

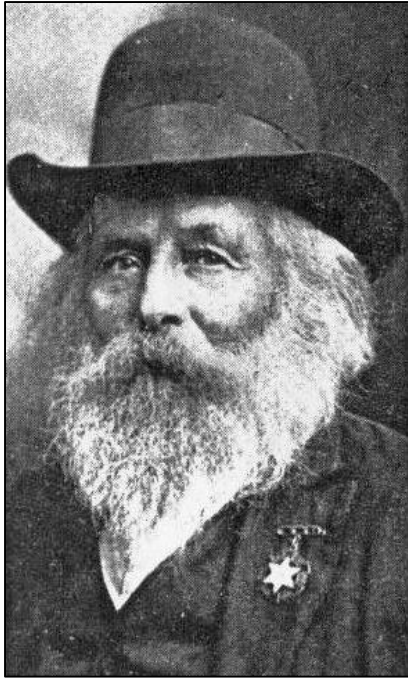
## LEMUEL RUCKS McCLAIN, M. D.

Buried: Burton Cemetery, located in White Plains, Putnam Co., TN

Parents of Dr. Walter Stephen McClain:

**Lemuel Rux McClain:** b. 29 December 1844, Clarksville, AR – d. 29 April 1936, Cookeville, TN, s/o **William Alexander McClain & Mary Crane Bransford.**

**Sarah Emma “Emily” (Burton) McClain:** b. 13 February 1850, TN – d. 1 September 1910, d/o **Stephen DeCatur Burton & Mary C. Davis Goodbar.**



Source: A History of Putnam County, Tennessee by Walter S. McClain, pgs. 134 & 135.

**LEMUEL RUCKS McCLAIN, M. D.** was born at Clarksville, Ark., December 29, 1811. Married Miss Sarah Emily Burton at White Plains, this County, on November 19, 1867. She died September 1, 1910. Dr. McClain attended the Missouri Medical College, at St. Louis. He is a life long Democrat, a Methodist in belief and has been a prominent Odd Fellow since 1873 and a Mason since 1869. He has been Secretary of the Odd Fellows lodge of Cookeville for more than thirty years and through his untiring efforts the Odd Fellows built their home two years ago. (*pictured left*).

Source: Stray Leaves from Putnam County History by Mary Hopson: pg. 249, Lemuel Rux McClain:

8<sup>th</sup> TN Cav.

### Lemuel Rucks McClain Obt.

b. 29 December 1844, Clarksville, AR - d. 29 April 1936, Cookeville, TN, md **Sarah Emma "Emily" Burton**, b. 13 February 1850, TN – d. 1 September 1910, d/o **Stephen DeCatur Burton & Mary C. Davis Goodbar.** Lemuel Rucks McClain, s/o **William Alexander McClain & Mary Crane Bransford.** Lemuel and Emma (Burton) McClain are both buried in the Burton Cemetery, located in White Plains, Putnam Co., TN.

Dr. L. R. M'Clain Veteran Lodge Secretary Dies: Was Mason For 69 Years; Odd Fellow For 63 Years – Rites Held Yesterday.

Dr. Lemuel R. McClain, of this city, aged 91, died Wednesday afternoon at the home of his son, Dr. Walter C. McClain, on East Broad Street.

Death followed an illness of one week.

Dr. McClain was one of this county's best known and most highly respected citizens. He located in Cookeville, as a young physician, in the spring of 1867, during which year he

was married to Miss Emily Burton, a daughter of Stephen D. Burton, of White Plains, one of this county's most prominent pioneer citizens

Dr. McClain became a member of Cookeville Masonic Lodge in 1867, and of Mount View Lodge, No. 179, Independent Order of Odd Fellows in 1873.

Dr. McClain enjoyed the distinction of being the oldest Odd Fellow in Tennessee, the oldest subordinate lodge secretary of any secret fraternal order in the United States, and one of the three oldest Masons in Tennessee.

He had been secretary of Mount View Lodge of Cookeville more than fifty years, and had been one of its most prominent and active members for almost sixty-three years.

Dr. McClain was actively engaged in the practice of his profession, as a physician for many ears. He retired from active practice about twenty years ago.

Dr. McClain, throughout his long life, was a constant reader and student with the result that he was a well informed man. He retained, to a wonderful degree, his physical and mental virility, until his last illness and death. He was a man of the strictest integrity and highest moral character, who always enjoyed in the fullest degree, the confidence and esteem of the people of this community and of all who knew him. Only four months ago, in a highly interesting public service, held at the Presbyterian Church, in this city, by Mount View Lodge, Cookeville Encampment, and Sylvan Rebekah Lodge, I. O. O. F., of this city, Dr. McClain's 91<sup>st</sup> birthday was appropriately celebrated and many splendid tributes were paid him as an Odd Fellow and upright citizen. He was Putnam County's oldest citizen. He was a gentleman of the highest order of moral courage, who always stood boldly for the right as he saw it.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 30 April 1936.

**Buried: Cookeville City Cemetery, located in Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN**

**Dr. Walter Stephen McClain:** b. 24 August 1868, TN –

d. 28 February 1953, Cookeville, TN, s/o Lemuel R. McClain & Sarah Emma "Emily" Burton

**Minnie (Avery) McClain:** b. 19 August 1880, Clinton Co., MI –

d. 7 March 1941, Cookeville, TN, d/o John L. Avery & Edna Lovett;  
w/o Dr. Walter S. McClain.

