

## REFLECTING ON BUFFALO VALLEY SCHOOL

By J. B. Leftwich

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You watched reflectively last week as a new historical marker proclaiming the Buffalo Valley school building, where you learned long division and direct objects, a historic place.



Memories flooded your consciousness, as you conjured images of schoolmates, most of them long departed, who during the Great Depression when the building came into existence were vital in developing your early persona.

You looked with deep appreciation at **Char Wanser** and **Barbara Markel**, residents who migrated to the community decades after your childhood there, and at **Carolyn Shanks Huddleston**, whose ancestors may have migrated there two centuries ago.

These three, along with their husbands and a battalion of others, spearheaded successful efforts that converted the

old school building into a model for community centers.

You saw the building come into existence in 1928-29, and your father, a farmer and a carpenter, had a role in its construction. You transferred from one-room Rock Springs School to Buffalo Valley's three-teacher school because your parents thought you would receive more individual attention.

It was there that **Nelle Sanders Beasley** drilled elements of grammar into your resistant brain, that **Dallas Leftwich**, your uncle and a principal, insisted you excel in arithmetic, and that **T. J. (Doc) Ford** gave you glimpses of the person you could become.

This building with its four large classrooms and auditorium also doubled as a community center during those days, but electricity, central heat and cooling, and indoor plumbing were to come years later.

In those depression years of unpaved roads and few motor vehicles, Buffalo Valley was to a major extent an isolated community. Radio sets were rare, most of your friends had never seen a "talking" movie, and horse-drawn vehicles provided family transportation.

You knew a family in Buffalo Valley who had a radio, and you and others stood under a shade tree in the yard to listen to a World Series game between St. Louis and Detroit featuring opposing stars Dizzy Dean and Tommy Bridges in a pitching duel.

You experienced your first case of "puppy love" during your eighth grade year at the school when you thought a pretty little seventh grader named **Frances Maddux** was the cutest brunette in the world. **Ann Jared** was generally acknowledged as the school's prettiest blonde.

As you watched the marker's unveiling and listened to the remarks by speakers, your mind turned to these two pretty girls who experienced tragic deaths early in life.

Your mind drifted as you viewed the old building, intentionally elevated to prevent flooding, with its generous "crawl space" high enough for us boys to engage in a prohibited activity.

It was under the floor that boys played marbles – for keeps – which was a form of gambling and against the rules. You played for keeps but kept few of the marbles. **Howard Kerr**, using a steel ball bearing as a taw, was a deadly shot and won a stocking full of marbles.

You remember being “behind” the other pupils in your class and how Miss Nelle helped you catch up. You improved so much you finished third from the top in your eighth grade class. You also finished third from the bottom – there were only five members of the class.

**Jesse Evans** was valedictorian, and **Myrna Ruth Bartlett** was salutatorian. She was your cousin, just as were many others, including **Frances Maddux**, your first love.

Indeed, it was not unusual for a fourth cousin to marry a fourth cousin. **Cornelia Bartlett**, another beautiful brunette, was your cousin.

“You once told me that you were in love with me,” she said generations later. Her memory was probably accurate. At the time, it seemed quite romantic to make such declarations. Clark Gable did it all the time.

Standing among a happy crowd of on-lookers, your emotions were mixed. You remembered **John T. Jared**, your schoolmate and neighbor, who died earlier this century.

Your memory turned to **Brownie Carr, Gus Medley, James Gambrell, Frye Maxwell, Robert Askew, Nelson Maddux, Joel Kerr, Ruby Neal, Buddy Alcorn, Kathleen Burch, Arthur Christian**, et al.

And you wondered where the outdoor basketball court, now overgrown with vegetation, was located. Our team played one game indoors, in Baxter.

You remember the ingredients of separation that scattered your schoolmates – World War II, migration to industrial centers in search of employment, finding the paths to higher education, wanderlust, and on and on.

The program ended and your reverie ended. Your mind focused on a pleasant anticipation – a great meal for all guests in the school building turned community center.

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### **FAMILY INFORMATION:**

#### **Mary Cornelia (Bartlett) Alcorn Obt.**



**SHELBYVILLE** -- Funeral services for **Cornelia Bartlett Alcorn**, 88, of Shelbyville, will be held Thursday, Oct. 9, at 2 p.m. at Hillcrest Funeral Home.

