

WATSON BROS. & CO.
AND
CUMBERLAND PRODUCE CO.

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The firm of Watson Bros. & Co. at Cookeville has several years of honorable and successful business credited to it. It is located on the Public Square and has a building that is large enough to accommodate the many patrons who come from a radius of a great many miles to participate in the bargains Watson Bros. & Co. are continually offering their people.

A complete stock of dry goods, ladies read-to-ear, notions, shoes, clothing and millinery is to be found in the store. In this territory they represent the Fiske Hats. None are created that afford the ladies finer satisfaction than this line.

The Company is owned, operated by Mr. Chas. R Countiss and Mr. Walter G. Snodgrass who took charge Jan. 1, 1921.

The firm busy in large quantities, gets the right prices and shares these advantages with the customers, being nicely situated to save them considerable money on every purchase.

Watson Bros. & Co. carry a number of famous brands of nationally advertised goods. They have the names of customers upon their books who are among the most solid and substantial class of town and country folks. The stock is a ways seasonable, modern in every particular, and the sales force extends to every visitor courteous treatment and prompt attention.

Both of these gentlemen upon whom the responsibility of the policy of the store devolves are very popular with all classes of people and they are always willing to extend a helping hand in any new enterprise.

Cash is King in these times of economical buying. Some one must pay for the deadbeat and slow pay. Watson Bros & Co sell for cash. It means big savings for you on every article you purchase at this store.

Charles Ray Countiss Obt.

b. 11 January 1878, Putnam Co., TN – d. 6 June 1936, Putnam Co., TN, md **Nannie Melvina “Nannie” (Kimes) Countiss**, b. 29 November 1874 – d. 11 February 1949, d/o **A. Kendrick Kimes** (1853-1892) & **Samantha V.** (1844-1904). Charles R. Countiss, s/o **John Alexander Countiss & Mary Jane Glass**.

*See A. Kendrick Kimes buried in Shipley Church Cemetery.

Funeral services were held Monday for Charles Countiss, 58, whose death occurred Saturday night. He had been in ill health for about four years. Prior to that time he was a farmer and a very active citizen. He served as county tax assessor for several years.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Dean Stroud, pastor of the Cookeville Methodist Church, assisted by the Rev. Dow Ensor and Malcolm Countiss. Burial was in the Shipley cemetery. Services were

conducted at the grave by the Junior Order and the Odd Fellows, with members of the Junior Order serving as pallbearers.

He is survived by his wife, Nannie Kimes Countiss; three children, John B. Countiss, of Joliet, IL; Mrs. Edward Pate and Miss Ruby Countiss, of Cookeville; and the following brothers and sisters, E. W. Countiss, Neal Countiss, Mrs. Allie Gentry, Mrs. Kate Judd, and Mrs. Nannie Pruett.

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CUMBERLAND PRODUCE CO.

This Produce Company is one of the most successfully operated in Cookeville and that great stretch of territory which it serves. It has surmounted every difficulty. It is splendidly housed in a brick building 65 by 100 feet with concrete floor that gives every facility for the proper handling of the poultry business. A very fine truck is a benefit to the quick transmission of the handling of poultry and eggs and their kindred lines.

The company is owned and operated by J. L. Covert, who is now entering upon his eleventh year of success in this phase of commercial like, each year adding to splendid record of the preceding year. He distributes thousands of dollars during the course of twelve months. A great deal of this money finds its way into Cookeville and is spent among the merchants and does much to make the local prosperity.

Mr. Colvert has earned a wide reputation for being a successful business man. He is thoroughly competent and efficient. Though born in Wilson County, he was raised in DeKalb. Mr. Colvert is affiliated with the Masons, and is one of the best boosters for Cookeville that one may find in that thriving little metropolis.

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