

GREEN BAKER MASSA OBT.

b. 30 May 1857, Putnam Co., TN

d. 2 June 1934, Hooker, Texas Co., OK

Buried: Hooker Cemetery, Hooker, Texas Co., OK

(Plot: Block 1, Lot 15)

Father: **William Massa** (1831-1891)

Mother: **Sarah Thomas** (1834-1874)

Wives: **Sarah Jency (Mitchell) Massa** md 20 August 1877

b. 1857, TN – d. 1896

Buried: Rhea Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN

Father: **Charter William Mitchell** (1822-1898)

Mother: **Susan Ditty** (1820-1887)

Elizabeth “Lizzie” (Farley) Massa, md 21 September 1900, Putnam Co., TN

b. 30 May 1869

d. 1918

Buried: Hooker Cemetery, Hooker, Texas Co., OK

(Plot: Block 1, Lot 15)

G. B. MASSA DIED SATURDAY, JUNE 2ND:

A pall of gloom spread over Hooker late Saturday when it became known that G. B. Massa, a pioneer of this section and one of our most beloved citizens had passed away.

Loving hands had prepared a dinner Memorial day to celebrate his 77th birthday anniversary and following the dinner Mr. Massa and several others who had enjoyed the feast became ill, caused no doubt from ptomaine poisoning. He continued to grow worse and though his children and loved ones realized that he was critically ill and growing weaker each hour they were none the less shocked and pained when he quietly fell asleep at 9:30 Saturday night.

His daughter, Mrs. H. L. North, with whom he made his home was away at the time of his death. She and her husband were on a trip visiting Mr. North's relatives and attending the World's Fair in Chicago. She was immediately notified and she and Mr. North arrived in Hooker Sunday evening.

Mr. Massa has been a resident of Hooker for a number of years and has always been recognized as a man of exceptionally high character.

An altar banked profusely with flowers and an auditorium filled with sorrowing relatives and friends constituted the scene at the Baptist church Monday afternoon when the pastor, Rev. A. W. Reccius, paid final tribute to the deceased and spoke words of comfort to the bereaved.

Green Baker Massa was born in Putnam County, Tennessee, May 30, 1857, died in Hooker, Oklahoma, June 2, 1934, age 77 years and 3 days.

He married Sarah Mitchell, August 20, 1877. To this union was born nine children, four boys and five girls. She passed away June 23, 1896.

In September, 1900, he married Lizzie Farley. To this union was born one child, Mrs. Winnie North, of Hooker. Mrs. Massa died June 18, 1918. Both Mr. and Mrs. Massa were born on the 30th day of May, twelve years apart.

Mr. Massa was converted and joined the Baptist church of Boiling Springs, TN, and his membership remained there to his death.

Mr. Massa left Tennessee in 1905, and located in Haviland, KS, where he remained about nine years, after which he moved to Hooker, where he spent the remainder of his life.

He leaves to mourn his death three brothers, three half brothers, two sisters, one half sister, seven children, six of whom live in and near Hooker, and one in Haviland, KS, also seventeen grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, and a host of friends.

Hooker, OK, Advance:

Mr. Massa was a half-brother of Norman, Oakley, and Dillard Massa, of Cookeville, and was well and favorably known by a large number of Putnam countians. He was the father of Verdie Massa, who has spent the past two winters in Cookeville with relatives.

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