**Burial will be in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.**

Family will receive friends today, Wednesday, Oct. 8, from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Alcorn died Monday, Oct. 6, 2008, at her residence.

(Pictured: Senior picture of Cornelia (Bartlett) Alcorn, 1940 Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co. TN).

**She was born to the late Henry Lansdon and Maudie Jones Bartlett.**

Mrs. Alcorn was a native of Buffalo Valley in Putnam County. She was a homemaker and a member of Raus Church of Christ.

Her family includes four sons, Dr. Will and Dr. Steven Alcorn and Joe Allen Alcorn Jr., all of Shelbyville, and Lanny B. Alcorn of Gainesville, Fla.; two daughters, Karen Sims Thomas of Athens, Ala., and Sandra Alcorn-Curlee of Shelbyville; a sister, Libby Wallace of Nashville; 13 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, **Mrs. Alcorn was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Allen Alcorn Sr.**

R.D. Parnell will officiate the services.

Hillcrest Funeral Home (931-684-2265) is in charge of arrangements.

Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN: Wednesday, Oct 08, 2008

**Nelle Viola (Sanders) Beasley Obt.**

b. 4 March 1908, TN – d. 18 October 1975, Menomonee Falls, WI, d/o **Wortham “Wirt” Soloman Sanders & Caroline Elizabeth “Carrie” Betty” Huddleston**. Nelle was married to **Jesse McDonald Beasley** – divorced. Nelle Viola (Sanders) Beasley is buried in Rock Springs Cemetery. ‘The Strife is O’er the Battle Done’

Services for Mrs. Nelle Sanders Beasley, formerly of Chestnut Mound, were held Tuesday afternoon from the Rock Springs Methodist Church near Buffalo Valley. Rev. Roy Cross officiated.



Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Beasley died October 18, 1975 at a Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin hospital.

She was a daughter of the late Wert S. Sanders and Carrie B. Huddleston Sanders.

Survivors are a son, James S. Beasley, Menomonee Falls, WI; 3 grandchildren.

J. L. Bass Funeral Home, Carthage, TN was in charge of arrangements.

Carthage Courier, Smith Co., TN: 23 October 1975

**Kathleen (Burch) Craun**

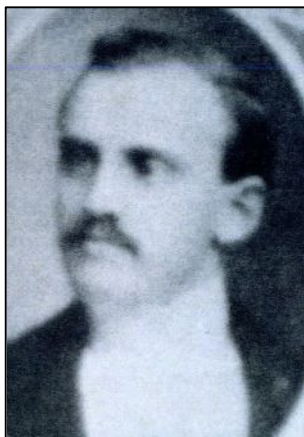
b. ca. 1917- d. in Florida, md **Bill Craun**. Kathleen (Burch) Craun, d/o **Grover Cleveland “Cleve” Burch** (1884-1946) & **Georgia Kerr Boyd** (1894-1945), both buried in the Cookeville City Cemetery, TN.



Kathleen Burch Craun

**Thomas Jefferson Ford**

b. 22 Jul 1876, TN  
d. 3 Nov 1928  
James Clinton Ford  
TN  
Nancy Katherine Turney  
TN -----  
----- Putnam  
#29930



**DR. THOMAS JEFFERSON FORD**

b. 22 July 1876, TN – d. 3 November 1928. DC #29930, 20<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. Cause of Death: Cerebral hemorrhage, died at 10:00 a.m. Occupation: Physician, General practice. Attended by: Roscoe Henry, M. D., Baxter, TN. Name of father: James Clinton Ford. Name of mother: Nancy Katherine Turney. Informant: Thomas J. Ford Jr., Baxter, TN.

**Amanda Howell Ford**

TN  
(F-W-M) b. 13 Sep 1882  
d. 13 Nov 1925  
Vance Howell  
TN  
Fannie Clark  
TN -----  
----- Putnam  
#403

(Amanda (Howell) Ford, b. 13 September 1882, TN - d. 13 November 1925, w/o Dr. T. J. Ford, Baxter, TN, buried in the Allison Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN located between Boxtown on Boat Dock Rd. and Burgess Falls Road. Once called Clark/Allison, now just Allison Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 30, Putnam County Tennessee Cemeteries by Maurine Ensor Patton).

