		?	
Medley, J. A.	32, 255		11	
Medley, J. H.	51		11	James H. Medley
Medley, John	191		11	
Medley, L. P.	58		9	
Medley, Poley	148		?	
Medley, W. C.	68		11	William C. Medley
Medley, W. R.	130		11	William R. Medley
Mitchell, Mack	37, 102		?	
Morrow, Lon	65		?	
Morrow, Nat	291		?	
Morrow, Tom	284		?	
Moss, Deats	151, 312		?	
Moss, Edgar	64		?	
Moss, Ella	86		?	
Moss, John Jr.	352		?	

Moss, Oscar	351	?	
Moss, R. L.	54, 239, 278, 309	?	
Moss, S.A.	28, 29, 201, 280	?	
Moss, Sam Jr.	168	?	
Moss, Sis	151, 164	?	
Murray, Tom	359	?	
Nichols, J. P.	296	11	James Petway Nichols
Null, Van	360	?	
Null, Will	101	?	
Peak, Mat	91	11	
Petty, Brad	153	?	
Petty, J. H.	128, 339	12	
Petty, John	90	12	
Petty, (negro) John	138	?	
Picard, Jesse	316	?	
Plunkett, J. B.	259	9	
Presley, Tom	48	?	
Puckett, Henry	139	?	
Pullum, Jesse	157, 324	9	
Pullum, R. L.	73	?	
Ramer, Carroll	355	?	
Randolph, Joe	121	9	
Ray, Rofe	353	?	
Rippetoe, Lem	84	?	
Roberts, Henry	74, 338	?	
Robinson, Ed	213	17	
Robinson, Sam	151	?	
Russell, Bill	23, 323	11	William Russell
Russell, John	25	11	
Russell, Mose	275	11	
Sadler, Mat	326	11	
Scudders, Edna	357	?	
Scudders, Isaac	125	13	
Scudders, Vina	107	13	
Sexton, Lon	184	?	
Shanks, Nancy	127	17	
Smith, Douglas	173, 215, 237, 279, 310, 329	?	
Smith, James	174	?	
Smith, John N. or John Quincy	337	?	
Smith, Paton	133	?	
Smith, Waymon	350	13	
Smith, Zina	64	13	
Steakley, Mrs. Wm.	78	11	
Sullens, Bet	98	11	Betty Sullens
Sullens, Bill	93	?	
Sutton, J. W.	350	11	J. Wesley Suttons
Sutton, William	186	11	
Thomas, Garfield	137	?	
Thompson, J. D.	96	?	
Tucker, Bill	36	13	

Tucker, John	252	13	
Tucker, Oscar	75, 332	13	
Turner, Bud	58	9	
Turner, J. B.	42, 193, 289, 336	?	
Upchurch, Ennis	143	?	
Upchurch, Tom	99, 244	?	
Vaughn, Fate	204	?	
Wallace, Whitten	140	13	
Watts, Harvey	211	12	James Harvey Watts
White, George	146	9	
White, Lynville	203	?	
White, Solon	232	?	
Whitehead, Billey	222	?	
Whitehead, Roscoe	264	?	
Wilkerson, Charles	62, 270	13	
Wilkerson, Yancy	35, 227, 282, 330	13	
Williams, Foster	233, 235	9	
Williams, Monroe	275, 321	?	
Winchester, A. N.	88, 219, 265	11	
Winchester, Joe Sr.	109	11	
Winchester, Mrs. L. P.	97	?	
Winchester, Neal	45, 228	?	
Winchester, R. T.	52, 209, 283	?	
Winchester, Zina	63	?	
Young, J. P.	39, 134, 135, 188, 196, 206, 207, 220, 242, 243, 295, 311, 328, 344	12	James P. Young
Young, Mrs. John	351	11	

Note: After looking up what civil dist. (according to the U. S. census) the people logged in the ledger lived in Putnam Co., TN, I tallied out how many lived in a particular district. Many names were not found in the census. The ones that I did find showed that the majority of purchasers lived in the 11th and 9th civil districts. Therefore it is my belief that the ledger book originated somewhere in the Buffalo Valley dist.