**Victor Hugo McClain:** b. 3 February 1898, TN – d. 7 May 1977, Mineola, TX,  
s/o Walter S. McClain & Minnie Avery.

**Helen Carnes McClain:** b. 1 November 1895 – d. 18 March 1977, w/o Victor Hugo McClain.

**Source:** A History of Putnam County, Tennessee by Walter S. McClain, pg. 152.

**WALTER STEPHEN McCLAIN, D.O.,** born near Cookeville, August 24, 1868. Married Miss Minnie Avery, March 15, 1897. Graduate Lebanon Law School and

Southern School of Osteopathy. Has also done newspaper work. Democrat and Odd Fellow.

**CENSUS YEAR: 1850 STATE: Arkansas**

COUNTY: Johnson

DIVISION: City of Clarksville

REEL NO: M432-27 PAGE NO: 213

REFERENCE: Sheet 112A; 28 Sep 1850; Leander Maclean

Line: 27 Dwl: 19 Family: 22

LN	HN	FN	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	AGE	SEX	RACE	OCCUP.	VAL.	BIRTHPLACE
27	19	22	McClain	William A.	34	M		Lawyer	500	Tenn
28	19	22	McClain	Mary C.	25	F				Tenn
29	19	22	McClain	Lemuel R.	5	M				Ark
30	19	22	McClain	Margerette S.	2	F				Ark

**1870 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN**

Dwl: 5 Family: 5

**McClain, R. L.** 25 M W Dry Goods Merchant (value of real estate, 2,000)  
(value of personal estate, 1,800) AR

**McClain, Emily S.** 19 F W Keeping House TN

**McClain, Walter** 1 M W TN

**Census Place: 1880 District 1, Putnam Co., Tennessee**

Source: FHL Film 1255275 National Archives Film T9-1275 Page 77A

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
<b>L.R. MCCLAIN</b>	Self	M	M	W	35	AR
	Occ: Dry Goods Mer.		Fa: TN	Mo: TN		
<b>S.E. MCCLAIN</b>	Wife	F	M	W	30	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
<b>Walter MCCLAIN</b>	Son	M	S	W	11	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
<b>William MCCLAIN</b>	Son	M	S	W	8	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
<b>Mary MCCLAIN</b>	Dau	F	S	W	5	TN
	Fa: AR	Mo: TN				
<b>Elizabeth MCCLAIN</b>	Other	F	S	W	6M	---
	Fa: ---	Mo: ---				
<b>Mollie QUARLES</b>	Other	F		MU	16	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				

**1900 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN**

Dwl: 265 Family: 268

**McClain, William** Head 29 M W January 1871 M1 (12 yrs. md) Farmer TN TN TN  
Ruth Wife 23 F W June 1876 M1 (12 yrs. md) (4 children born, 4 children living)  
TN TN TN

Lulu Dau 10 F W November 1889 Single At School TN TN TN

Pate Son 8 M W September 1891 Single At School TN TN TN

Lem Son 4 M W May 1896 Single TN TN TN  
Infant Dau 0/12 F W June 1900 Single TN TN TN

**1900 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN**

Dwl: 496 Family: 506

**McClaine, Lemuel R.** Head 55 M W December 1844 M (32 yrs. md) **Physician**  
AR TN TN

**Emma S.** Wife 50 F W February 1850 M (32 yrs. md) (7 children born, 6  
children living) TN TN TN

Alice Dau 18 F W March 1882 Single TN AR TN

Charlie B. Son 15 M W June 1884 Single At School TN AR TN

Robert A. Son 13 M W September 1886 At School TN AR TN

Clark, Lucian Son-in-Law 26 M W January 1874 M (2 yrs. md) Lumberman  
TN TN TN

Mary Dau 25 F W August 1874 M (2 yrs. md) (1 child born, 1 child living)  
TN AR TN

Gladys Granddaughter 4/12 F W February 1900 Single TN TN TN

**1910 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN**

Dwl: 7 Family: 7

**McClain, Walter S.** Head 41 M W M1 (14 yrs. md) Physician General Pract.  
TN AR TN

**McClain, Minnie** Wife 30 F W M1 (14 yrs. md) (1 child born, 1 child living) MI NY MI

McClain, Victor H. Son 12 M W Single TN TN MI

**1910 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN**

Dwl: 84 Family: 88

**McClain, Lemuel R.** Head M W 65 M1 Physician General Pract. MO US TN

**McClain, Sarah E.** Wife F W 60 M1 TN TN TN

McClain, Alice Dau F W 28 Div. TN MO TN

McClain, Charles M W 24 Single Farmer General Farm TN MO TN

McClain, Robert Son M W 21 Single Salesman Dry Goods Store TN MO TN

**1920 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN**

East Spring St., Dwl: 282 – 315 – Line: 44

**McClain, Walter** Head M W 52 Married Doctor Osteopath TN MO TN

**McClain, Minnie** Wife F W 39 Married MI MI MI

McClain, Victor H. Son M W 22 Single TN MI TN

McClain, Lemuel R. Father M W 76 Widow MO MO MO

**1930 census Cookeville Twp. (East part) Putnam Co., TN**

Cookeville east of Walnut St.

Dwl: 716 – 200 – 211

**McClain, Walter** Head M W 61 Married (age at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, 31) Physician Osteopathic  
TN MO TN

**McClain, Minnie** Wife F W 51 Married (age at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, 21) MI IN MI

McClain, L. R. Father M W 86 Widow (age at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, 21) MO MO MO  
Carpenter, Mary O. Boarder F W 19 Single Bookkeeper Shirt Factory TN TN TN  
Winningham, Max Boarder M W 32 Single Physician Dentist TN TN TN

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**William McClain**, b. 1792, NC – d. 26 January 1865 married 20 October 1812  
**Elizabeth Trousdale**, b. 1788 – d. 1863, d/o **John T. Trousdale**, 1762-1837 &  
**Elizabeth Stockard**. John T. Trousdale, s/o **Capt. James Trousdale** (Rev'1 War), 1736  
– 1818 md **Elizabeth Ferguson**.