(DC #403, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. Cause of Death: Cancer in the bowels (she was my wife and had been sick about 1 year). She died at 2:30 a.m. Attended by: Thomas Jefferson Ford, M. D., Baxter, TN. Name of father: Vance Howell. Name of mother: Fannie Clark. Informant: Thomas Jefferson Ford, M. D., Baxter, TN.

Census Place: 1880 E.D. 257, District 13, Wilson Co., TN

Source: FHL Film 1255286 National Archives Film T9-1286 Page 468A

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
<b>J.C. FORD</b>	Self	M	M	W	40	TN
Occ:	Farmer	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
<b>Catharine FORD</b>	Wife	F	M	W	38	TN
Occ:	Keeps House	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
<b>M.J. FORD</b>	Dau	F	S	W	10	TN
Occ:	At Home	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
<b>J.C. FORD</b>	Son	M	S	W	8	TN
Occ:	At Home	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
<b>J.L. FORD</b>	Son	M	S	W	6	TN
Occ:	At Home	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
<b>T.J. FORD</b>	Son	M	S	W	4	TN
		Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
<b>W.D. FORD</b>	Son	M	S	W	2	TN
		Fa: TN	Mo: TN			

(1910 census 13<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 110 - T. J. Ford is head of household, 33 yrs. old, TN, widow, occupation: physician, parents both born in TN. Children: Kathaleen, 5 yrs. old; Rachel A., 3 yrs. old & Ethel M. Ford, 1 ½ yrs. old. All born in TN. Also living in the household: Myran Summons, niece, 11 yrs. old, IL (father born in IL, mother born in AR). Census enumerated on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 1910 by Sidney E. Anderson).

(1920 census 20<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Baxter, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 5 - **Thomas J. Ford** is head of household, 44 yrs. old, TN, occupation: medical doctor, md to **Amanda A.**, 37 yrs. old, TN. Living in the household: Kathleen, 14 yrs. old, dau.; Rachel A., 12 yrs. old, dau. & T. J. Ford Jr., 8 yrs. old. All born in TN. Also living in the household: Myrna L. Simons, 11 yrs. old, IL, niece).

**James Gambrell**



Pictured: James Gambrell, Baxter Seminary Baxter, TN, Senior, Class of 1937

**John Talmadge “Tam” Jared Obt.**

b. 15 January 1917, Lancaster, TN – d. 13 April 2004, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md **Kyleen (Sullivan) Jared**, b. 15 November 1926, TN – d. 22 September 1986, both buried in Cookeville City Cemetery.

\*See Kyleen (Sullivan) Jared Obt.

**COOKEVILLE --** Funeral services for John Talmadge Jared, 87, of Buffalo Valley, will be held Thursday, April 15, at 10 a.m. in the chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Cookeville City Cemetery.



(Pictured: John Talmadge “Tam” Jared, Baxter Seminary, Baxter, TN, Senior, Class of 1937).

The family will receive friends at the funeral home today, April 14, from 5-8 p.m.

Mr. Jared died Tuesday, April 13, 2004, at the NHC in Cookeville.

Born Jan. 15, 1917, in Lancaster, he was the son of the late Walter Allen and Alta Wyatt Jared.

Mr. Jared was a retired farmer and a member of the Buffalo Valley Presbyterian Church.

His family includes two sons and daughters-in-law, John T. and Cynthia Jared of Buffalo Valley and Mark and Linda Jared of Cookeville; one daughter and son-in-law, Vicky and Gene Schmid of Cookeville; a brother and sister-in-law, Walter and Betty Jared of Murfreesboro; six grandchildren, Ann Marie Vinson, John Jared III, Deanna, Jill, Caitlan and Kylie Jared and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Kyleen Jared; a brother, Luke Jared and a sister, Ann Jared King.

Pallbearers will be John Jared III and Jerry A., Matthew, Ralph and Bennett Jared and Greg Vinson.

Dr. Wesley Henry will officiate at the services.

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**Naomi Carolyn (Shanks) Huddleston**

b. 28 March 1931, Buffalo Valley, TN, md **Theodore "Ted" Huddleston**, b. 26 January 1930, TN, s/o **Walter Whitson Huddleston** (1902-1958) & **Irene Jones** (1906-1992). Naomi Carolyn (Shanks) Huddleston, d/o **Luther "Luke" Alexander Shanks** (1890-1980) & **Dona Florence Boyd** (1889-1977), both buried in Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN.

