

**MATTIE SMITH MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
DEDICATION SERVICE AT SILVER POINT SUNDAY**

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Silver Point, TN 38582-6321

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 29 October 1953

The Mattie Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church at Silver Point was dedicated with beautiful and impressive services on last Sunday.



The all-day services consisted of a memorial service at 11 a.m., and a fraternal greeting service at 1 o'clock in honor of visiting Presbyterians.

More than 300 persons attended the services during the day, and dinner was served on the grounds to about 250 at noon.

The formal Presbyterian dedication service was at 2 o'clock when an appropriate musical program was rendered and the dedicatory sermon was preached by Dr. Goodridge A. Wilson, of Bristol, former Executive Secretary of the Synod of Tennessee.

The late Dr. and Mrs. T. J. Smith of Silver Point, were devoted members of this church, and they were greatly interested in the building program of the church. The congregation of the church named the building the Mattie Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church, in appreciation of Dr. Smith's wife, Mrs. Mattie McDonald Smith.

This church building is one of the most beautiful modern and commodious rural church buildings in the State. It is a monument to the devotion and liberality of the congregation. The building was dedicated free of debt. Rev. R. C. Arbaugh, is pastor of this church and also pastor of the Buffalo Valley Presbyterian Church. He and his family live in the Presbyterian Manse at Buffalo Valley, the manse being owned jointly by the two churches.



Eugene Johns, of Cookeville, was the soloist at the morning service, and Fowler Stanton, of Gainesboro, sang "Bless This House" at the conclusion of Dr. Wilson's message. Miss Ethel Bolen and Miss Mary Martha Smith, granddaughter of Dr. and Mrs. Smith, were featured as pianist of the day.

The dedication services were attended by several visiting Presbyterian ministers, including three Presbyterian pastors from Nashville, with delegations of their members. Presbyterian delegations were also in attendance from the Murfreesboro, Bristol, Milton, Granville, Cookeville, Paducah, KY, and Buffalo Valley churches. All of the visitors were presented with a most interesting booklet containing a history of the Mattie Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church, and a picture of the church building.

The church building was started nine years ago, and different phases of the construction have been completed since. Rev. Arbaugh told those present for the dedication that they hoped to finish the basement and add a kitchen as further phases of the work.

The church was organized May 21, 1944, with 24 members, 19 of whom are still on its roll. In its nine-year history, the church has received 89 members and now has an active membership of 67.

This growing church is served by three Elders, Rutledge Lafever, U. D. Jones, and Beecher Wallace, and three deacons, Ernest Jones, Walter Anderson, and J. W. Julian.

On last Sunday, the church was beautifully decorated with red roses and white chrysanthemums with a bank of these flowers in the front of the church.

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(**Source:** Death Certificate, Dist. 13, Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN: #20760: Mattie Bell (McDonald) Smith, b. 12 March 1873, Putnam Co., TN – d. 12 August 1936. Father: Jessie McDonald. Mother: Josie Oakley. Cause of Death: Died at 6:10 a.m. of Chronic Myocarditis. Attended by: Dr. T. J. Smith, Silver Point, TN. Undertaker: Jere Whitson Co.).

**Mattie Belle (McDonald) Smith Obt.**

b. 12 March 1873, TN – d. 12 August 1936, Baxter, TN, md **Dr. Thomas Jefferson Smith**, b. 17 September 1870, Laurel Hill, Putnam Co., TN – d. 14 March 1948, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN, **Samuel Huston Smith** (1828-1913) & **Mary Ann Elizabeth Maxwell** (1831-1908). Mattie Belle (McDonald) Smith, d/o **Jesse & Josie McDonald**.

**FUNERAL HELD FOR MRS. T. J. SMITH:**

Funeral services for **Mrs. T. J. Smith**, 63, who died at her home in Baxter, Wednesday, August 12, was held at the home Thursday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. J. A. Harris. Burial was in the Cookeville Cemetery.

The large crowd attending her funeral and the beautiful floral wreaths attested to the love and esteem in which she was held.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. T. J. Smith, a son, Lionel Smith; a daughter, Mrs. H. C. Curtis; brother, F. W. McDonald; three sisters, Misses Sallie and Lucille McDonald and Mrs. Johnnie Moss; and four grandchildren, Ashley and Lee McDonald Smith, Bill and Carolyn Curtis.

Herald Newspaper, 20 August 1936, pg. 5.

**SILVER POINT: MRS. MATTIE SMITH DIES:**

In the death of Mrs. Mattie Smith which occurred at her home Wednesday morning, August 12, humanity loses one of its most gracious and useful women.

Mrs. Smith was a wonderful woman; so good, so high minded, so charitable, lovable and a lover of all human kind.

In a life of sixty three years, no unkind word about her fellowman ever escaped her lips, no unkind thought ever clouded her mind, but through all the years her life was filled with good deeds and practiced charity, that made her a benefactor in this section.