Children of William McClain & Elizabeth Trousdale are:

**Judge Andrew McClain**, b. 6 April 1826, Smith Co., TN –  
d. 21 January 1913, Los Angeles, CA  
**John Trousdale McClain**, b. 1813 – d. 1865  
**Jane Ann McClain**, b. 1821 – d. 1867  
**Lemuel Rucks McClain**, b. 1823 – d. 1841  
**Alec McClain**  
**William Alexander McClain**, (Mexican War – Adjutant General Staff of Confederate  
General Raines of MO), b. 1816 – d. 1878  
married **Mary Crane Bransford**., b. 3 March 1824 – d. 11 October 1858  
**Dr. Jesse Stockard McClain**, b. 1819 – d. 1892 married **Louise Graves**.  
**James S. McClain**, b. 1815 – d. 1890

Son of William Alexander McClain & Mary Crane Branford:

**Lemuel Rucks McClain**, b. 29 December 1844, Clarksville, AR – d. 29 April 1936,  
Cookeville, TN married **Sarah Emily Burton**, b. 13 February 1850, TN – d. 1 September  
1910, d/o **Stephen DeCatur Burton & Mary C. Davis Goodbar**.  
...**Walter Stephen McClain** b. 24 August 1868, TN – d. 28 February 1953, Cookeville,  
TN married **Minnie Avery**, b. 19 August 1880, Clinton Co., MI – d. 7 March 1941,  
Cookeville, TN , d/o **John L. Avery & Edna Lovett** .  
...**Victor Hugo McClain**, b. 3 February 1898, TN – d. 7 May 1977, Mineola, TX  
married **Helen Carnes**, b. 1 November 1895 – d. 18 March 1977.  
...**Ann McClain**, b. 3 July 1928 married **Robert Branch**

**SOURCE:** Putnam County Tennessee 1850 – 1970 by Mary Jean DeLozier  
Pg. 117: Manufacturing: Putnam County also had its New South proponents. For  
example, in 1893 **Walter S. McClain**, editor of the *Cookeville Courier*, urged local  
citizens to buy industrial stock themselves and to offer inducements to outside capitalist.  
“With the proper amount of ‘get up,’” he admonished, “we can build a great town  
here...If we sit still and wait for the so-called natural growth...some live sister town will  
properly outstrip us in the race.”<sup>9</sup> And Putnam County’s industry did grow.

(<sup>9</sup> pg. 336: 1 June 1893, p. 4)

Pg. 132: Banking, Insurance, and Law: Brisk business activity from 1890 to 1920 increased the need for lawyers, and new legal firms opened throughout the county. **Walter S. McClain**, George H. Morgan, Harrison G. Morgan, Henry P. Davis, T. L. Denny, W. G. Currie, Robert B. Capshaw, Holland Denton, John S. Denton, J. W. Puckett, A.N. Ford, Grover C. Boyd, Oscar K. Holladay, H. S. Barnes, and Linnie M. Bullington were Cookeville barristers. Virgil C. Allison, and Wynne F. Clouse practiced in Monterey, O. C. Conaster, represented the N & K Railroad, with his first office at Monterey. He later moved to Cookeville and maintained offices at Livingston, Crossville, and Jamestown as well as at the Putnam County seat.

Pg. 135: The Populist Movement and the Election of 1896: In the South most Populists, fearing that a third party would result in a loss of white supremacy, remained in the Democratic ranks. A few mavericks, though, bolted. In Putnam County S. D. Upton, **Walter S. McClain**, and John Bullington organized a tiny People party, which the local press ridiculed for its efforts to "save the county."

Pg. 162: Political Development, 1890-1920: World War I: During World War I supporting the Red Cross was synonymous with aiding the war. Red Cross stations at the front cared for the wounded and notified families in case of death. The organization operated canteens which provided many other services which made warfare bit more bearable. Walter McClain, Dr. and Mrs. B. G. Babcock, Mrs. Clarence Wilson, and S. B. Anderson headed the Cookeville; Mrs. J. Thomas Moore and Algood; Mrs. Turner Price the Monterey; and W. G. Travis the Buffalo Valley chapters. Thomas W. Kitrell, Mrs. Mary Jared Lowe, and Mrs. John E. Oliver were later leaders.

Pg. 165: Political Development, 1890-1920: Progressive Reform: Woman Suffrage: Both men and women expected women to remain in their "sphere." In 1912 the Farmer Union voted to bar women from membership even when male heads of households were dead or ineligible. From time to time the Press and Herald printed "booster" editions which listed leading citizens of the county; they featured no women. When Walter S. McClain published his History of Putnam County, Tennessee in 1925, the biographical section contained sketches only of men.

Pg. 192: Social and Cultural Development, 1890 - 1920: Literary Societies, Books and Newspapers: Other news sheets of the 1890s were short-lived - the Cookeville Courier, published by Walter S. McClain and John H. Denton; the Cookeville Citizen, another McClain publication; and the Altruist, more a magazine than a newspaper, which featured essays and poetry. In the 1890s the Upper Cumberland was published monthly in Bloomington Springs and in the early 1900s John E. Oliver published the Mountaineer, a Republican weekly. Quimby Dyer eventually bought the assets of the company and produced the News-Reporter. In the mid-teens J. W. Wood put out the Monterey News, and the Messenger was published in Baxter, but none of these papers lasted long. In the early twentieth century the Putnam County Herald was the country's principal paper. Elmer L. Wirt began publication of the Herald in 1903.