**Kyleen Marie (Sullivan) Jared Obt.**

b. 15 November 1926, TN – d. 22 September 1986, md **John Talmage Jared**, b. 15 January 1917, Lancaster, TN – d. 13 April 2004, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN.

\*See John Talmage Jared Obt.

(SS Death Index: Name: **KYLEEN JARED** Birth: 15 Nov 1926- Death: Sep 1986- Last Residence: (Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN) -Last Benefit: (none specified) – SSN: 411-34-6655, TN)



**Frances Elizabeth (Maddux) Johnson**

b. 20 September 1920 - d. 21 May 1942, Cookeville, TN, md **John T. Johnson**. She was the d/o **Clarence Josiah Maddux** (1896-1977) & **Mollie Smith** (1898-1988). Clarence was the s/o **James Nelson Maddux** (1853-1900) & **Eudora Jared** (1852-1925). John T. Johnson md 2<sup>nd</sup> **Mary Jo Law**.

(Pictured: Frances Elizabeth Maddux Johnson, Baxter Seminary 1938 Senior, Putnam Co., TN)

**Clarence Josiah Maddux Obt.**

**COOKEVILLE** – Funeral services for Clarence J. Maddux, 81, were conducted at the chapel of Hooper-Huddleston Funeral Home Sunday April 3 at 2:00 with the Rev. Wesley L. Henry officiating. Burial was in the Maddux Cemetery.

Mr. Maddux was a native of Putnam County, the son of the late Jim N. and Dora Jared Maddux.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mollie Smith Maddux of Oak Ridge; 3 sons, C. J. Maddux, Jr., and William A. Maddux, Oak Ridge, James S. Maddux, Detroit, MI, a son-in-law, John T. Johnson of Baxter; 3 brothers, Bob Lee Maddux, Cookeville, Snowden Maddux, Water Valley, MS, Sam Maddux, Lawton, OK; 6 grandchildren; a daughter, Mrs. Frances Maddux Johnson preceded him in death.

**Frances Elizabeth (Maddux) Johnson Obt.**

b. 20 September 1920 - d. 21 May 1942, Cookeville, TN, md **John T. Johnson**. Frances was the d/o **Clarence Josiah Maddux** (1896-1977) & **Molly Smith** (1898-1988).



Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon for Mrs. J. T. Johnson who died at the Cookeville City hospital Friday afternoon after a short illness. The services were held at the Baxter Church of Christ of which she was a member with Elder J. B. Gaither in charge assisted by W. C. Cooke, minister of the Cookeville Church of Christ. Burial was in the Maddux Cemetery near Buffalo Valley.

(Pictured: John T. & his wife Frances (Maddux) Johnson).

Besides her husband she is survived by her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Maddux and 3 brothers.

Herald, Cookeville, TN: 28 May 1942

**BAXTER** – Jim Maddux and sons of Nashville, Snowden Maddux of Memphis, Mr. and Mr. Jared Maddux of Elizabethton, and Noel Maddux attended the funeral of their relative Mrs. J. T. Johnson Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Johnson of Johnson City, Hubert Johnson of Ft. Benning, GA, and Mrs. Jim Cullen of Smyrna were called home last weeks on account of the death of their sister-in-law, Mrs. J. T. Johnson.

**Howard Farmer Kerr Obt.**

b. 13 October 1919, Davidson Co., TN – d. 18 November 2003, Cookeville, TN, md **Mattie (Lemmons) Kerr**, d/o **Willie Benton & Daisy Walker**. Howard Kerr, s/o **Clarence F. Kerr & Louann Young**. Clarence F. Kerr, s/o **Robert Lee Kerr** (1866-1940) & **Philena Farmer** (1872-1944), both buried in the Farmer Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN located East of Buffalo Valley Post Office and the Presbyterian Church alongside the railroad tracks. Robert Lee Kerr, s/o **James R. Kerr/Carr & Carolyn Allen**. Philena (Farmer) Kerr, d/o **Dr. William M. Farmer & Maranda A. Smellage**. Howard Kerr had a brother named **Robert Joel Kerr**.