1900	**bk**	**1**	
Dist.	7	1	
	8	1	Elmore Judd: Dry Goods Salesman
			James Cameron: Dry Goods Salesman
	9	20	John Armstrong Burch: Dry Goods Salesman
	11	48	William Blair: Merchant
			Robert Bird Gentry: Merchant
	12	1	Felix Hixman Jared: Dry Goods Salesman
			James Alexander Boyd: Dry Goods Salesman
	13	4	Robert Jones: Dry Goods Salesman
			Evert W. Jones: Dry Goods Salesman
			Bethel C. Jones: Dry Goods Salesman
			Walter R. Jones: Dry Goods Salesman
	17	3	

1900	**bk**	**2**	
Dist.	7	0	
	8	1	Elmore Judd: Dry Goods Salesman
			James Cameron: Dry Goods Salesman
	9	42	John Armstrong Burch: Dry Goods Salesman
	11	85	William Blair: Merchant
			Robert Bird Gentry: Merchant
	12	3	Felix Hixman Jared: Dry Goods Salesman
			James Alexander Boyd: Dry Goods Salesman
	13	20	Robert Jones: Dry Goods Salesman
			Evert W. Jones: Dry Goods Salesman
			Bethel C. Jones: Dry Goods Salesman
			Walter R. Jones: Dry Goods Salesman
	16	1	
	17	6	

1903	**bk**	**3**
Dist.	7	1
	8	0
	9	36
	11	71
	12	3
	13	19
	16	1
	17	5

1905	**bk**	**4**
Dist.	4	1
	7	0
	9	35
	11	50
	12	5
	13	12

Guy Fletcher Boyd Obt.
b. 17 September 1910 – d. 16 October 1984, TN, md the 30th of March 1935, Morgan Co., TN to **Gertrude (Snow) Boyd**, b. 13 July 1910 – d. 11 March 2006, Smith Co., TN, d/o **John & Alpha Snow**. Guy Fletcher Boyd, s/o **Muncy Luther Boyd** & **Cora Lee Fletcher**.
*See Cora (Fletcher) Boyd Obt.
*See Gertrude (Snow) Fletcher Obt.
*See Muncy Luther Boyd Obt.

BOYD, Guy Fletcher – Tuesday afternoon October 16, 1984 at the residence. Survived by wife, Mrs. Gertrude Snow Boyd, Buffalo Valley; children, James S. F. Boyd, Nashville, Mrs. Muncy McKinney, Houston, TX; four grandchildren. Remains are at J. L. Bass Funeral Home, 804 Main Street, Carthage.

Visitation with the family Wednesday evening from 6 to 9 p.m. Leaving at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, the remains will be conveyed to the Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church where services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. by Rev. Robert E. Lee and Rev. Roy Cross. The remains will be at the church at 1 p.m. Interment Cookeville City Cemetery. J. L. Bass Funeral Home, Carthage.

Guy F. Boyd Graduates From University of Kentucky: Guy F. Boyd of Buffalo Valley received his degree from the Agriculture College of the University of Kentucky January 31st.

Mr. Boyd is a former student of Tennessee Tech. Since entering the U. of K., Mr. Boyd has been a major in animal industry. He goes at once to Berea College, Berea, KY, where he takes up his duties with the Agricultural Extension division of the University of Kentucky.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: 3 February 1938.

GUY F. BOYD FORMER PUTNAM COUNTY BOY IN NEIGHBORING STATE OF KY.

Guy F. Boyd, former resident of Cookeville and a graduate of Tech announced today that he had accepted the position of farm manager of the Pansy E. Ireland farms in the Central Bluegrass section of Kentucky. Mr. Boyd will take over the farms about March 15.

Guy Boyd graduated from Tech in 1932, after four years of teaching school and selling feed he entered the College of Agriculture of the University of Kentucky at Lexington, Kentucky. Upon graduation he accepted a position with the Extension Service of the College of Agriculture of that State and has been employed as regular Agent since that time.

The Paney E. Ireland estate is one of the largest farming units in Central Kentucky. It is composed of two large farms, Fox Bend in Jessamine County and Shanee Farm in Mercer County. In addition to extensive general farming a large amount of burley tobacco is produced on the farms. The main enterprise however is the breeding of horses and cattle, Polo Ponies and Hunter Horses are bread and trained on the farms. There is also one of the largest fox found kennels in America on the farms.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 28 February 1942.