Pg. 218: The Twenties and Thirties: New and Old Ideas - The "New Morality," The Ku Klux Klan, and the Scopes Trial: The Cookeville conclave directed its attention toward men who were sexually unfaithful to their wives, who mistreated or failed to support their families, or who were thieves. "We just wanted to try to get the people started in some things the law wasn't doing anything about," reported a former Klansman. "The idea was just to make our town a better town."<sup>7</sup> There was little reason for Klansmen to attack local blacks, who were too few in number to have any measurable political power and who were subservient and respectful towards whites. Blacks did not leave their ghetto, Bushtown, on the western edge of Cookeville after dark. There were virtually no foreigners or Jews in the town.

(<sup>7</sup> - Chapter IX: pg. 337: Charles Denny, Herald - Citizen, 19 January 1975, p. 2. The sourced for this story, who refused to reveal his identity, reported that the Klan flourished in Cookeville in the 1930s. The writer believes this to be an error. See the reference to the Klan in the Herald, 1 October, 1923, p. 1.)

The Klan had a few outspoken opponents. The Herald asserted that the organization was not needed in Cookeville. In an article in that paper 14 July 1924 Walter S. McClain called the society an "un-American organization fomenting religious intolerance and racial hatred."

Pg.: 219: The Twenties and Thirties: New and Old Ideas - The "New Morality," The Ku Klux Klan, and the Scopes Trial: Urged by William Jennings Bryan and fellow crusaders, the Tennessee General Assembly, in March, 1925, passed a measure making it a crime to teach Darwin's theory of evolution in state schools.

Pg.: 220: The Twenties and Thirties: New and Old Ideas - The "New Morality," The Ku Klux Klan, and the Scopes Trial: There were a few dissidents. Walter S. McClain had written a scholarly article explaining the history of evolution and its geological and anthropological bases for the Herald in 1924. He conclude, "There can be no valid reason for excluding man from the general scheme of organic evolution. He carries in his body and mind evidences of a lowly origin of course, no one teaches, or has ever taught, that man descended from any species of present-day monkey. We are, however, justified in assuming that man, together with the higher apes, must have descended from a common stock"<sup>9</sup> On Tech's campus a few professors, including Charles P. McClanahan, spoke out discreetly in opposition to the anti-evolution law.

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Pg. 243: The Twenties and Thirties: Libraries and History: Librarians and readers alike were pleased with a growth of interest in local history during these decades. The Walton Road Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution continued to stimulate interest in the past. The Herald carried articles on local history, and in 1925 Walter S.

McClain published his 128-page History of Putnam County, Tennessee. A descendant of early settlers in the county. McClain performed an invaluable service by providing information on some of the early settlers of Putnam and telling how the county and town governments and the county's social and educational institutions began. A long-time interest in genealogy, writings on Tennessee history, public records, and interviews with old-timers throughout the county aided McClain in his research. His purpose, he explained, was to "gather up such fugitive bits of history as may be gleaned from our oldest citizens and their family papers." His work was, he wrote, "merely a beginning, to which other may add."<sup>20</sup>

(<sup>20</sup>Walter S. McClain, A History of Putnam County, Tennessee (Cookeville: Quimby Dyer & Co., 1925), p. 1.)

**Here is some information about Minnie (Avery) McClain:**

Minnie Avery's parents were:

**John L. AVERY** was born 4-2-1845, either born in South Bend, IN or Chautauque Co, NY. We are still trying to find out. He died 3-7-1903 in Cheboygan Co, MI and is buried at Munro Cemetery. His wife, **Edna LOVETT** was born 11-7-1847 in Prarie Ronde, Kalamazoo Co, MI and died 1-20-1896 in Cookeville, Putnam Co, TN. She and John were living there for a short time visiting with Minnie and Walter. Edna had TB and thought the south would be better for her health. There is no record as to where she is buried. I have searched and searched, as has my mother, no record can be found. We thought since Minnie and Walter were buried at Cookeville Cemetery, she would be to, but no record of her there.

John L. Avery fought in the Civil War for the Union side and served in Company D of the 128<sup>th</sup> Regimen of Indiana. He has a very small stone at Munro Cemetery which says: JNO AVERY/COD G.A.R. He married Edna Lovett, 26 December 1872 in Grand Ledge, MI.

Children of John L. Avery & Edna Lovett are:

1. **Lulu (Lula) AVERY** born 3-26-1873 in Clinton Co, MI and died 1-22-1909 in La Junta, Co. She married **Milton SHAPPELL**.

2. **Frederick John AVERY** (my maternal grandfather) born 6-1-1876 Eagle Township, Wacousta, MI and died 5-15-1937 in Lamar, Prowers Co, CO. He married **Lilly LONGWORTH** (my grandmother) Lilly was born 2-27-1893 in Hazelton, KS and died 1-24-1981 in Lamar, CO.

3. **Minnie AVERY** born 8-19-1880 in Clinton Co, MI and died 3-7-1941 in Cookeville, TN,

She married **Walter Stephen MCCLAIN** 3-15-1897. They had one son, **Victor MCCLAIN** born 2-3-1898 in Cookeville, TN and died 5-7-1977 in Tyler, TX. He



married **Helen CARNES**. She was born 11-1-1895 in Dallas, TX and died 2-18-1977 in Alba, TX. They are both buried in Cookeville Cemetery in TN.

After Minnie died, Walter married **Jessie Mae (Judd) BUSH** 1-13-1945. She was born 11-15-1903 and died 12-1990.