Her hospitable home was ever open to her friends and their friends. The crowds were never too large to find comfortable entertainment. The good humor and wisdom which emanated from this cheerful, smiling Christian woman, made the honorees of her hospitality realize that life was worth living. The young folks as well as old, flocked to her home. They loved her, they enjoyed her, she was entertainment and instructive to them. Not a heart but aches, that knew here, and the unbroken rays of her friends bespeak for her the eternal rest that comes to those who love the Lord.

It matters not how great the offense or wrong, Mrs. Smith had a word of defense and good for the wrong doer - she breathed kindness, she lived kindness.

Funeral services were conducted at the home, Thursday afternoon, by Rev. J. A. Harris, of Baxter.

Interment took place in the Cookeville cemetery.

Pallbearers were Beecher Wallace, Herman Alcorn, Will Julian G. H. Denny, Alfred Gill and Bismark Rowland.

She leaves a husband, Dr. T. J. Smith, daughter, Mrs. H. C. Curtis, son, Lionel, brother, F. W. McDonald, three sisters, Misses Sallie and Lucille McDonald and Mrs. Johnnie Moss, four grandchildren, Ashley and Lee Donald Smith, Bill and Carolyn Curtis, and a host of friends to mourn her death.

Census Place: 1880 District 16, De Kalb Co., TN

Source: FHL Film 1255252 National Archives Film T9-1252 Page 248D

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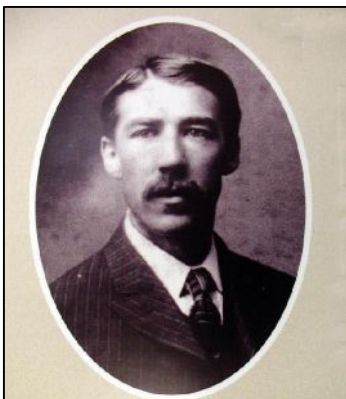
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Occ: Farmer	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
<b>Josie MC DONALD</b>	Wife	F	M	W	26	TN
Occ: Keeps House	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
<b>Martha Bell MC DONALD</b>	Dau	F	S	W	6	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
Gertrude MC DONALD	Dau	F	S	W	4	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
Willhue MC DONALD	Son	M	S	W	2	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
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Occ: Laborer	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
Ute BRASWELL	Other	M	S	W	17	TN
Occ: Works On Farm	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				

**Dr. Thomas Jefferson Smith Obt.**

b. 17 September 1870, Laurel Hill, Putnam Co., TN – d. 14 March 1948, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN, md **Mattie Belle (McDonald) Smith**, b. 12 March 1873 – d. 12 August 1936. Dr. Thomas Jefferson Smith, s/o **Samuel Huston Smith** (1828-1913) & **Mary Ann Elizabeth Maxwell** (1831-1908). Children: (son) Lionel Smith – (daughter) Mrs. H. C. Curtis.

**DR. T. J. SMITH OF PUTNAM DIES:**

Dr. Thomas J. Smith, 77, prominent Putnam county physician for half a century, died yesterday afternoon at the home of his daughter here.



Dr. Smith had been in failing health for nearly two years. Death came from a heart attack suffered at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Howard C. Curtis, 412 Fairfax Ave. with whom he had made his home for the past seven months.

The body will lie in state at Bracey-Welsh Funeral home today and be taken to Silver Point Presbyterian chapel and burial will be in Cookeville Cemetery, Cookeville, TN.

A native of Laurel Hill, TN, Dr. Smith was a son of the late Samuel and Mary Maxwell Smith. He received his early education in the public schools of Athens, TN and was graduated from Vanderbilt Medical School in 1891. He did intern work at Poly clinic in New York City and had practiced medicine in Putnam county for more than 50 years. His wife, the former Miss Mattie Belle McDonald, died in 1938. Upon her death, Dr. Smith provided the funds for and dedicated the Silver Point Presbyterian chapel to her memory.

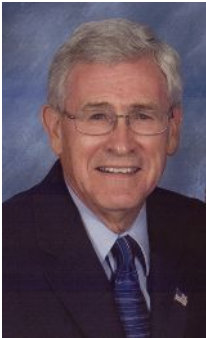
He was a member of the Putnam medical society.

In addition to his daughter, he is survived by a son Lionel F. Smith of Silver, and seven grandchildren.

Nashville Tennessean Newspaper, Monday, 15 March 1948, pg. 6.

### **Rev. Wesley L. Henry Obt.**

**COOKEVILLE** -- Funeral services for **Rev. Wesley L. Henry**, 72, of Cookeville, will be held Wednesday, Oct. 27, at 1 p.m. at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Interment will follow in Crest Lawn Cemetery. Dr. Charles McCaskey, Dr. Norman Henry, Rev. Don Padget and Rev. Delbert Hart will officiate.