**COOKEVILLE** -- Funeral services for Howard Farmer Kerr, 84, of Cookeville will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 21, from the Cookeville Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Burial will be in Cookeville City Cemetery with military honors.

The family will receive friends from 5-8 p.m. today, Thursday, Nov. 20, and from 10 a.m. until time of services on Friday at the funeral home.

Mr. Kerr died on Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2003, at Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

He was born on Oct. 13, 1919, in Davidson County to the late Clarence and Louan Young Kerr.

He was a retired service technician. Mr. Kerr worked with Powers TV for more than 23 years and with The Appliance Mart for more than 10 years. He was a member of Cookeville First Baptist Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. Mr. Kerr was an avid golfer.

His family includes his wife of more than 59 years, Mattie Lemmons Kerr, whom he married on April 20, 1944, in Rossville, Ga.; a nephew, Bobby Kerr of New Orleans, La.; and two nieces, Shirley Jo Black of Hixon and Patsy Fulton of Nashville.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Joel Kerr.

Pallbearers will be Dennis Matheney, Wayne Nichols, Mark Lemmons, Rodger Hyder, Keith Alred, Hubert Allison, Jerry Joyner and Mike Powers.

Dr. Randall Adkisson and Rev. Charles Hutchinson will officiate at the services.

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**Ann Wilson (Jared) King**

b. 31 May 1920 – d. 2 January 1955, md **Thomas H. King**. She was the d/o **Walter Allen Jared** – b. 3 November 1886, TN – d. 2 January 1955, TN, md 23 March 1913 to **“Altie” Alta or Althea Wyatt**, b. 23 March 1886 – d. 18 April 1977, Smith Co., TN. Walter was a farmer and stockraiser of Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN. Ann Wilson (Jared) King is buried in Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

**Walter Allen Jared - Mrs. Ann Wilson King & Deborah Jo Jared Obts.**

Triple Funeral Services Held For Members of Jared Family Killed in Traffic Collision.

Triple funeral services for Walter A. Jared, 68, Putnam County's magistrate, his daughter, Mrs. Ann Wilson King, 34, and granddaughter, Deborah Jo Jared, 7, were held Monday afternoon at the Buffalo Valley Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Jared who had served for several years as Justice of the Peace from the 11th Dist., died Sunday in Roane County Hospital, Harriman, from injuries received in a highway collision near Oak Ridge Saturday morning. Deborah Jo Jared, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wirt Jared of Oak Ridge, was killed instantly in the same wreck and Mrs. King died shortly after being taken to the Harriman Hospital.

Critically injured in the wreck were Mrs. Alta W. Jared, 65, his wife, who is at Memorial Hospital, Chattanooga, and Michael Jared, 20 months, brother of Deborah Jo, who is in Oak Ridge Hospital. Marcia Jared, 3, another child of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Jared, was injured and is also at Oak Ridge Hospital. The children were reported in fair condition Tuesday, but Mrs. Jared's condition remained critical.

The accident was reported to have occurred at 10:15 a.m. on a road leading from Highway 70 to Oak Ridge when their car collided with a vehicle driven by Roy Parker of Kingston, on a rain-slick road. Parker was not seriously injured.

The Jared family were on their way to Oak Ridge taking the children to visit their mother who is in the hospital there. Mrs. King had come from Nashville to Buffalo Valley with her husband and 2 children, and had left them there while she accompanied her parents and the grandchildren on the trip to Oak Ridge.

The funeral services were conducted by Dr. Charles Sharpe and Rev. R. C. Arbaugh. Mrs. King was interred in the Cookeville Cemetery, and Mr. Jared and Deborah Jo in the Jared Cemetery at Buffalo Valley. (John and Ann Carr Jared Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN).

Besides his wife, Mr. Jared is survived by 2 other sons, Luke Allen Jared, Buffalo Valley and John T. Jared, Nashville; a brother, Wirt Jared of Buffalo Valley; 3 sisters, Mrs. Dave High, Cookeville, Mrs. Alta Lancaster, Lancaster, TN and Mrs. Goldie Nichols, Baxter; and 7 grandchildren.

Besides her parents, and brother and sister, Deborah Jo is survived by grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Farley of Carthage, and her grandmother, Mrs. W. A. Jared.

Mrs. King is survived by her husband, Thomas King, Nashville; 2 sons, Richard Holden and Stephen Jared King, and her 2 brothers.