4 **Faydette AVERY** born 12-22-1881 in Clinton CO, MI and died 8-1945 in Dewitt, MI. She is buried at Gunnisonville Cemetery. She married **John Alonzo WADE** 1-2-1902.

5. **Ruby Alice AVERY** born about 1883 and died 11-1-1930 in Clinton Co Mi. She married **Raymond GLOWCZYNSKI**. They had a son, Jack, who died 10-5-1919. The also had a daughter, **Helen Rose GLOWCZYNSKI**. She was born about 1915, but to date no other info can be found on her.

6. **Archibald (Archie) AVERY** born 11-27-1885 in Clinton CO, MI and died 1-10-1905 in Cheboygan Co, MI. He never married.

7. **Miles (Miley) AVERY** born 12-3-1887 in Clinton Co Mi and unknown when or where he died. Per a relative, he was to visit family in Michigan in 1911, but never showed up.

Also, for a time Walter and Minnie (Avery) McClain lived in Franklin, KY.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Holte-Kerr

### **Dr. L. R. McClain**

An array of local notables braved the bitter cold, ice and snow here this week to pay tribute to **Dr. L. R. McClain**, Cookeville's oldest citizen.

Dr. McClain also has the distinction of being the oldest member of the fraternal organization, the Odd Fellows. He's also the oldest lodge secretary of any secret fraternal order in the nation, and the oldest practicing doctor in Tennessee. He turned 91 this week.

Dr. McClain has been a member of the Odd Fellows for the last 62 years and has been a Mason for 68 years.

He was honored in a banquet by **Judge Ernest Boyd**, who is a past Grand Master of Tennessee's Odd Fellows, **Judge O. K. Holladay**, Prof. J. M. Hatfield, Mayor Ezra Davis and several others.

Published: 2 January 1936: Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN

**Sarah Emma “Emily” (Burton) McClain Obt.**

b. 13 February 1850, TN – d. 1 September 1910,  
d/o Stephen DeCatur Burton & Mary C. Davis Goodbar.

**MCCLAIN, MRS. L. R.:** Mrs. **L. R. McClain** died at her home in this city on Thursday, Sept. 1, 1910. She had not been in good health for some time, but was not seriously sick until the day before her death, when she was overcome with a fainting spell, from which she never recovered. Mrs. McClain has a large acquaintance and was a highly esteemed lady.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: [Date 9/8/1910, Vol. VIII, No. 36, Page 4]

**MCCLAIN, SARAH EMILY:** Mrs. **Sarah Emily McClain**, wife of Dr. L. R. McClain, entered into rest Sept. 1st, 1910. Mrs. McClain was the youngest daughter of Mr. Stephen Burton and was born near Cookeville, Putnam County, Tenn., Feb. 13, 1850. She is survived by her husband, Dr L. R. McClain, and six children, Dr. W. S. McClain, Wm. A. McClain, Mrs. Lucian Clark, Mrs. Alice Snodgrass, Charles and Robert McClain. Also two sisters, Mrs. Mary Cummings and Mrs. C. C. Young of Sparta, and one brother, Mr. Charles Burton of Nashville. Mrs. McClain was a member of the Methodist Church.

Many friends attended the funeral which was conducted at the home by Revs. W. E. Doss and W. W. Baxter. The interment was in the Burton Cemetery.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: [Date 9/15/1910, Vol. VIII, No. 37, Page 8]

**MCCLAIN, ANDREW:** Judge **Andrew McClain**, formerly a well-known judiciary figure of Tennessee and a pioneer of San Diego, passed away Jan. 18, 1913, at the home of his daughter, the wife of **Rev. L. C. Kirkis**, 122 North Chicago street. Judge McCain, who was 86 years of age, was a member of the circuit bench of Middle Tennessee during the strenuous days just following the Civil war and later was a supreme judge of the state and United States attorney for the middle district of Tennessee, during which time he was connected with many famous cases. In 1885 he came to San Diego, where he remained until two years ago, when he came to reside with his daughter. He is also survived by two sons, **R. D. McClain** of San Diego and **William McClain** of Lakeside, Cal. Funeral services will be held at the family home, 122 North Chicago street, Monday morning at 10 o'clock. Burial, which will be private, will be in Inglewood park cemetery. -- Los Angeles Tribune. **Judge McClain was an uncle of Dr. L. R. McClain of Cookeville.** Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: [Date: 2/6/1913, Vol. XI, No. 6, Page 2]

**Lucien Clark**

b. 8 January 1875, TN – d. 7 January 1936 md to **Mary (McClain) Clark**, b. 28 August 1874, TN – d. 1 March 1965, d/o **Lemuel Rux McClain**, b. 29 December 1844, Clarksville, AR – d. 29 April 1936, Cookeville, TN, (s/o **William Alexander McClain & Mary Crane Bransford**) & **Sarah Emma “Emily” (Burton) McClain**, b. 13 February 1850, TN – d. 1 September 1910, (d/o **Stephen DeCatur Burton & Mary C. Davis Goodbar**). Lemuel R. & Sarah E. (Burton) McClain are both buried in the Burton Cemetery, located in White Plains, Putnam Co., TN. Lucien Clark & his wife Mary (McClain) Clark are both buried in Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

(1900 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 496 – Family: 506 – **Lemuel R. McClaine** is head of household, 55 yrs. old, b. December 1844, AR, Occupation: Physician md 32 yrs. to **Emma S.**, 50 yrs. old, b. February 1850, 7 children born, 6 children living. Children: Alice, 18 yrs. old, b. March 1882, TN; Charlie B., 15 yrs. old, b. June 1884, TN & Robert A. McClaine, 13 yrs. old, b. September 1886, TN. Also living in the household: **Lucian Clark**, son-in-law, 26 yrs. old, b. January 1874, TN, Occupation: Lumberman, md 2 yrs. to **Mary (McClaine) Clark**, dau., 25 yrs. old, b. August 1874, TN 1 child born, 1 child living. Child: Gladys Clark, 4/12 yrs. old, b. February 1900, TN).