Gertrude (Snow) Boyd Obt.
b. 13 July 1910, Harriman – d. 11 March 2006, Smith Co., TN, md the 30th of March 1935, Morgan Co., TN to **Guy Fletcher Boyd**, b. 17 September 1910 – d. 16 October 1984, TN, s/o **Muncy Luther Boyd** & **Cora Lee Fletcher**. Gertrude (Snow) Boyd, d/o **John & Alpha Snow**.
*See Guy Fletcher Boyd Obt.

(**Source**: Tennessee State Marriage record, Morgan Co., TN: Guy F. Boyd married 30 March 1935, Morgan Co., TN to Gertrude Snow. By whom married: Rev. David Burris).

COOKEVILLE -- Graveside services for Gertrude Snow Boyd, 95, of Buffalo Valley, will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 14, at Cookeville City Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 4-6 p.m. today, Monday, March 13, in the Carthage Chapel of Bass Funeral Homes.

Muncy Luther Boyd Obt.
b. 25 July 1885, TN – d. 14 October 1914, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 5th of December 1909, Putnam Co., TN to **Cora (Fletcher) Boyd**, b. 13 March 1887, TN – d. 14 March 1963, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **Lewis Henry Fletcher** & **Martha H. Denny**. Muncy Luther Boyd, s/o **Alexander Lafayette Boyd** & **Nancy Elizabeth Nichols**.
DC#177, Putnam Co., TN, Muncy Luther Boyd, cause of death: typhoid, age 29, a farmer. Attended by: Dr. Denton. True: B. B. Boyd, Cookeville, TN.
*See Alexander Lafayette Boyd Obt.
*See Cora (Fletcher) Boyd Obt.
*See Guy Fletcher Boyd Obt.

Munsey Boyd died Wednesday night after a several week's illness with typhoid fever, at his home in the 11th Civil District of this county. He was 27 years old and leaves a wife and child. He was the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Boyd of this city, and a most axemplary young man. He had been a member of the S. Methodist Church from his childhood.

The remains were brought to the home of his brother-in-law, Stephen Hayden Young, in this city today, and will be interred tomorrow afternoon at the city cemetery.

Funeral services will be conducted at the residence by Rev. W. W. Baxter and Rev. A. J. Collie.

The deceased is survived by 3 sisters and 2 brothers; Mrs. Ofa Johnson, Mrs. Stephen Hayden Young, Mrs. Ben Boyd and Jasper Boyd of this city and Mrs. Dolph Sullens of Buffalo Valley and many other relatives in this city and county. He was one of the most highly esteemed young men in the lower end of the county and his death is an unusually sad one.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: 15 October 1914.

Mrs. Boyd died Saturday, March 11, 2006, in Smith County Health Care Center in Carthage.

She was born July 13, 1910, in Harriman to the late John and Alpha Snow.

Mrs. Boyd was a graduate of Tennessee Tech. She was a member of Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church in Gentry.

Her family includes a daughter, Muncy Boyd McKinney of Buffalo Valley; a son, James S. F. Boyd of Nashville; a brother, Robert L. Snow of Johnson City; a sister, Thelma Holmes of Melborne, Fla.; two grandchildren, Lisa McKinney Taylor and Glenda McKinney; and two great-grandchildren, David Wilensky and Ava McKinney Taylor.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Guy Fletcher Boyd (who died Oct. 16, 1984), and five brothers and sisters, Lloyd, Theodore, Leslie, Myrtle and Betty Snow.

Bro. Bill Cowan will officiate at the services.

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LOOSE PAGE: January – August, 1924 – Lee Breeding Secured by Lon Morrow.

LEE BREEDING
unknown

JOE CROOK

(1930 census 11th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 58 – **Jess Huddleston** is head of household, 43 yrs. old, Occupation: Merchant Groceries, md to **Verna**, 43 yrs. old, TN).

(1930 census 11th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 59 - **Joe Crook** is head of household, 42 yrs. old, TN, Occupation: Tenant Farmer, md to **Mattie**, 36 yrs. old, TN. Children: Wilson, 14 yrs. old; Alice, 10 yrs. old; Edith, 7 yrs. old; Charlie B., 4 yrs. old & Bettie F. Crook, 10/12 yrs. old. All born in TN).

