

**JAMES "JIM" H. HARNESS OBT.**

b. 20 August 1843, Calf Killer River, Putnam Co., TN

d. 24 February 1949, Algood, Putnam Co., TN

Wives: Oma (Simpson) Harness (1857-1899)

md 1 Nov. 1878, Jackson Co., TN &

Sarah Clemons

Father: Shaddy Harness

Mother: Betsey Kirby

'Age 105 yrs., 6 mon, 4 da; We will meet again'

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James Harness, 105, Dies At Home Of Son:

Funeral services for James Harness, 105, Putnam County farmer, believed to be the oldest resident in the county, who died at the home of a son, Esker Harness of Algood, Thursday evening, were conducted Friday afternoon at Old Zion Baptist Church.

The Rev. John Barnes officiated and burial was in the Nash Cemetery.

Born August 20, 1843, on Calf Killer River, 10 miles north of Sparta, where he lived until he was 10 years old, Mr. Harness moved to Jamestown and resided in that vicinity most of his life. About 10 years ago he moved to the Old Zion community in Putnam County where he made his home with relatives.

At his 105<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary, celebrated at the Old Zion Baptist Church last August, Mr. Harness recalled that when he was 99 years old he cut 99 sticks of tobacco in five hours. Her attribute his long life and good health to his active farm life.

In addition to his son, Esker Harness, he is survived by four other sons, William Harness of Gallatin, Benton Harness of Celina, Charles Harness of Baxter and Bascom Harness of Nashville; 33 grand children, 63 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

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Rice and Harnes

John Filmore Rice on left & James Harness on right.