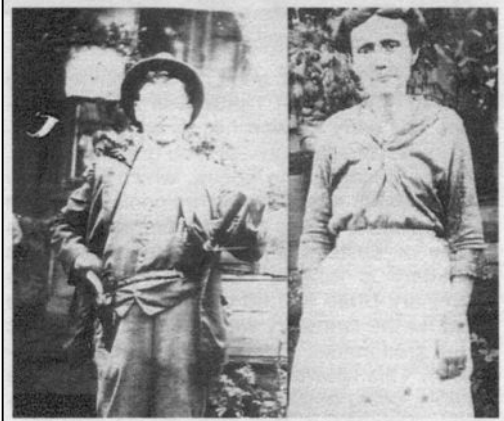


## REV. ROBERT EMMETT STARNES FAMILY (#894)

**Source:** Heritage of Putnam County Tennessee – 2008 by Putnam County Heritage Book Committee and County Heritage Inc.

Pgs. 321 & 322 - Robert Emmett Starnes was born on February 12, 1873 probably in Tennessee. Sometime after he married Miranda Josephine "Josie" Winfrey, the couple moved to Baxter, Tennessee. They lived there until their deaths. The names of his parents are unknown. Josie was born November 18, 1873 in DeKalb Co., TN to Henry Lucas and Nancy Jane Holland Winfrey.



Rev. Robert Emmett Starnes and Miranda Josephine

This couple had at least six children. The oldest was a daughter Laura. She was born about 1893. Solon, their son, was born on August 31, 1897. Then Eunice arrived August 10, 1901. Their next daughter Agnes came in 1905 on March 2. Fannie Mai the youngest daughter was born January 6, 1908. Their last known child another son was born in 1910; Doyle L. Starnes arrived April 23, of that year.

These parents separated and live apart until their deaths. Eunice died on March 5, 1930 when twenty-nine years old. Eunice was buried at the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Baxter. Josie Starnes died five years later on January 12. She too was buried at the Odd Fellows Cemetery. Josie's age was sixty-one years and two months old. That same year 1935, Fannie Mai died on September 15. Mai was twenty-seven at her death. She was laid to rest beside her mother. Solon, who enjoyed playing the banjo, did not marry. When Solon was sixty-five and half years old, he too died in Baxter and was buried at the Odd Fellows Cemetery. Agnes had married a Brown. She passed away on Christmas Eve of 1975 at the age of seventy. She too was buried at the Odd Fellows Cemetery. It is not known when Laura died or if she married. Doyle L. Starnes died at the age of sixty-nine, and was buried beside his father at the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Baxter.

Robert Emmett Starnes was a Methodist minister for the Northern branch of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He and his wife separated sometime after the birth of their youngest child Doyle. The photo of Robert showed him holding a Bible in one hand, while the other hand held back his suit coat revealing a gun strapped to his waist.

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### ODD FELLOWS CEMETERY, BAXTER, PUTNAM CO., TN

#### Agnes (Brown) Starnes

Agnes (Brown) Starnes, b. 2 March 1905 – d. 24 December 1975, d/o Rev. Robert Emmett Starnes & Miranda Josephine "Josie" Winfree. Agnes had married a Mr. Brown.

#### Doyle L. Starnes

Doyle L. Starnes, b. 23 April 1910 – d. 3 June 1979, s/o Rev. Robert Emmett Starnes & Miranda Josephine "Josie" Winfree.

#### Eunice Starnes

Eunice Starnes, b. 10 August 1901 – d. 5 March 1930, d/o Rev. Robert Emmett Starnes & Miranda Josephine "Josie" Winfree.

### **Fannie Mai Starnes**

Fannie Mai Starnes, b. 6 January 1908 – d. 15 September 1935, d/o Rev. Robert Emmett Starnes & Miranda Josephine “Josie” Winfree.

### **Rev. Robert Emmett Starnes**

Rev. Robert Emmett Starnes, b. 12 February 1873 – d. 9 April 1950 md 22 September 1892, DeKalb Co., TN md **Miranda Josephine “Josie” Winfree**, b. 18 November 1873, DeKalb Co., TN – d. 12 January 1935, d/o Henry Lucas Winfree (b. 6 March 1843, Doweltown, DeKalb Co., TN – d. 9 January 1909 at Indian Creek, DeKalb Co., TN) and his wife (married 23 August 1865, Franklin, IL) Nancy Jane Holland (b. 16 May 1845, Duquoin, Perry, IL – d. 22 December 1911, Long Branch, DeKalb Co., TN). Henry Lucas Winfree was the son of Benjamin Franklin Winfree & Judith Robinson. Miranda Josephine “Josie” (Winfree) Starnes is buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery. Her death certificate number is #4007, Putnam Co., TN.

### **Solon Starnes**

Solon Starnes, b. 31 August 1897 – d. 23 February 1963, s/o Rev. Robert Emmett Starnes & Miranda Josephine “Josie” Winfree. Solon Starnes liked to play the banjo. He never married.

**Sources:** Genealogical Records by Lela B. Winfree, 2000, pg. 98. & Putnam County Tennessee Cemeteries by Maurine Ensor Patton & Doris Garrison Gilbert, pgs. 367 & 368.

### **MT. HOLLY CEMETERY, COVE HOLLOW, SMITHVILLE, DEKALB, TN**

Nancy Ida Winfree

b. 12 March 1873, Cove Hollow, DeKalb Co., TN

d. 26 August 1874, Cove Hollow, DeKalb Co., TN

Father: Horace Sullivan Winfree (1847-1938)

Mother: Mary Jane Stephens (1849-1878)

Buried: Mt. Holly Cemetery, Cove Hollow, Smithville, DeKalb, TN

Judith (Robinson) Winfree

b. 18 December 1834, Smith, TN

d. 3 March 1903, Cove Hollow, DeKalb Co., TN

Husband: Benjamin Franklin Winfree

Father: William Robinson

Buried: Mt. Holly Cemetery, Cove Hollow, Smithville, DeKalb, TN

Benjamin Franklin Winfree

b. 5 February 1814, Virgilina, Halifax, VA

d. 12 June 1883, Cove Hollow, DeKalb, TN

Wife: Judith Robinson md 18 December 1834, Cove Hollow, DeKalb, TN

Father: David Nicholas Winfree (1770 - after 1850/54)

Mother: Achsah Tuck (1770-after 1850)

Buried: Mt. Holly Cemetery, Cove Hollow, Smithville, DeKalb, TN

Henry Lucas Winfree

b. 6 March 1843, Doweltown, TN

d. 9 January 1909, Indian Creek, DeKalb Co., TN

Wife: Nancy Jane Holland

Father: Benjamin Franklin Winfree

Mother: Judith Robinson

Buried: Mt. Holly Cemetery, Cove Hollow, Smithville, DeKalb, TN

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