

COOKEVILLE MACHINE SHOP

The Only Well Equipped and First Class Industry
of its Kind in this Part of the State
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The importance of a thoroughly equipped machine shop, capable of turning out work of a high class, cannot be over estimated in a vast area of territory like that which is served by Cookeville. The frequent occasion for repairs to machinery of all kinds which should receive immediate attention particularly mill machinery – renders a plant of this character a necessity. Recognizing this fact, Mr. E. E. Dorman established the Cookeville Machine Shops in 1898. The territory he serves extends into all adjoining counties on the Tennessee Central railroad both east and west, north beyond the state line into Kentucky, and 25 miles south. Everything in the way of light and heavy machinery is handled, and prices are reasonable.

Mr. Dorman was born in Allegheny county, Western Pennsylvania, and has been a citizen of Cookeville since 1890. He learned the machinist trade in the Pennsylvania Locomotive Works at Pittsburg, and spent twenty-one years railroading as fireman and locomotive engineer. Was with the Pittsburg & Western and Pennsylvania systems and was ten years engineer on what is known as the Tennessee Central. He is a member of the firm of Dorman & High, manufacturers of shuttle blocks and tight barrel heads.

Edward Elmer Dorman Obt.

b. 22 February 1861, Allegheny, PA – d. 23 May 1933, Cookeville, TN, md **Lucy Amelia (McCowen) Dorman**, b. 1 December 1861, Steubenville, OH – d. 18 February 1948, Nashville, TN, d/o **Hayes Lorenzo McCowen** (1830-1896) & **Sara Marie Manly/Mouley** (1830-1893). Edward Elmer Dorman, s/o **David Dorman & Adeline Johnston**.

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*See Lucy Amelia (McCowen) Dorman Obt.

*See Marguerite (Dorman) Hendrix buried in Cookeville City Cemetery.

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E. E. DORMAN AND SISTER DIE SUDDENLY HERE LATE TUESDAY. Prominent Resident Here Had Been in Failing Health for Four Years. Shock Believed to Have Hurried Sister's Death After She Saw Him Die. Services This Afternoon: Herald, Cookeville, TN: 25 May 1933, pg. 1.

Edward E. Dorman, 72, died suddenly at his home in West Cookeville late Tuesday afternoon of a heart attack, and his only sister, **Mrs. Carrie W. Walden, 64, of Chicago, visiting in his home, died 20 minutes later of a similar attack, believed to have been instigated at the sight of his death.**

Mr. Dorman, long a prominent Cookeville resident, had been in failing health for the past four years. Shortly before his death, however, he had appeared amiable and had chatted freely with friends who had visited him.

Mrs. Dorman and Mrs. Walden had assisted Mr. Dorman from his chair to a bed when he suffered his attack, and immediately Mrs. Walden became faint. She became violently ill a few minutes afterwards, and expired soon after medical aid reached her.

Started When 12: Edward Elmer Dorman was born in Allegheny, Penn., February 22, 1861. At the age of twelve he assisted his father, David Dorman, at the throttle of a railroad locomotive on a Pennsylvania railroad. He began his training at the Pittsburg Locomotive Works and delivered engines for that company to railroad systems throughout the United States.

He was married to Lucy A. McCowen, of Alliance, O., when a young man, and soon thereafter became connected with the old Nashville and Knoxville Railroad as engineer. He followed the road's trail through the unsullied Upper Cumberlands until it reached Cookeville. The road was extended to Monterey, and for many years afterwards his father engineered the train from Cookeville to Monterey, and he ran between Cookeville and Lebanon.

Ran Shop Here: Since his retirement from the Tennessee Central Railway thirty years ago, Mr. Dorman had conducted a machine shop in Cookeville, and was recognized as one of the most expert machinists in the State. His health began failing about four years ago, and he retired from active business connections.

Joint funeral services were conducted at the Dorman home this afternoon by the Rev. Joe Barbee, pastor of the Watertown Cumberland Presbyterian Church, engineer for the Tennessee Central, former fireman for Mr. Dorman, and a life-long friend. His burial will take place in the City Cemetery.

