

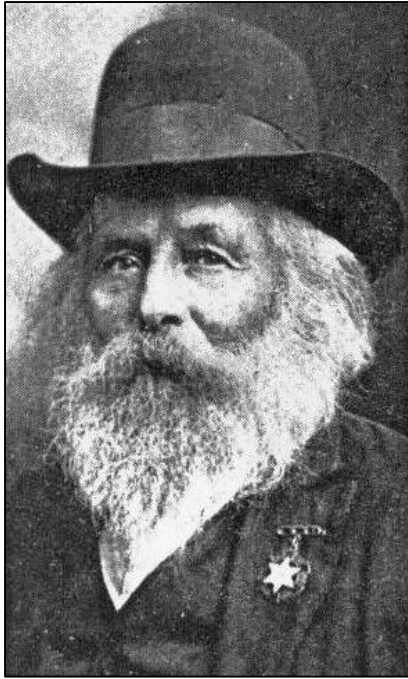
**LEMUEL RUCKS McCLAIN, M. D.**

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.

**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 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:

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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. She 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]

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