ALONZO "LON" MORROW
b. 29 November 1877, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN – d. 6 November 1962, Smith Co., TN, md on the 10th of January 1914, Gentry, Putnam Co., TN to **Lassie Fletcher**, b. 12 October 1882, Rock Spring Creek, Putnam Co., TN – d. 28 May 1967, Smith Co., TN, d/o **Lewis Henry Fletcher** (1855-1929) & **Martha H.**

Denny (1855-1939). Alonzo "Lon" Morrow, s/o **James Lindsey Morrow** (1848-1937) & **Emily Eudora Carlen** (1856-1918). Lewis H. & Martha H. (Denny) Fletcher are both buried in the Fletcher Family Graveyard, Putnam Co., TN. **Located on the Guy Boyd farm.**

(1900 census 11th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 95 – **John S. Denny** is head of household, 71 yrs. old, b. November 1828, TN md 28 yrs. to **Nancy**, 55 yrs. old. b. November 1844, 9 children born, 8 children living. Children: Willie T., 28 yrs. old, b. January 1872, widow; Tonie, 25 yrs. old, b. November 1874; Toi, 21 yrs. old, b. May 1879 & Willie Denny, granddaughter, 9 yrs. old, b. July 1890. All born in TN. Also living in the household: **Lonso Morrow**, boarder, 23 yrs. old, b. May 1877, TN).

MERCHANTS AND DRY GOODS MERCHANTS

ELMORE JUDD

b. July 1874, Putnam Co., TN – d. ?, md on the 14th of May 1899, Putnam Co., TN to **Alice (Jones) Judd**, b. August 1877, TN. Elmore Judd, s/o **George Washington Judd** & **Mollie Brown**.

(**Source**: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 169: Elmore Judd married on the 14th of May 1899, Putnam Co., TN to Alice Jones).

Census Place: 1880 District 1, Putnam Co, TN
Source: FHL Film 1255275 National Archives Film T9-1275 Page 89A

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
George JUDD	Self	M	M	W	35	KY
Occ:	Farmer	Fa: KY	Mo: NC			
C.A. JUDD	Wife	F	M	W	19	TN
Occ:	Keeping	House	Fa: TN	Mo: TN		
James D. JUDD	Son	M	S	W	14	TN
		Fa: KY	Mo: TN			
Isaac JUDD	Son	M	S	W	11	TN
		Fa: KY	Mo: TN			
Elmore JUDD	Son	M	S	W	6	TN
		Fa: KY	Mo: TN			
L.M. JUDD	Son	M	S	W	4	TN
		Fa: KY	Mo: TN			
Louis JUDD	Son	M	S	W	1	TN
		Fa: KY	Mo: TN			

(1900 census 8th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 132 – **Elmore Judd** is head of household, 25 yrs. old, b. July 1874, TN, Occupation: Dry Goods Salesman, md 1 yr. to **Alice**, 22 yrs. old, b. August 1877, TN, 1 child born, 1 living. Children: Samuel H. Judd, b. March 1900, TN).

(1910 census Stratford Ward 1, Garvin, OK: Dwl: 58 – **Elmore D. Judd** is head of household, 33 yrs. old, TN, widow, Occupation: Real Estate. Living in the household: Saur E. Judd, son, 9 yrs. old, TN & Clara E. Judd, dau., 5 yrs. old, TN. Also living in the household: **Tennie Jones, mother-in-law**, 56 yrs. old, TN, widow & Erming Jones, sister-in-law, 22 yrs. old, TN, single).

JAMES CAMERON

b. January 1856, TN – d. ?, md **Mary (unknown) Cameron**, b. January 1859, TN.

(1900 census 8th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 137 – **James Cameron** is head of household, 44 yrs. old, b. January 1856, TN, Occupation: Dry Goods Salesman, md 18 yrs. to **Mary**, 41 yrs. old, b. January 1859, TN, 6 children born, 6 children living. Children: Arron, 17 yrs. old, b. May 1883; Amanda, 15 yrs. old, b. April 1885; Charley, 13 yrs. old, b. April 1887; Maud, 10 yrs. old, b. December 1889; Dutch, 8 yrs. old, b. July 1891 & William Cameron, 3 yrs. old, b. June 1896. All born in TN. Also living in the

household: Jayne Cameron, aunt, 72 yrs. old, b. January 1828, TN & Cora Ford, housekeeper, 21 yrs. old, b. November 1878, TN).