Mrs. Watson will be buried in the grave with her brother. She was the mother of Ralph Rout, of Chicago, and had made her home with him for several years. Mr. Rout was formerly connected with Will Stamps in the storage battery business here.

Besides his widow, Mr. Dorman is survived by two sons, Carl, of Jackson, Miss., and Edward F., of Cookeville, and a daughter, Mrs. Marguerite D. Hendrix, of Cookeville, and three grandchildren. Mrs. Hendrix is private secretary to Federal Judge John J. Gore.

Mr. Dorman was a charter member of the Lions Club, and was a member of the Cookeville Methodist Church, the Knights of Pythias, and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. Honorary pallbearers were member of the Lions Club, and Lee Douglas, Geo. Snyder and Bill Smith of Nashville; Lloyd McCluen, of Rockwood; Major Roy DeBerry, of Bloomington, Arthur Pedigo, of Cookeville; H. G. Loftis, of Algood. Active pallbearers were J. Lee Epperson, Dr. J. T. Moore, Willis Dow, S. L. Gipson, James A. Isbell, R. V. Overall, Judge John J. Gore and Leon Bockman.

Mrs. Walden is survived by her only son, Ralph Ront, and two grandchildren, all of Chicago.

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Funeral services were conducted this afternoon at the Methodist Church for Mrs. Lucy A. Dorman, who died in a Nashville hospital yesterday morning after an illness of several months.

Dr. Harry L. Upperman and the Rev. H. Thornton Fowler officiated, and burial was in City Cemetery.

Widow of E. E. Dorman, fireman on the first locomotive to run into Cookeville. Mrs. Dorman was born in Steubenville, OH, and was the daughter of the late Hayes Lorenza and Sara Maria McCowan. Mrs. Dorman had made her home in Cookeville for nearly 60 years. **Her husband's father was engineer on the first train.**

She was an active member of the Methodist Church until ill health prevented. She was a charter member of the Ladies Aid Society.

Survivors include two sons, Carl Dorman, Jackson MS, and Edward Dorman, Cookeville; a daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Hendrix, Nashville, three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 19 February 1948.

Edward Frank Dorman Sr.

b. 2 April 1907, Putnam Co., TN – d. 30 June 1973, md **Lorna (Preston) Dorman**, b. 20 September 1909 - d. 27 June 1980, d/o **James Robert Preston & Collie Martin**. Edward Frank Dorman Sr., s/o **Edward Elmer Dorman** (1861-1933) & **Lucy Amelia McCowen** (1861-1948).

"Memories are there to be held and looked upon with joy"

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*See Edward Elmer Dorman Obt.

*See Lorna (Preston) Dorman Obt.

(SS Death Index: Name: **EDWARD DORMAN** Birth: 02 Apr 1907– Death: Jun 1973 –Last Residence: (Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN) -Last Benefit: (none specified) – SSN: 411-40-3924, TN)

(SS Death Index: Name: **LORNA DORMAN** Birth: 20 Sep 1909 - Death: Jun 1980 –Last Residence: (Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN) -Last Benefit: (none specified) – SSN: 415-20-1429 TN)

(1920 census 1st Civil Dist., First St., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 415-121-143 - **Edward E. Dorman** is head of household, 54 yrs. old, PA (father born in ME, mother, OH), Occupation: Proprietor Machine Shop, md to **Lucy A.**, 56 yrs. old, TN (father born in PA, mother OH). Children: **Edward F. Dorman**, 12 yrs. old, TN. Also living in the household: Marjorie Hendricks, dau., 26 yrs. old, md, Occupation: Stenographer Law Office, Maury Hendricks, grandson, 7 yrs. old, TN).