(1910 census 4<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Fentress, TN: Dwl: 113 – **Lucien Clark** is head of household, 34 yrs. old, TN md 11 yrs to **Mary**, 33 yrs. old, TN, 4 children born, 4 children living. Children: Gladys, 10 yrs. old, TN; Christine, 8 yrs. old, TN; Marie, 6 yrs. old, GA & Millard Clark, 2 yrs. old, GA. Also living in the household: Bill Stone, servant, 30 yrs. old, TN black & wife, 30 yrs. old., TN, black md 1 yr.)

(1920 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Woodland St., Davidson Co., Nashville, TN: Dwl: 814-196-258 – **Lucien Clark** is head of household, 45 yrs. old, TN md to **Mary B.**, 45 yrs. old, TN. Children: Gladys, 19 yrs. old, TN; Christine, 18 yrs. old, TN; Marie, 15 yrs. old, GA & Millard Clark, 12 yrs. old, GA Also living in the household: Rufus Stanton, servant, 35 yrs. old, black, widow, TN).

### **Abraham Poteet (A.P.) McClain Obt.**

**COOKEVILLE** -- Funeral services for **Abraham Poteet (A.P.) McClain**, 85, of Cookeville will be held Tuesday, July 27 at 11 a.m., from the Cookeville Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Interment, with military honors will follow in Cookeville City Cemetery.

His family will receive friends today, Monday, July 26, from 4-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 9 a.m. until service time at the funeral home.

Mr. McClain died Sunday morning July 25, 2010, in Master's Health Care Center.

He was born at Bill's Branch in Overton County on Sept. 16, 1924, to the late **Robert Andrew and Ova Ellen Welch McClain**.

He was named for his mother's brother Rev. Abraham Poteet (A.P.) Welch a Nazarene preacher of Monterey, Tennessee.

**His paternal grandparents were the late Dr. Lemuel Rux McClain and Sarah Emily Burton McClain. His maternal grandparents were the late John Wesley Welch and Julia Ann Ford Welch.**

Both sides of his family served their country in the military. His **great-grandfather, William Alexander McClain**, was a lawyer by occupation and served as an officer in Co. C Mounted Regiment in the Arkansas Infantry during the Mexican War, receiving numerous awards for courage and bravery. He also was Adjutant General on the staff of General Rains of Missouri during the Civil War on the Confederate side. His maternal great-grandfather was Captain Abraham Ford, a prominent pioneer citizen, Confederate soldier and Baptist minister of Putnam County. His other maternal great-grandfather was Stephen Decatur Burton, a prominent merchant of White Plains. He is also a descendant of Lt. William Pennington Quarles, a Revolutionary War soldier who came from Bedford County, Virginia to White Plains in 1809.

**He is also a descendant of William McClain**, a lawyer by occupation who lived on Hickman Creek in Smith County and served in the House and Senate in the Tennessee General Assembly.

Mr. McClain entered the Army on April 21, 1943, at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., and was placed in a Field Artillery Unit. He took his training at Camp Bowie, and Camp Hood, Texas. His military specialty was a Gun Crewman, Light Artillery 844, and he received his military qualifications as a Carbine Sharpshooter Nov. 3, 1943. He was sent overseas to England in June, 1944, and went into France on Aug. 25 1944. He served with General Patton's Third Army. He was placed in the Infantry on Dec. 29, 1944, and earned a Combat Infantry Badge and was wounded Jan. 13, 1945, in Luxembourg, after which he was hospitalized

for four weeks, and his family received notice of his wounds from the International Red Cross.

Returning to duty Feb. 11, 1945, he was again wounded in the shoulder and arm on Feb. 19, 1945. He was sent to the 93rd US General Hospital in England for two months, then sent back to the United States to Starke General Hospital in North Carolina, then sent on to Battey General Hospital in Rome, Ga., and then to Welch Convalescent Hospital in Daytona Beach, Fla., until Sept. 18, 1945, at which time he received an Honorable Discharge from the 328th Infantry of the United States Army.

He served in Normandy and the Northern France Campaigns, Rhineland and Ardennes Campaigns and received European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal, and Good Conduct Medal.

Mr. McClain received a Purple Heart for wounds received in action from Headquarters, 93rd US General Hospital in England by order of Colonel Merikangas on March 14, 1945.

After many years, Mr. McClain Accepted the Bronze Star Medal from Tennessee Tech President Angelo Volpe on Nov. 18, 1989, during a Veterans' Recognition Day ceremony at the university for which he earned the award for "exemplary conduct in ground combat." This was a proud day for him to finally receive the Bronze Star Medal.

Mr. McClain graduated from Tennessee Polytechnic Institute in vocational training in the field of Refrigeration and Air Conditioning on August 22, 1949.

He learned the grocery business from his father as a young man and owned and worked at Midway Restaurant, worked at Southern Manufacturing Company, Todd's Food Market, A&P Market, Tech Food Market, and Spring Street Supermarket during his working years.

He was a member of many veterans organizations including Veteran's of Foreign Wars, the American Legion and the Disabled American Veterans, of which he worked hard to help support and build better lives for disabled veterans.

Mr. McClain was a member of Praise Restoration Center in Sparta.

He Mary Alice Brown Hyder in Catoosa County, (Ringgold) Ga. on June 15, 1947. She died on Sunday, Nov. 8, 1998, in Nashville.