JOHN ARMSTRONG BURCH

b. 19 September 1870, Gilvore Co., GA – d. 22 June 1930, Bales Twp., McLoud, Pott Co., OK, md on the 25th of December 1895, Putnam Co., TN to **Eura Helen "Ura" (Farmer) Burch**, b. 17 August 1879, TN – d. 1 June 1972, Prague, Lincoln Co., OK, d/o **Dr. William M. Farmer** (1827-1908) & **Maranda A. Smellage** (1841-1882). By 1910 according to the 1910 U.S. census John A. Burch had moved to Oklahoma and was still in the retail business as a merchant. John Armstrong Burch, s/o **William Burch** & **Elizabeth Armstrong Evans**. Children of John & Eura Burch are: Pauline (August 1897 – before 1910), William Jefferson (25 August 1900 – 1935, OK), Marie B. (23 September 1908 in OK – 21 December 1986 in OK); Joel W. (1 June 1909) in OK – 30 August 1975 in CA), Woodrow (1913 in OK – after 1920 in OK), Florence (11 June 1918 –still living). John & Eura (Farmer) Burch are both buried in the Fairview Cemetery, Shawnee, Pottawatomie, OK.

Census Place: 1880 District 9, Putnam Co., TN
Source: FHL Film 1255275 National Archives Film T9-1275 Page 174C
Dwl: 237 Family: 252

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
William FARMER	Self	M	M	W	50	TN
Occ: Physician		Fa: VA	Mo: VA			
Maranda FARMER	Wife	F	M	W	39	TN
Occ: Keeping House		Fa: NC	Mo: TN			
Winfield FARMER	Son	M	S	W	13	TN
Occ: At School		Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Ovy C. FARMER	Dau	F	S	W	9	TN
Occ: At School		Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Hixy FARMER	Dau	F	S	W	7	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
Leana FARMER	Dau	F	S	W	2	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
Eura FARMER	Dau	F	S	W	9M	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
Nancy MAYNARD	Other	F		W	25	TN
Occ: Servant	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
Pleasant LEAGUE	Other	M		B	24	TN
Occ: Laborer	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				

(1900 census 9th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 137 – **John A. Burch** is head of household, 29 yrs. old, b. September 1870, GA, (parents both born in GA), Occupation: Dry Goods Merchant, md 4 yrs. to **Ura**, 19 yrs. old, b. August 1880, TN, 1 child born, 1 child living. Pauline Burch, 2 yrs. old, b. August 1897, TN. Also living in the household: Emma Burch, sister, 22 yrs. old, b. April 1878, GA, (parents both born in GA), Occupation: School teacher).

(1910 census Paden Twp., Okfuskee, OK: Dwl: 56 - **John A. Burch** is head of household, 39 yrs. old, GA, (parents both born in US), Occupation: Retail Merchant General, md to **Eura H.**, 29 yrs. old, TN, (parents both born in TN). Children: William J., 9 yrs. old, TN, Marie B., 4 yrs. old, OK & Joel W. Burch, 10/12 yrs. old, OK.

(1920 census Paden Twp., Okfuskee, OK: Dwl: 69 - **John A. Burch** is head of household, 42 yrs. old, GA, (father born in GA, mother, AL), Occupation: Food Market, md to **Eura**, 40 yrs. old, TN. Children: Willie, 18 yrs. old, TN; Marie, 14 yrs. old, OK; Joe, 10 yrs. old, OK; Woodrow, 7 yrs. old, OK & Florence Burch, 1 yr. old, OK).

MITCH MANNERS

b. January 1819, SC, md to **Sarah (unknown) Manners**, b. February 1825, SC.

(1900 census 10th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 48 – **Mitch Manners** is head of household, 81 yrs. old, b. January 1819, SC, (parents both born in SC), Occupation: Merchant, md 60 yrs. to Sarah (unknown) Manner, b. February 1825, SC).

JAMES BUCK
b. February 1842, SC, md to **R. J. (unknown) Buck**, b. February 1836, VA.

(1900 census 10th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 49 – **James Buck** is head of household, 58 yrs. old, b. February 1842, SC (parents both born in SC), Occupation: Merchant, md 34 yrs. to **R. J.**, 64 yrs. old, b. February 1836, VA, no children. Also living in the household: J. M. Howell, uncle, 60 yrs. old, b. January 1840, SC, (parents both born in VA), widow, Occupation: Shoe Maker).