Herald, Cookeville, TN: 6 January 1955, front page.

Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN: January 6, 1955, pg. 4



### **Dallas C. Leftwich**

b. 26 July 1904, TN – d. 6 April 1987, Putnam Co., TN. Dallas married on the 24<sup>th</sup> of December 1933 to **Minnie Lee (White) Leftwich** on the 24<sup>th</sup> of December 1933. She was b. 28 September 1912, Putnam Co., TN – d. 5 January 2003, Putnam Co., TN. Both buried in the Cookeville City Cemetery, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN. Dallas was the principal of Baxter Grammar School. Dallas C. Leftwich, s/o **George Madison Leftwich & Anna “Annie” Frances Haggard.**

\*See Minnie Lee (White) Leftwich Obt.

(1900 census 11th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 13 - **George Leftwich** is head of household, 39 yrs. old, b. January 1861, TN md 13 yrs. to **Ana**, 29 yrs. old, b. September 1870, TN, 6 children born, 6 children living. Children: Virginia E., 12 yrs. old, b. December 1887; Mary A., 10 yrs. old, b. December

1889; Lonis, 8 yrs. old, b. March 1892; Etter E., 5 yrs. old, b. September 1894; J. M., 3 yrs. old, b. February 1897 & Martha E. Leftwich, 9/12 yrs. old, b. August 1899. All born in TN).

1910 census, 11th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 3 Family: 3

**Leftwich, Annie F.** Head F W 39 widow (11 children born, 9 children living) Farmer TN TN TN  
(Annie F. Haggard Leftwich, w/o George Madison Leftwich).

Leftwich, Mary Dau F W 20 Single TN TN TN

Leftwich, Louis C. Son M W 18 Single Student TN TN TN (Lewis Cass Leftwich, b. 11 March 1892, TN d. 28 October 1961 md Lela Bates, b. 17 November 1898, TN - d. 7 August 1970, d/o Joseph Bartlett Bates & Maud Fitzpatrick).

Leftwich, Etta Dau F W 14 Single Student TN TN TN (Etter"Etta E. Leftwich, buried Smellage Cemetery)

Leftwich, Joe Son M W 13 Single Labor TN TN TN

Leftwich, Martha E. Dau. F W 9 Single TN TN TN (Martha Ellen Leftwich, buried Smellage Cemetery).

Leftwich, Sam Son M W 7 Single TN TN TN

**Leftwich, Dallas C.** Son M W 5 Single TN TN TN

1930 census, Baxter Town, Hwy #56, Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 102

**Leftwich, Annie F.** Head F W 59 widow Farmer General Farm TN TN TN

Leftwich, Etta Dau F W 35 Single TN TN TN

Leftwich, Sam Son 27 M W 20 Single Laborer Odd Jobs TN TN TN

**Leftwich, Dallas** Son M W 25 Single **Teacher Public School** TN TN TN

**Minnie Lee (White) Leftwich Obt.**

\*See Dallas C. Leftwich buried in Cookeville City Cemetery.

**COOKEVILLE** -- Funeral services for Minnie Lee Leftwich, 90, of Cookeville will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 8, from the chapel of Dyer Funeral Home. Burial will be in Cookeville City Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6-9 p.m. today, Tuesday, Jan. 7, and from 11 a.m. until time of services on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Leftwich died on Sunday, Jan. 5, 2003, at Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

She was born on Sept. 28, 1912, in Putnam County to the late Jason and Vint Watts White.

Mrs. Leftwich was a homemaker and a member of Stevens Street Baptist Church.

Her family includes two sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Geraldine Leftwich and Mickey and Vivian Leftwich, all of Cookeville; a brother, James Harvey White of Cookeville; six grandchildren, Stewart and Lanny Leftwich Jr., Lisa Jones, Vicki Morris, Melodie McDonald and Kimberly Lyles; and 15 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Dallas Leftwich; five brothers, Hubert, Dewey, Edsel, Odel and Henry White; and three sisters, Cora Mae Woodard, Sara T. Dillard and Ella B. Sullians.

Pallbearers will be family and friends.

Memorial donations may be made to Tennessee Baptist Children's Home.

Bro. Carl Scarlett will officiate at the services.

