

LIGE JEFFERSON WHITEAKER OBT.

Civil War Veteran Answers to "Taps"

L. J. Whiteaker, 89, one of the dwindling rank of Putnam County's Civil War Veterans, died at his home in the 10<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist. April 10 after an illness of a week. Funeral services were conducted at the Bethany Church by the Rev. Dow A. Ensor and the Rev. Elisha Henry of Mulberry, and burial took place in the family cemetery. (*Leige Whiteaker Graveyard, Putnam Co., TN, located approximately 12 miles west of Cookeville, just off Hwy 70 at the Whiteaker homeplace, near Cole's store*).

Affectionately called "Uncle Lige" by the hundreds who knew him, his funeral attracted a large crowd who wished to pay their last respects to one whose sterling honesty and integrity had created for him its own tribute.

He was one of Putnam County's most highly respected and best known pioneers, and had engaged in farming since the Civil War ended. He was married in his youth to Miss Fannie Byrne who died 20 years ago.

He had been a member of the Methodist Church for many years.

He is survived by 8 children as follows: Mrs. Sue Elrod of Stephenville, TX; Mrs. Comer McBroom of Jamestown, TN, Mrs. Mary Huddleston, Miss Sonora Whiteaker, Mrs. Ocie Watts, Mrs. Cleo Watts, Dempse & James Whiteaker.

Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 21 April 1932

LEIGE WHITEAKER GRAVEYARD, Putnam Co., TN

\*L. J. Whiteaker, b. 16 February 1843 – d. 10 April 1932

\*Rhoda Frances "Fannie" (Byrne) Whiteaker, b. 12 December 1846 – d. 30 October 1930

J. D. Hutchison, b. 16 August 1923 – d. 15 July 1927, s/o S. H. & Lassie Hutchison.

\* James Lawrence Whiteaker, b. 21 February 1867 – d. 11 November 1950

\*Lou Robinson Whiteaker, b. 21 August 1863 – d. 28 April 1953

James Marshall Craighead, b. 9 November 1936 – d. 7 December 1936, s/o Odell & Beatrice Craighead.

Myrum Byrne, b. 2 September 1839 – d. 13 July 1912

Sonora Whiteaker, b. 5 June 1871 – d. 17 May 1951

Willis Whiteaker, b. 9 June 1894 – d. 9 June 1894

Marvin Jared, b. 26 April 1887 – d. 5 July 1887

John Yates, b. no dates (age 96 yrs.)

**James L. Whiteaker Obt.**

Funeral services for James Lawrence Whiteaker, 83, who died Thursday morning at his home in the 10<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist. of Putnam County after a long illness were held Sunday. Services were at the Bethany Church with the Rev. G. C. Self officiating. Interment was at the family cemetery.

A native of Putnam County, Mr. Whiteaker was a retired farmer. He was a son of L. J. and Fannie Byrne Whiteaker.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lou Robinson Whiteaker, two sons, Clarence and Edward Whiteaker of Putnam County, four daughters; Miss Sally Whiteaker, Mrs. Lena Plunkett, Putnam Co., Mrs. Beatrice Craighead of Cookeville, and Mrs. Mattie Maddux of Baxter, five sisters, Mrs. Sue Elrod, Dallas, TX, Mrs. Comer McBroom, Jamestown, Mrs. Marlie Watts, Mrs. Cleo Watts, and Miss Sonora Whiteaker, Baxter. Six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Putnam County Herald: Thursday, 16 November 1950

**Lou (Robinson) Whittaker Obt.**

Funeral services for Mrs. Lou Robinson Whittaker, 90, will be held today, Thursday, at 2:30 p.m. at the Bethany Methodist Church. Rev. Bill Starnes will officiate. Mrs. Whittaker the widow of the late James Whitaker died at her home at Baxter Rt. 1 Tuesday afternoon after a long illness. The daughter of Grace and Jane Whitefield Robinson. She was a native of Putnam County.

Survivors include two sons, Clarence Whitaker, Baxter, Rt. 2 and Ernest Whitaker, Baxter, Rt. 1. Four daughters, Miss Sally Whitaker, Mrs. Lena Plunkett and Mrs. Mattie Maddux, Baxter, Rt. 1 and Mrs. Beatrice Craighead, Cookeville. Six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 30 April 1953

**Herbert Claude Maddux Obt.**

**COOKEVILLE** – Funeral services for Herbert Claude Maddux, 77, of 136 Pinewood Dr. Cookeville, will be held Saturday, January 27 at 1 p.m. at the Chapel of Dyer Funeral Home. Mr. Maddux died Wednesday, January 24 at Cumberland Medical Center in Crossville.

Services will be conducted by the Rev. Robert Prichard and burial will be in the Cookeville City Cemetery.

Mr. Maddux was a native of Putnam County and was the son of the late Oscar and Sarah Cole Maddux. He was a retired truck driver and a member of Baxter Masonic Lodge 64=57.

Survivors include one sister, Mrs. Dora Prill Watts of Baxter and one brother, Jack Maddux of Crossville.

Active pallbearers will be Oscar Maddux, James Maddux, Clyde Maddux, Dennie Maddux, Whit Watts, Claude Watts.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: Friday, 26 January 1979

**Mattie (Whiteaker) Maddux Obt.**

Mrs. Claude Maddux, 55, Principal of the Lafayette School in Putnam County, died Thursday morning in a Nashville Hospital after a brief illness.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Baxter Methodist Church, Dr. Harry L. Upperman, and the Rev. Walter Schaerer conducted the services and burial was in Cookeville City Cemetery.

A native of Putnam County, Mrs. Maddux was a daughter of the late James Lawrence and Lou Robinson Whittaker. She was a member of the Baxter Methodist Church. Her husband is a member of the Putnam County Court.

She is survived by her husband; three sisters, Mrs. Lena Plunkett, Miss Sallie Whittaker, Baxter, Rt. 1, and Mrs. Odell Craighead, Cookeville. Two brothers; Clarence C. Whittaker, Baxter, Rt. 2 and Ernest Whittaker, Baxter Rt. 1.

Hooper & Huddleston Funeral Home here was in charge of arrangements.

*(Grandmother, Fannie Byrne – Great Great Grandfather, Lawrence Byrne, brother of Dorcas (Byrne) Jared). (James Lawrence Whittaker, s/o Lige & Rhoda Frances Byrne Whitaker)*

The Citizen, Cookeville, TN: Wednesday, 24 October 1956

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