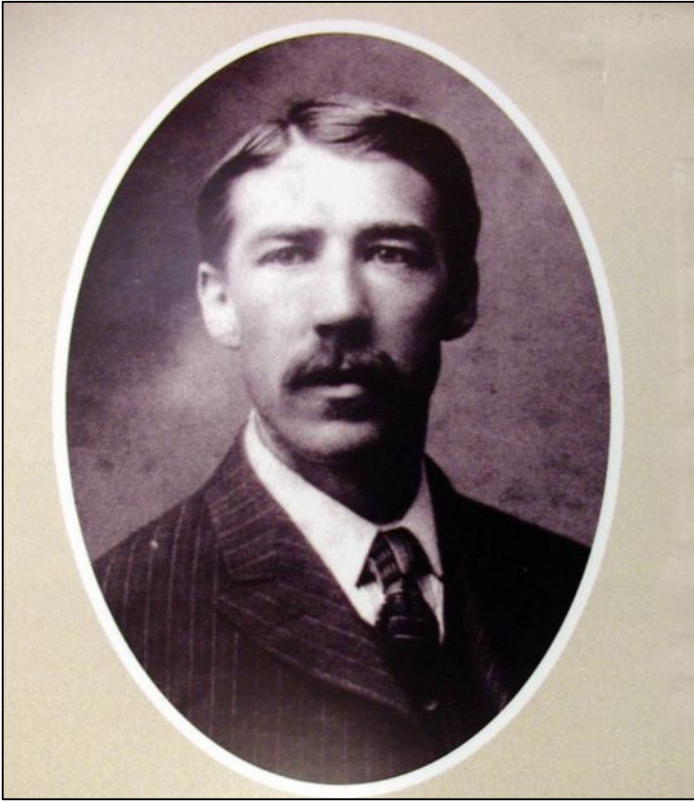


Thomas Jefferson Smith, M. D.



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Many Death Certificates have the attending doctor as T. J. Smith, M. D. He was the attending doctor to many people that are interred in the Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN.

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Source: Putnam County Tennessee, 1850 – 1970 by Mary Jean DeLozier, pg. 202 - 207: From 1890 to 1920 J. Thomas Moore and J. A. Butler practiced medicine in Algood and Robert L. Ray, W. C. Officer, C. A. Collins, Alvah Johnson, and T. Morrison Crain were Monterey physicians. Drs. Samuel Denton, W. E. Sypert, Shelia Davis, Ned Burton, William F. Sewell, J. M. Wheeler, Thomas Jefferson Smith, and Luther M. Freeman served the western part of the county.¹⁷

R. L. Duval, G. N. Guthrie, W. D. Ferrell, J. Peyton Terry, and S. H. Baird were some of the Putnam County's leading dentists.

In the early years of the twentieth century a number of factors brought some improvement in health practices in Putnam County. Informed persons throughout the United States began to realize the implications of the germ theory and to demand better sanitation. New discoveries in medical science gained increased respect for the medical profession. In 1901 the Tennessee General Assembly tightened standards for state medical schools, and in 1916 that body required examinations of all physicians who wished to practice in Tennessee. The Putnam County Quarterly Court elected a health officer who led immunization drives and sanitation projects, hired a county nurse, and paid partial expenses for care of mentally ill at Central State Hospital in Nashville. The Tennessee Public Health Department examined water supplies.

After World War I the Red Cross provided workers who investigated the health needs of county families and arranged for care with local physicians. The chapter likewise scheduled classes in home nursing.

County doctors introduced new techniques. They abandoned their emphasis on purgatives, emphasized immunization, and began employing x-rays for diagnosis. Dr. Moore introduced the use of aspirin to relieve pain.

In spite of improved sanitation and preventative measures, epidemics continued to hit the area. While smallpox and typhoid fever were on the wane, diphtheria and scarlet fever still claimed many victims, and in 1918 a terrible influenza epidemic hit the United States and Putnam County. Beginning in September of 1918, the disease spread rapidly throughout the county. It struck whole families and many, especially the elderly, babies, and those who refused bed rest, died. Stores ran out of coffins and families had to make their own. Schools and theaters closed, and clubs discontinued meetings.

Nevertheless, Putnam had made progress in health care from 1890 to 1920. While many of its citizens still relied on folk cures, many others called in physicians, now better trained to treat their illnesses. In 1923 Putnam County had 116 practicing physicians and ranked 22 in the number of doctors among the 95 counties of Tennessee.

¹⁷ This list, compiled primarily from accounts of medical meetings in area newspapers, is not a complete roster of the physicians of Putnam County from 1890 to 1920. Although during these years medical doctors were required to register their licenses in the county court clerk's office, these registrations cannot presently be located by that office. Dr. and Mrs. Thurman Shipley and others were helpful in checking the list compiled by the writer.