WILLIAM BLAIR
b. September 1874, TN, md on the 6th of August 1898, Smith Co., TN to **Arra T. (Wyatt) Blair**, b. May 1870, TN.

(**Source**: Tennessee State Marriage record, Smith Co., TN, pg. 85 – William Blair married 6 August 1898, Smith Co., TN to Arra T. Wyatt. By whom married: Rev. T. W. Kittrell).

(1900 census 11th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 135 – **William Blair** is head of household, 25 yrs. old, b. September 1874, TN, (parents both born in TN), Occupation: Merchant, md 1 yr. to **Arra T.**, 30 yrs. old, b. May 1870, TN, no children).

ROBERT BIRD GENTRY
b. 25 September 1863, Putnam Co., TN – d. 25 October 1944, Lawton, OK, md on the 13th of November 1887 to **Ruth Frances (Ensor) Gentry**, b. April 1876, TN – d. 9 September 1930, Lawton, OK, d/o **Jonathan Lasley Ensor** & **Sarah Evans**. Robert Bird/Byrd Gentry, s/o **Robert Lindsey Gentry** (1834-1906) & **Irena Allison** (1838-bef. 1870).

(1900 census 11th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 120 – **John B. Gentry** is head of household, 39 yrs. old, b. September 1863, KY, (parents both born in TN), Occupation: Merchant, md 13 yrs. to **Ruth F.**, 27 yrs. old, b. April 1876, TN, (father born in KY, mother, TN), 5 children born, 5 children living. Children: Salon, 13 yrs. old, b. December 1886; Vinnie, 11 yrs. old, b. October 1888; Ora, 9 yrs. old, b. March 1891; William D., 6 yrs. old, b. February 1894; Paschal M., 3 yrs. old, b. August 1896 & Eugin Gentry, 11/12 yrs. old, b. June 1899. All born in TN. Also living in the household: Silas D. Randolph, 23 yrs. old, b. September 1876, TN, Occupation: Clerk & Ova Grogan, boarder, 18 yrs. old, b. October 1881, TN, Occupation: Servant).

(1910 census 20th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 11 – **Robert B. Gentry** is head of household, 46 yrs. old, KY, Occupation: Postmaster Office, M2, md 22 yrs. to **Rutha F.**, 36 yrs. old, TN, 8 children born, 8 children living. Children: Vinnie, 21 yrs. old; Ora, 19 yrs. old; William D., 16 yrs. old; Pacal M., 13 yrs. old; Eugene, 10 yrs. old; Irene, 8 yrs. old; Hubert C., 5 yrs. old & Howard E. Gentry, 23/12 yrs. old. All born in TN).

(1920 census Ward 2, Lawton Co., Comanche, OH: Dwl: 511 - **Robert Byrd Gentry** is head of household, 56 yrs. old, KY, Occupation: Janitor Public School, md to **Ruth Frances**, 46 yrs. old, TN. Children: Ora, 28 yrs. old, Occupation: Teacher Boarding School; Eugene M., 20 yrs. old, TN; Irene, 18 yrs. old, TN; Hubert, 14 yrs. old, TN; Howard, 11 yrs. old, TN; Virginia Ruth, 7 yrs. old, TX & Robert Byrd Gentry, 5 yrs. old, OK).

FELIX HIXMAN JARED
b. 31 August 1862, Putnam Co., TN – d. 16 September 1930, Putnam Co., TN md on the 10th of February 1887, White Co., TN to **Victoria (Dinges) Jared**, b. 3 January 1862, TN - d. 9 October 1906, TN, both buried in the Hughes Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **William Mordecai Dinges** (1827-1911) & **Amanda**

A. Fancher (1834-1900). Felix Hixman md 2nd **Maggie (Burton) McDonald Jared**. Felix Hixman Jared, s/o **Bryce Byrne Jared** (1830-1887) & **Amanda "Mittie" J. Carr** (1828-1919).

(**Source**: White Co., TN History: William Dinges was a popular Cumberland Presbyterian preacher in the days following the (Civil) war. He was at one time County Clerk.)

(**Source**: Tennessee State Marriage record, White Co., TN, pg. – F. H. Jared married 10 February 1887, White Co., TN to V. E. Dingess).

