

JESSIE CLEO SLIGER (#884)

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Pg. 319 – Cleo Sliger had a love for children and was an educator in the schools of Putnam County for twenty seven years. She taught at Sadler, Vaden, Herren's Chapel and 19 years at Baxter Grammar School.



Cleo was b. 9 Feb. 1906 in Baxter, the daughter of John Byrd Sliger, b. 14 Nov. 1881 and Flora Ann Austin Sliger, b. 17 July 1884. All buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery in Baxter, TN.

Cleo had two sisters: Jewell Sliger Medley, wife of Luther Medley, and the mother of Bobbie Jean Medley Rowland and JoeAnn Medley Johnson; Stella Sliger Flatt, wife of Tom B. Flatt and the mother of Peggy Sue Flatt Sample, Thomas Henry Flatt, Anna Ruth Flatt Cunningham, and Janet Delia Flatt Shuping. Cleo and her mother, Flora Ann Sliger, took the responsibility of rearing a niece/cousin, Mabel Joyce Austin, when her mother died when she was three days old. Mabel Joyce became the wife of J. Edward Moore of Sparta in 1946, and the mother of Joe Ed Moore, b. 11 Mar. 1954 and Lisa Moore Will-Yoder, b. 20 Mar. 1959.

Cleo was the granddaughter of William Edward Austin, b. 10 Jan. 1860 and Mary Florence Jernigan Austin, b. 5 June 1853. Both are buried in the Double Springs Cemetery, Putnam County.

She received her elementary education in Baxter, yet graduated from high school at TPI in Cookeville. She received her BS Degree in education and Home Economics from Tennessee Tech and her Master's degree from George Peabody College in Nashville. She also took classes at Middle Tennessee State University.

Cleo was actively involved in the Putnam County Education Association serving in various positions of leadership.

She had beautiful handwriting and was asked on many occasions to fill in Certificates of Honor and Appreciation, as well as compose and write letters of recommendation for many people. When a large display was made listing all the names of those in service from Baxter, she was asked to write all the names on the large display chart.

Cleo was a member of the Baxter United Methodist Church and served as the youth Sunday School teacher for many years. She was a great influence in the lives of those in which she came in contact.

She was teaching at Baxter Grammar School until her untimely death due to a sudden heart attack 1 Oct. 1957. She was buried at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Baxter

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b. 9 February 1906, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN

d. 1 October 1957

Father: John Byrd Sliger

Mother: Flora Ann Austin

Buried: Odd Fellows Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN

Picture: Baxter Elementary School yearbook 1948-1949, Putnam Co., TN:

Faculty – Miss Cleo Sliger 3rd grade teacher

