

**JOHN M. LEE**  
**Past Sheriff of Putnam Co., TN (1922-1926)**

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John M. Lee – born August 12, 1876 and died February 14, 1941 He was a direct descendant of Robert E. Lee and grandfather of Earl Nichols. His first wife was Myrtle West; she was born August 19, 1880 and died July 16, 1923. They are buried in the West Cemetery in the Bangham Community. John and Myrtle's girls are Cora Lee who married James M. Nichols, Elsie Lee Martin, Beulah Lee Bower, Ada Lee married Lupper Bennett, Dimple Lee Wall, and Mary Lee Heiser. Their sons are General Lee, Robert Lee, and Shelby Lee. Submitted by: Earl Nichols



Funeral Services Held Last Sunday For John M. Lee: Was Former Sheriff:

John M. Lee, 64, former sheriff and farmer of Putnam County died Friday, February 14, at his home in Cookeville following an illness of several months.

Mr. Lee, who was born in Jackson County, had lived in Cookeville for the past thirty years. He had been active in the affairs of the Democratic Party in Putnam County and served as sheriff from 1922 to 1926. He was a member of the Methodist Church. Prayer services were held at the residence at 2:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon, followed by rites at the Spring Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The Rev. A. J. Morgan, pastor of the Cookeville Methodist Church, assisted by the Rev. Harold Stephens, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Cookeville officiated.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lola Buck Lee, two sons, the Rev. Robert Le, pastor of the Harpeth Heights Baptist Church, the Rev. Shelby Lee, pastor of the First Congregational Church in Depue, IL, seven daughters, Mrs. Luther Bennett, Rickman, Mrs. James Nichols, Algood; Mrs. J. L. Brewer, Jackson; Mrs. Norman Martin, St. Louis, MI; Mrs. Cordell Hunter and Misses Dimple and Mary John Lee, Cookeville.

One brother, Dibrell Lee, Hilham; three sisters, Mrs. James Gentry; Mrs. Mary Gentry and Mrs. Jim Green, all of Cookeville. Sixteen grandchildren, and four great grand-children.

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