(1930 census Cookeville Town, west, Cedar St., Civil Dist., 1, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 217 Family: 236 –is **Edward E. Dorman** head of household, 69 yrs. old, PA, (father born in ME, mother, OH), Occupation: Machinist Shop, (26 yrs. old 1st marriage), md to **Lucy**, 66 yrs. old, OH (father born in PA, mother NY), (23 yrs. old 1st marriage). Children: **Edward Dorman**, 23 yrs. old, TN (22 yrs. old 1st marriage), md to **Lorna**, daughter-in-law, 20 yrs. old, TN (father b. in TN, mother, TX). Also living in the household: Margurite Hendrix, dau., 35 yrs. old, TN (18 yrs. old 1st marriage) divorced; Billy Hendrix, grand-son, 17 yrs. old, TN).

(1940 census 1st Civil Dist., Hickory Street, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 200 – **Edd Dorman** is head of household, 33 yrs. old, TN, (Occupation: Machinist, Machine Shop), md to **Lorna**, 30 yrs. old, TN. Child Edd Dorman Jr., 9 yrs. old, TN).

Lorna (Preston) Dorman Obt.

b. 20 September 1909 - d. 27 June 1980, md **Edward Frank Dorman Sr.**, b. 2 April 1907, TN – d. 30 June 1973, s/o **Edward Elmer Dorman** (1861-1933) & **Lucy Amelia McCowen** (1861-1948). Lorna (Preston) Dorman, d/o **James Robert Preston & Collie Martin**.

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COOKEVILLE – Funeral services for Mrs. Lorna Dorman, 70, will be conducted in the chapel of Hooper & Huddleston Funeral Home today, June 29, at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Roy J. West, Rev. Robert H. Case and Rev. Maurice Moore officiating.

Mrs. Dorman died June 27 in the Cookeville General Hospital following an extended illness.

She was the daughter of the late James Robert and Collie Martin Preston and the widow of Edward F. Dorman Sr.

Survivors include a son, Edward F. Dorman Jr., Cookeville; a daughter, Mrs. Marguerite Moyer, Tullahoma; two grandsons, Edward F. Dorman III and Chad Moyer; and one brothers, James Preston, Lock Port, New York,

Burial will be in Cookeville City Cemetery.

Hooper & Huddleston Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:

30 July 1936

COOKEVILLE MAN SHOT BY DEPUTY NEAR CLAY COUNTY RESORT: **Edward Dorman** In Nashville Hospital In Serious Condition. Wounded in Abdomen.

Edward Dorman, 28, Cookeville machine shop proprietor is in a serious condition today at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville with a bullet wound in his abdomen suffered Sunday night when he was shot at Leonard Cave, Clay County resort, by a Clay county deputy sheriff.

According to information from red Boiling Springs in adjoining county, Dorman was shot by deputy sheriff Reecer. Sheriff J. C. Eads at Celina, said he knew nothing of the shooting, which was reported to have occurred about 6 o'clock.

Bob Browning, Red Boiling Springs lumberman, claims to have witnessed the shooting, and attributed it to an argument.

Dr. Henry C. Hesson, of Red Boiling Springs, gave Dorman emergency attention. The wounded man was taken by Lewis Chitwood, of Red Boiling Springs, to Carthage from where he was carried to an ambulance to Nashville.

Rural Life and Culture in the Upper Cumberland edited by Michael Birdwell, W. Calvin Dickinson:

Leonard Cave in Clay County had been known for perhaps a hundred years of more, having been mined for saltpeter; it was used for informal recreational outings in the nineteenth century. In 1935, local entrepreneurs opened the cave to the paying public as **Cavern Dance Hall**, featuring string bands, dancing, food, and tours. Delightfully cool in the summer, it offered sheltered space for dancing, but the main attraction was the unusual nature of the cave environment. **Although a shooting at the site ended the business venture**, it attracted local residents as well as tourist from the nearby resort town of Red Boiling Springs. Even after the demise of the Cavern Dance Hall, Leonard Cave continued to attract informal visits. As late as the 1980s, two voluntary organizations, seeking to raise funds, used the cave as a "haunted house" during the Halloween season. Indeed, as at Leonard Cave, the social and recreational use of caves has generally outlasted many of the other uses in the past.

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