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(1920 census 12<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 103 – **Jason White** is head of household, 38 yrs. old, TN md to **Cora V.**, 32 yrs. old, TN. Children: Ella B., 11 yrs. old; Sarah T., 9 yrs. old; **Minnie L.**, 7 yrs. old; Hubert, 5 yrs. old; James H., 3 6/12 yrs. old & Dewey E. White, 3/12 yrs. old. All born in TN).

(1930 census 12<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 98 – **Jason White** is head of household, 49 yrs. old, TN (26 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) md to **Vint**, 43 yrs. old (17 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage). Children: Hurbert, 15 yrs. old; **Minnie Lee**, 17 yrs. old; James H., 13 yrs. old; Dewey E., 11 yrs. old; Henry J., 7 yrs. old; Odell, 4+ yrs. old; Edsel B., White, 1+ yrs. old. All born in TN).

### **J. B. Madison Leftwich**



b. 26 November 1919, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN, md **Jo Doris (Prichard) Leftwich**, b. 24 April 1921, Tuckers Gap community, near Lebanon, Wilson Co., TN, d/o **James Fenn Prichard** (1884-1969) & **Alta Mason Wright** (1889-1974). J. B. Madison Leftwich, s/o **Lewis Cass Leftwich** (1892-1961) & **Lela Belle Bates** (1889-1970), both buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. J. B. & Doris had four children: Lynda Joyce Leftwich md Glyn Edward Newton; James Lewis Leftwich md Carolgene Page; Barbara Jean Leftwich md James DeWayne Froula & Jack Howard Leftwich md Lisa Mae Williams.

(Pictured: J. B. Leftwich, Baxter Seminary, Baxter, TN, Senior, Class of 1937).

**J B** graduated from Cumberland University in 1941. While attending the university, he was editor of the student newspaper which won All-America honors.

In 1941 he began a 38-year career with Castle Heights Military Academy, worked at the same time as correspondent for the Nashville Tennessean. He was in charge of student publications at Castle Heights. The Cavalier, cadet newspaper, annually won All-American and Medalist Honors. Many of his students went on to professional newspaper and writing careers. He taught mathematics. His students were district winners and twice won state wide contests. He was also a professional photographer.

On the civic level, he served as president of the Lebanon Lions Club, the Jaycees and the Chamber of Commerce. He was for many years treasurer and trustee of the Wilson County Library Board and also served as chairman of the Lebanon Board of Zoning Appeals.

When the Macfadden Foundation, sponsor of Castle Heights, failed in 1974 he was one of three organizers of the Castle Heights Foundation which sponsored the school until 1986. He served on the Board of Trustees for most of the Foundation's life.

He has been a member of the Lebanon First United Methodist Church for about 50 years (2001) and has served in several official capacities. He and Jo Doris taught a Sunday School class for several years.

**Jo Doris** graduated in 1938 from Lebanon High School. She attended Cumberland University one year and during year met J B whom she married less than one year later. She got a job as the Wilson County farm agent's secretary and helped J B get his degree from Cumberland.

When the children started arriving in 1943, she devoted her full time to motherhood in which she taught her children discipline while attending to their every need.

When the youngest, Jack, was in kindergarten, she went to work as a science teacher in the old Lebanon Junior High School. She also resumed her education, graduating from MTSU in the summer of 1938 after earning honor marks college. She later returned to college and became a librarian at Sam Houston elementary school in Lebanon.

After Jack graduated from college, she retired as a teacher. She became a full time home-maker and a partner in the family investment business.

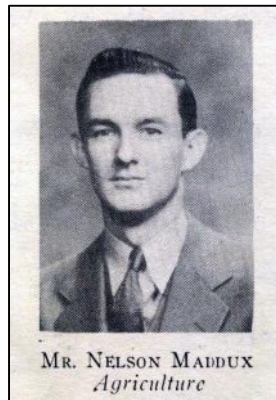
She is a Class A-1 bridge player and a world class cook.

She has been a member of the Lebanon First United Methodist Church for about 50 years (2001) and has served in several official capacities. She and J B taught a Sunday School class for several years.