They were the parents of seven children as follows: The late Loyd Hyder, Linda and husband Eddie Thompson, Pat and husband Arvis Lee all of Cookeville, Debbie and husband Steve London of Smithville, Wayne and wife, Levita McClain, Cathy McClain, John and wife, Brittany McClain and daughters-in-law, Mrs. Evelyn Hyder and Gloria Judd McClain all of Cookeville.

His grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Matt McClain, Misty McClain, Lindsey McClain, Chelsea and husband Justin Beria, of Cookeville, Jeff and wife Dana London of Smithville, Kim and husband Jerry Dale Abston of Cookeville, Danny and wife Cyndi Lee, Mike and wife Sherrie Lee, Darrell Lee all of Cookeville, Jim Hyder of Murfreesboro, and Suzie Hyder of Mt. Juliet; great-grandchildren, Evan and Landon Beria, Caleb and Courtney London, Morgan Abston, Danielle and Matt Lee, Brandon and Katie Lee, Aaron and Cody Hyder, Brittany and husband Dustin Turner.

Mr. McClain is also survived by three sisters, Ethel Mahler of Murfreesboro; Clara Clemons of Nashville and Gertrude Wood of Mt. Juliet; a brother-in-law, Don Sumners of Nashville; and a sister-in-law, Carolyn McClain of Nashville.

Mr. McClain was one of 11 children and the following siblings preceded him in death: John Robert McClain, Willie Elizabeth McClain, Lula Grace McClain, Lemuel Rux McClain, Sarah Frances McClain Sumners, Robert Andrew McClain, Jr. and Julia McClain Stephenson.

Pallbearers will be Jeff London, Matt McClain, Jerry Dale Abston, Mike Lee, Danny Lee, Kelly Mahler

and Lemuel McClain.

Honorary pallbearers will be veterans.

Rev. J.C. Allen and Dr. Sam Wood will officiate at the services.

Memorial donations may be made to Praise Restoration Center, 3380 Walnut Grove Rd., Sparta, TN 38583 and to the local Alzheimer's Association, PO Box 10088, Knoxville, TN 37939.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 26 July 2010

**Lemuel Rux McClain Obt.**

b. 25 September 1921 – d. 15 September 2009, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 12<sup>th</sup> of February 1947 to **Opal (Steakley) McClain**, b. 26 August 1917, Putnam Co., TN – d. 28 December 2006, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **Benjamin Franklin Steakley** (1892-1967) & **Mary Etta Thompson** (1890-1975). Lemuel Rux “L. R. “ McClain, s/o **Robert Andrew McClain**, b. 18 September 1887 – d. 6 October 1979 & **Ova Welch**, b. 10 February 1894 – d. 1 January 1971 both buried in the Welch Memorial Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

\*See Opal (Steakley) McClain Obt. buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery.

\*See Benjamin Franklin Steakley buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery.

\*See Abraham Poteet (A.P.) McClain Obt. buried in Cookeville City Cemetery, TN

**COOKEVILLE** -- Funeral services for **Lemuel Rux (L.R.) McClain**, 87, of Cookeville, will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 19, from the Cookeville Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Interment, with military honors, will follow in Odd Fellows Cemetery. Mr. McClain died Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2009, in Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

**He was born Sept. 25, 1921, to Robert Andrew and Ova Ellen Welch McClain. His paternal grandparents were the late Dr. Lemuel R. McClain, for whom he was named for, and Sarah Emily Burton McClain. His maternal grandparents were the late John Wesley and Julia Ann Ford Welch.** Both sides of his family served their country in the military. His great-grandfather, William Alexander McClain, was a lawyer by occupation and served as an officer in Co. C Mounted Regiment in the Arkansas Infantry during the Mexican War, receiving numerous awards for courage and bravery. He also was Adjutant General on the staff of General Rains of Missouri during the Civil War on the Confederate side. His maternal great-grandfather was Captain Abraham Ford, a prominent pioneer citizen, Confederate soldier and Baptist minister of Putnam County. Another ancestor was Stephen Decatur Burton, a prominent merchant of White Plains. **He is also a descendant of Lt. William P. Quarles, a Revolutionary War soldier who came from Bedford County, Va., to White Plains in 1809.**

Mr. McClain entered the Army on Oct. 1, 1940, and trained at Camp Forrest in Tennessee and Camp Roberts and Camp Stoneman in California before serving in the Southwest Pacific Theatre of Operations. Some of the engagements he served in were battles in New Guinea, Luzon and the Southern Philippines. He returned to the United States on Aug. 17, 1945, and was discharged, after World War II ended, at Camp Chaffee, Ark., on Aug. 24, 1945, as a corporal. He received many awards during his four years, 10 months and 24 days of military service while serving in Battery C of the 181 Field Artillery Battalion. He was in many heated battles and although he told family he thought his time was up many times, he was never wounded during the war. He told many stories of being in foxholes while serving his country.

Awards earned during his military service were the American Defense Service Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Philippines Liberation Ribbon, one Bronze Star GO 23 USAFFE, 45 AP Service Ribbon and three Bronze Service Stars. He learned to be a merchant from his father and a butcher, and retired from the United States Post Office as a letter carrier in Cookeville. He was a member of the local veterans for many years. He was a member of the Nazarene faith, as were his parents. He graduated from Central High School and attended Trevecca in Nashville. His family includes a son and daughter-in-law, Lemuel R. III and Charlene McClain and their son Rux McClain of Cookeville; a daughter and son-in-law, Brenda Fay and

Charles Stalls and their daughter and son-in-law, Tracey Stalls and James Ray (Buddy) Jacobs and great-granddaughter, Amanda Rae Jacobs of Chesapeake, Va.; a brother, Abraham Poteet McClain of Cookeville; three sisters Ethel McClain Mahler of Murfreesboro, Clara McClain Clemons and Mary Gertrude McClain Wood of Nashville; a brother-in-law, Don Summers of Nashville, and a sister-in-law, Carolyn McClain of Nashville, both of whom are very special to this family; three special sisters-in-law, Geraldine Steakley Billingsley and Ruth Keith Steakley, both of Cookeville, and Eva Jane Steakley of Virginia; and many nieces and nephews living in many states who were all very special to him.