(1900 census 12th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 47 – **Felix Jared** is head of household, 37 yrs. old, b. August 1862, TN, (parents both born in TN), Occupation: Dry Goods Merchant, md 13 yrs. to **Victoria**, 38 yrs. old, TN, (father born in VA, mother, TN), 4 children born, 3 children living. Children: Ocie, 9 yrs. old; Winnie, 4 yrs. old, b. April 1896 & Joe Belvie Jared, 4/12 yrs. old, b. January 1900. All born in TN).

(1910 census 12th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 1 – **Felix H. Jared** is head of household, 47 yrs. old, TN, Occupation: Farmer General Farm, M2, md to **Maggie**, 40 yrs. old, TN, 0 children born, 0 children living. Children: Olcie A., 18 yrs. old; Winnie F., 14 yrs. old & Joseph B. Jared, 10 yrs. old. All born in TN).

JAMES ALEXANDER BOYD

b. 4 December 1843, Jackson Co., TN – d. 7 October 1927, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN, md 5th of September 1866 to **Rhoda Frances "Fannie" (Nichols) Boyd**, b. 14 August 1849, Jackson Co., TN – d. 2 April 1917, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **David Henry Douglas Nichols** (1818-1900) & **Elizabeth "Besty" Ann Jared** (1822-1909). James Alexander Boyd, s/o **John C. Boyd** (1820-1856) & **Martha Holladay** (1819-1856). James & Rhoda Boyd are buried in the Jim Boyd Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

(1900 census 12th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 48 – **James A. Boyd** is head of household, 56 yrs. old, b. December 1843, TN, (father born in TN, mother, VA), Occupation: Dry Goods Merchant, md 37 yrs. to **Rhoda**, 50 yrs. old, b. August 1849, TN, (parents both born in TN), 6 children born, 4 children living. Children: Lem Boyd, 30 yrs. old, b. December 1869, TN, Occupation: Teamster md 10 yrs.; John C. Boyd, 27 yrs. old, b. July 1872, TN, Occupation: Teamster & Zora Boyd, 20 yrs. old, b. August 1879, TN).

(1910 census 20th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 153 – **James A. Boyd** is head of household, 60 yrs. old, TN, Occupation: Farmer, md 41 yrs. to Fannie R., 60 yrs. old, TN, 6 children born, 4 children living).

ROBERT JONES

b. February 1849, TN – d. ?, md **Bettie L. (unknown) Jones**.

(1900 census 13th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 19 – **Robert Jones** is head of household, 51 yrs. old, b. February 1849, TN, (parents both born in TN), Occupation: Dry Goods Salesman, md 30 yrs. to **Bettie L.**, 50 yrs. old, b. February 1850, TN, 13 children born, 10 children living. Children: Evert W., 20 yrs. old, b. December 1879, Occupation: Dry Goods Salesman; Maggie M., 18 yrs. old, b. August 1881; Solon, 16 yrs. old, b. December 1883; Rosco D., 14 yrs. old, b. September 1885; Virgil L., 12 yrs. old, b. June 1887; Minnie B., 11 yrs. old, b. April 1889 & Lonnie Jones, 9 yrs. old, b. April 1891. All born in TN).

EVERT W. JONES

b. 6 December 1879, TN – d. 1 April 1948, md **Lou Anne (unknown) Jones**, b. 17 November 1886 – d. 28 February 1969. Evert W. Jones s/o **Robert & Bettie L. Jones**. Evert & Lou Anne Jones are both buried in Crest Lawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

(1900 census 13th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 19 – **Robert Jones** is head of household, 51 yrs. old, b. February 1849, TN, (parents both born in TN), Occupation: Dry Goods Salesman, md 30 yrs. to **Bettie L.**, 50 yrs. old, b. February 1850, TN, 13 children born, 10 children living. Children: **Evert W.**, 20 yrs. old, b. December 1879, Occupation: Dry Goods Salesman; Maggie M., 18 yrs. old, b. August 1881; Solon, 16 yrs. old, b. December 1883; Rosco D., 14 yrs. old, b. September 1885; Virgil L., 12 yrs. old, b. June 1887; Minnie B., 11 yrs. old, b. April 1889 & Lonnie Jones, 9 yrs. old, b. April 1891. All born in TN).