**James Nelson Maddux**

b. 29 March 1918, Cookeville, TN – d. 19 December 2005, Athens, GA, md 11 June 1943, **Frances Geraldine Pharris** – b. 28 June 1920. James Nelson Maddux, s/o **Ernest Haywood Maddux** 1882-1969) & **Elmo Lewis Grimes Nichols** (1892-1978), both buried in the Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. James and Frances Maddux had (2) children: Richard Haywood Maddux & Hugh Nelson Maddux.

James was a Dairy Specialist at the Extension Program at the University of Georgia at Athens, GA. He also taught Agriculture at Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co. TN. He graduated from Baxter Seminary in 1936.



James Nelson Maddux  
1940 Baxter Seminary  
Faculty: Agriculture

**Barbara “Barb” (Campbell) Markel**

md **Vernon Markel**. Barbara Markel, d/o **Blance Campbell**. Barb is one of the founders of the Buffalo Valley Lending Library. She was on the board that got the Buffalo Valley school on the National Historic Register in 2006. She is very active at the Buffalo Valley Lending Library and Community Center in organizing the monthly activities.

**Myrna Ruth (Bartlett) Suggs**

b. ca. 1919, TN, md **Grady Suggs**. Myrna Ruth (Bartlett) Suggs, d/o **Byron Bartlett** (1875-1937) & **Cora Barnes**. Byron Bartlett is buried in the Young-Bartlett Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.



(Pictured: Myrna Ruth & Jack Bartlett, children of Byron Bartlett & Cora M. (Barnes) Bartlett. Photo courtesy of Frank Williams whose mother Artie Barnes was a sister of Cora M. (Barnes) Bartlett).

**Byron Bartlett Obt.**

b. 18 March 1875 , Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN – d. 13 September 1937, md **Cora Barnes** , d/o **Jesse Crockett Barnes**.

Services Held For **Byron Bartlett**, 62, after a 2 weeks’ illness of pneumonia and complications. He was the **son of the late Henry and Mrs. Illiad “Odd” Bartlett**.

About 25 years ago, he was married to Miss **Cora Barnes** who survives him. Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, Luke Byron "Jack" Bartlett, a daughter Miss Ruth Bartlett, 3 granddaughters; a brother, **Sam Bartlett** of Buffalo Valley; and 4 sisters, Annie, Ora, Hattie and Myrtle.

Funeral was conducted by the Rev. J. A. Harris, Sunday afternoon at the Church of Christ. Interment was made in the family cemetery at his old home with the Masonic Lodge in charge.

Herald, Cookeville, TN: 29 April 1937, pg. 8.

(1920 census 11<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 48 – **Byron Bartlett** is head of household, 44 yrs. old, TN, md to **Cora**, 32 yrs. old, TN. Children: Luke Byron, TN; & **Myrna R. Bartlett**, 1+ yrs. old, TN).

### **Ruby (Neal) Stravanic**

She was the d/o **Cass Avon Neal** (1881-1962) & **Avo Cooper** (1880-1967), both buried in the Algood Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. She married **Robert Stravanic** (sp). They had a daughter named Nancy who married Tad Shroeder of Rochester Hill, MI. Ruby Neal was the aunt of Jackie Ann Bartlett Calvetti.

### **Charlene Ann "Char" (Thomas) Wanser**

md **Albert Wanser**. She is the d/o **Charles Robert Thomas** & **Anna Hinds**. Char is one of the founders of the Buffalo Valley Lending Library. She was on the board that got the Buffalo Valley school on the National Historic Register in 2006. She is very active at the Buffalo Valley Lending Library and Community Center in organizing the monthly activities. Char was born in Mason City, IL.



(Pictured): Three former students were present at the unveiling of the historical marker. Pictured, from left, are Nancy Maddux Billingsley, J.B. Leftwich and C.J. Maddux. Herald-Citizen Photo/Ty Kernea

Nancy Margaret (Maddux) Billingsley, d/o Charles Leland Maddux & Ardith Maxwell. Ardith Reva (Maxwell) Maddux, d/o Robert Lonzo "Doll" Maxwell & Bertha Askew. Nancy Margaret md Hugh Billingsley Sr.

C. J. Maddux, s/o Clarence Josiah Maddux (1896-1977) & Molly Smith (1898-1988), both buried in the Maddux Cemetery, near Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN.



Left to Right: Carolyn (Shanks) Huddleston, Charlene Ann "Char" (Thomas) Wanser & Barbara "Barb" (Campbell) Markel.