**In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Opal Steakley McClain,** and siblings Robert Andrew McClain Jr., Sarah Frances McClain Summers, Julia McClain Stephenson, John Robert McClain, Willie Elizabeth McClain and Lula Grace McClain. Pallbearers will be family and friends. Honorary pallbearers will be veterans. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of your choice. Rev. Sam Wood will officiate at the services. Please share your thoughts and memories at [www.hhhfunerals.com](http://www.hhhfunerals.com).

Friday, Sep 18, 2009: Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN

### **ODD FELLOWS LODGE TO HONOR DR. L. R. M'CLAIN IN ANNIVERSARY SERVICE:**

On Sunday night, December 29<sup>th</sup> at the Presbyterian Church, Mount View Lodge, No. 179, Independent Order of Odd Fellows of this city, will hold a very interesting and unique anniversary service, in that it will fittingly celebrate two different but important anniversaries in the same service.

The purpose of this approaching service is to fittingly commemorate both the 62<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the organization of Mount View Lodge and the 91<sup>st</sup> birthday of the lodge's veteran Secretary, Dr. L. R. McClain.

Mount View Lodge was instituted on the night of December 19, 1873, in the upper story of the old brick Washington Academy building in this city and on the night on which the lodge was instituted, Dr. McClain received the Subordinate lodge ..... article continues.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 19 December 1935.

### **DR. L. R. McCLAIN'S 91<sup>st</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION BY A PUBLIC MEETING**

The oldest Odd Fellow in Tennessee – both in point of age and length of membership in the order; the oldest subordinate lodge secretary of any lodge of any secret fraternal order in the world, both as to age and years of service; the oldest physician in Tennessee; one of three Tennessee Masons each of whom is past ninety years of age; the oldest citizen of Cookeville; an Odd Fellow for 62 years, a Mason for almost 68 years – these are some of the distinctions enjoyed by Dr. Lemuel R. McClain, whose ninety-first birthday was celebrated by a largely attended public meeting Sunday night at the Presbyterian Church in Cookeville. Notwithstanding the bitter cold, and ice and snow, neighbors and friends of Dr. McClain, who had known him all of their lives, and Odd Fellows and masons, who had been associated with him in fraternal and humane work, braved the disagreeable weather to unite in paying tribute to one of Cookeville's best known and most highly respected citizens.

Judge Ernest H. Boyd, First Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows of Tennessee, presided over the meeting and served as Master of Ceremonies. Addresses were made by Judge O. K. Holladay, Mayor Ezra Davis, Prof. J. M. Hatfield, H. V. Carr and J. F. Hudgens. Worshipful Master of the Cookeville Masonic Lodge – each of whom paid splendid tributes to Dr. McClain. Numerous other citizens arose in the audience and added their felling endorsement of all that had been said in tribute of the aged physician and lodgeman.

This service was a celebration of both Dr. McClain's ninety-first birthday and the sixty-second anniversary of the organization of Mount View Lodge No. 179, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Cookeville, of which lodge Dr. McClain had been the faithful and efficient Secretary of half a century.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 2 January 1936.

**ROBERT M'CLAIN OPENS GROCERY STORE HERE:**

Robert A. McClain, recently manager of the Campaign Wholesale Supply Company, at Campaign, and a man with 25 years' experience in the grocery business has opened a store in the B. Fox building on the corner of First and Cedar streets.

Mr. McClain is a former resident of Cookeville, being a son of Dr. L. R. McClain, prominent Lodgefellow, and is well know here.

The new grocery will carry the best line of goods obtainable, Mr. McClain states, and a meat counter is also to be added in which will be kept fresh meats of all kinds. His prices, too, will be lower than usual, a Herald today giving examples of what will be carried at all times.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 3 September 1931

**BODY OF WELL KNOWN COOKEVILLE BOY BROUGHT FROM FRANCE:**

The following article is out of the Glasgow Democrat, Glasgow, MT, and will be of interest to a number of Cookeville people, Mr. McClain being the grandson of Dr. L. R. McClain, of this city.

The funeral of Soldier Lem T. McClain was held Monday afternoon from Person chapel and interment was in Oakland cemetery. The American Legion had charge of the services and members of the local post acted as pallbearers. The burial services at the grave were read by Rev. Robt. H. Allen and Adj. A. B. Friedlund. Pallbearers were Sig Mattson Norman Stensland, Arthur Patton, Wilbur Crawford, Fred K. Amundson and Wm. Ahie. Chas. DeWitt was standard bearer and Wendell Cutting was color guard. Tapps was sounded by Clarence L. Runyon.

The body of the young soldier which was received from the government Sunday at Glasgow, was the first one to be received of those Valley county boys who gave up their lives on European soil.

Lem T. McClain died October 10, 1918, in France from an attack of the influenza. He was born in 1895 and was 23 years old at the time of his death. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William McClain, prominent farmers living on the Missouri river south of here. He left two brothers and two sisters, besides his parents.

At his death Lem asked that his body be brought home and in keeping with his request he now rests in the land for which he gave his life.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: 9 December 1920.

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