BETHEL C. JONES

b. 20 January 1874, TN – d. 7 January 1936, TN, md **Bettie O. (Maddux) Jones**, b. 18 November 1874, TN – d. 19 January 1935, d/o **William Chamberlin Maddux** (1846-1924) & **Matilda**. Bethel C. Jones, s/o **Byrd L. Jones** (1849-1914) & **Mary E. Dyer** (1850-1922). Bethel C. & Bettie (Maddux) Jones are both buried in the Byrd L. Jones Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

Census Place: 1880 District 13, Putnam Co., TN

Source: FHL Film 1255275 National Archives Film T9-1275 Page 175A

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		Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
William C. MADDUX		Self	M	M	W	32	TN
Occ:	Laborer	Fa: VA	Mo: TN				
Matilda MADDUX		Wife	F	M	W	28	TN
Occ:	Keeping	House	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Betty MADDUX		Dau	F	S	W	5	TN
		Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
Naomi MADDUX		Sister	F	S	W	27	TN
Occ:	Tailor	Fa: VA	Mo: TN				

(1900 census 13th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 19 – **Bethel C. Jones** is head of household, 26 yrs. old, b. January 1874, TN, Occupation: Dry Goods Merchant, md 1 yr. to **Bettie O.**, 25 yrs. old, TN, 1 child born, 1 child living. Child: Byrd D. Jones, 11/12 yrs. old, b. June 1899, TN).

WALTER R. JONES

b. January 1867, TN – d. ?, md **Dillian H. (unknown) Jones**, b. March 1876, TN.

(1900 census 13th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: **Walter R. Jones** is head of household, 33 yrs. old, b. January 1867, TN, (parents both born in TN), Occupation: Dry Goods Merchant, md 6 yrs. to **Dillian H.**, 24 yrs. old, b. March 1876, TN, Occupation: Milliner, 1 child born, 1 child living. Child: Lillard E., Jones, 5 yrs. old, b. August 1894, TN. Also living in the household: Susan Clay, servant, black, 23 yrs. old, b. January 1877, TN.

(1910 census 13th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 102 – **Walter Jones** is head of household, 43 yrs. old, TN, Occupation: Salesman Dry Goods Store, md 16 yrs. to **Dillian**, 32 yrs. old, TN, 1 child born, 1 child living. Child: Earnest L., Jones, 15 yrs. old, TN).

The building was flooded in 1948, damaging the seats in the auditorium. Later that year, the school ordered 176 new theater-like seats, 112 of which still remain to this day. Grand Ole Opry stars Flatt and Scruggs, the Carter Family and Roy Acuff used the school's stage in the 1940s.

The school closed in 1966 because of consolidation and remained empty for about 10 years before being reopened as a community center.

In 2004 when the school was being renovated and the Buffalo Valley Lending Library was started the mural needed a face-lift. Artist Tina Gantenbeing painted over the lettering but the background for each ad was left in its original state.

The First Nat'l Bank then is the First Tennessee now and the Citizen's bank back in the 30's is what is known as Union Planters now, stated Carolyn (Shanks) Huddleston.

The Buffalo Valley School was entered on The National Historic Register in the year 2006, after more than two years of research by L. L. “Bud” Alley of the Center for Historic Preservation, along with the assistance of Ted and Carolyn Huddleston, two locals who have deep roots in Putnam County.

Advertisers on the mural curtain are: Sanitary Dry Cleaners, Cookeville; Stamps and Route, Cookeville; R. L. Maxwell & Son; Z. A. Medley & Co., General Merchandise; T. D. Alcorn, General Merchandise; Cookeville Planing Mills, Cookeville; Jenkins & Darwin Brothers; Maddux and Proffitt, Cookeville; Citizens Bank; Snow White Bread; West Side Motor Co., Cookeville; The First National Bank, Cookeville; Webb Pharmacy, Cookeville; West Side Motor Co., Cookeville; Princess Theater, Cookeville, Dr. Saunders, Cookeville; Ragland-Potter & Co.; Dr. H. E. McLean; East Side Café; Putnam County Herald; Pearl Jones Groceries; J. W. DuBois, Cookeville; Maxwell Shoe Shop, Buffalo Valley; March Banks Drug Co., Cookeville & Jared & Sanders, General Merchandise and Drugs.

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