Rev. Henry died Saturday morning Oct. 23, 2010, at his home surrounded by his family.

Rev. Henry was born Nov. 4, 1937, in Hutchinson, Kan., to the late R.D. and Lcota Honn Henry.

Rev. Henry spent 36 years as a Tennessee Tech faculty member and was a well-known minister and music director, having served in several local churches.

Rev. Henry achieved the rank of Eagle Scout before graduating from Hutchinson High School in 1955. He earned a B.A. degree from Bethany Nazarene College in Bethany, Okla., serving as student body president during his senior year. He continued his education, earning two master's degrees -- one in philosophy from Oklahoma University in 1961 and another in religion from Nazarene Theological Seminary in 1963. He earned a doctorate in philosophy from Vanderbilt University in 1974.

Rev. Henry retired from TTU as an associate professor of philosophy. He spent over 22 years as director of the Presbyterian Student Association and was affectionately known as "Doc." The PSA acquired a student house in 2002, which was named the Barwick-Henry house in his honor. He served as a director of the TTU Honors Program from 1983 until 1993. He received the Outstanding Faculty Award for Professional Service in 1991 and assisted the university by sitting on numerous committees.

He began preaching in Boulder, Colo., in 1963. After moving to Tennessee in 1967, he served as minister with the Buffalo Valley Presbyterian Church, the **Silver Point Mattie Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church**, was interim minister and then associate minister and music director at Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, minister at Lee Seminary Presbyterian Church, Dry Valley Presbyterian Church, and for the past 15 years has been the minister of Post Oak Presbyterian Church. The Post Oak Presbyterian Church honored Rev. Henry as Pastor Emeritus on Sunday, Oct. 17, 2010.

Rev. Henry was a gifted speaker, vocal and instrumental musician who conducted hundreds of weddings and funerals (often singing) in the Upper Cumberland area. Rev. Henry also served on the Board of Directors for United Way.

For over 25 years he has been on the Board of Review for Ordination papers for Ministerial Candidates with the Presbyterian Church, USA. He has also served on the Committee on Ministries with the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee for many years.

A loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather, he appreciated the outdoors and the wilderness. His hobbies included travel, gardening and sporting events. He was an avid TTU fan and enthusiastic supporter of all his grandchildren's many events.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant grandson, Robert Brandon Riddle; and infant brother, Leonard Wayne Henry; and brother-in-law, Orville Luginbill.

Survivors include his wife of almost 51 years, Ruth Ann Hart Henry (whom he married Nov. 22, 1959, in Hutchinson, Kan.); son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Shannon Henry; three daughters and a son-in-law, Sandi and Ray Rowland, Marcia Riddle and Lori Henry, all of Cookeville; eight grandchildren, Matt (Tracy) Rowland, Josh Rowland, Julie Rowland, Paxton Riddle, Brady Riddle, Taylor Henry, Eli Henry and Jayden Henry; a sister, Marilyn Luginbill of Hutchinson, Kan.; two brothers, Walter Henry of Phoenix, Ariz., and Dr. Norman (Ruth) Henry of Mt. Juliet; brother-in-law, Delbert (Wanda) Hart of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and an aunt, Dorothy Victory of Wichita, Kan.

(Pictured: L to R: Ruth Ann Hart Henry, Ted Huddleston & Rev. Wesley L. Henry at the Buffalo Valley Community Center, Putnam Co., TN).

Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. Hank Mannle, George Stockton, Earl Nichols, Chuck Witbeck, Charles Poe, Chris Bolton, J.D. Ellis, Harvey Phillips and Woody Russell.

Active pallbearers will be Lloyd Covington, Alton Freeman, Gary Spires, Rellon Phillips, Dave Weidner, Charles Covington, Adam West and Larry Wilmoth.

Rev. Henry's family will receive friends Tuesday, Oct. 26, from 4-8 p.m. at the Cookeville chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home and Wednesday from 11 a.m. until time of services at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Ring Lake Ranch in Dubois, Wyo., a place he loved and visited many times. Information may be found at [www.ringlake.org](http://www.ringlake.org).

Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home (931-526-6111) is in charge of arrangements. You may share your thoughts and memories at [www.hhhfunerals.com](http://www.hhhfunerals.com).

Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN: 26 October 2010.



**WESLEY AND RUTH ANN HENRY**

Wesley and Ruth Ann Henry are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary today, Nov. 22, with a reception at Post Oak Presbyterian Church. The couple was married in 1959 in Hutchinson, Kan. They have four children, Sandi Rowland and husband Ray, Marcia Riddle, Lori Henry and Steven Henry and wife Shannon; eight grandchildren, Matt, Josh and Julie Rowland, Paxton and Brady Riddle and Taylor, Eli and Jayden Henry; and one deceased grandchild, Brandon Riddle.