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Census Place: 1860 District 16, DeKalb Co., Tennessee

Dwl: 1552

Samuel H. SMITH 32 M W (value of personal estate, 6,000) Merchant TN (*Samuel Houston Smith*)

Mary SMITH 30 F W TN (*Mary Ann (Maxwell) Smith*)

Lewis N. SMITH 1 M W TN

Martha J. LITTLE 13 F W TN

Census Place: 1870 District 16, DeKalb Co., Tennessee

Dwl: 26

Samuel H. SMITH 40 M W Farmer & Merchant (value of real estate, 2,500) TN

Mary A E SMITH 39 F W Housekeeping TN (*Mary Maxwell*)

Napoleon B. SMITH 10 M W TN

Vanervie SMITH 8 M W TN

Steven A. D. SMITH 5 M W TN

Elizabeth SMITH 2 F W TN

William GARNER 25 M W Clerk in Store (value of real estate, 800) TN

Jane MAXWELL 26 F W Domestic Servant TN

Census Place: 1880 District 16, DeKalb Co., Tennessee

Dwl: 205 Family: 226

Source: FHL Film 1255252 National Archives Film T9-1252 Page 249B

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Samuel H. SMITH	Self	M	M	W	51	TN
Occ:	Farmer	Fa: NC	Mo: NC			
Mary Elizabeth SMITH	Wife	F	M	W	49	TN
Occ:	Keeps House	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
J. R. Napoleon SMITH	Son	M	S	W	21	TN
Occ:	Works In Saw Mill	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Vanervie N. SMITH	Son	M	S	W	18	TN
Occ:	Works In Saw Mill	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Stephen A. D. SMITH	Son	M	S	W	14	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
Elizabeth Frances SMITH	Dau	F	S	W	12	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
Thomas J. SMITH	Son	M	S	W	9	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				(<i>Thomas Jefferson Smith, M.D.</i>)
Nancy Jane MAXWELL	SisterL	F	S	W	35	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
Rachel CUMMINS	Other	F	S	B	16	TN
Occ:	Servant	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Erastus S. HOLLY	Other	M	S	W	18	TN
Occ:	Works On Farm	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Frederick W. HENCH	Son	M	S	W	22	MD
Occ:	Minister	Fa: MD	Mo: MD			

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

Dwl: 205 Family: 211

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

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Jessee MC DONALD	Self	M	M	W	36	TN
Occ:	Farmer	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Josie MC DONALD	Wife	F	M	W	26	TN
Occ:	Keeps House	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Martha Bell MC DONALD	Dau	F	S	W	6	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				(<i>Martha "Mattie" Belle McDonald</i>)
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				
Lossens NORRIS	Other	M	S	W	40	TN
Occ:	Laborer	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Ute BRASWELL	Other	M	S	W	17	TN
Occ:	Works On Farm	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			

Census Place: 1900 District 16, DeKalb Co., Tennessee

Dwl: 36 Family: 39

Thomas Jefferson (T. J.) Smith Head 29 M W September 1870 Married (8 yrs. md) M. D. TN TN TN
Mattie Smith Wife 26 F W March 1873 Married (8 yrs. md) (2 children born, 2 children living) TN TN TN
Chauncie Smith Dau 6 F W July 1893 Single At School TN TN TN
Lionel Smith Son 1 M W November 1898 Single TN TN TN

Census Place: 1910 District 16, Laurel Hill Rd., DeKalb Co., Tennessee

Dwl: 65 Family: 66

Thomas J. Smith Head 39 M W Married1 (18 yrs. md) Farmer & M. D. General Farm TN TN TN
Mattie B. Smith Wife 37 F W Married1 (18 yrs. md) TN TN TN
(2 children born, 2 children living) TN TN TN
Chauncie C. Smith Dau 17 F W Single TN TN TN
Lionel Smith Son 11 M W Single TN TN TN
Samuel H. Smith Father 81 M W Widow Own Income TN TN TN

Census Place: 1920 District 16, Laurel Hill & Silver Point Rd., DeKalb Co., Tennessee

Dwl: 65 Family: 66

Thomas J. Smith Head 49 M W Married Doctor Medicine TN TN TN
Mattie B. Smith Wife 46 F W Married TN TN TN (*Mattie Belle McDonald*)
Lionel Smith Son 21 M W Married Laborer General Farm TN TN TN
Ruby Smith Daughter-in-Law 21 F W Married TN TN TN

Census Place: 1930 District 16, Laurel Hill & Silver Point Rd., DeKalb Co., Tennessee

Dwl: 118 Family: 124

Thomas J. Smith Head 59 M W Married (21 yrs. old 1st marriage) Physician Medicine TN TN TN
Mattie B. Smith Wife 57 F W Married (19 yrs. old 1st marriage) TN TN TN

Census Place: 1930 District 16, DeKalb Co., Tennessee

Dwl: 1 Family: 1

Lionel Smith Head 31 M W Married (18 yrs. old 1st marriage) Farmer TN TN TN
Ruby Smith Wife 30 F W Married (17 yrs. old 1st marriage) Teacher Public School TN TN TN
Lionel Smith Son 8 M W TN TN TN

Source: DeKalb Co., Tennessee Cemeteries by Doris Garrison Gilbert, pg. 299: **Mary A. E. Smith**, b. 14 June 1831 – d. 15 January 1908, buried in the Smith Cemetery. Location: from Center Hill Dam go east on Hwy. 141 about 1.3 miles to Smith Hollow. Turn north, go about .7 of a mile to the first house. The grave is enclosed in an iron fence west of the house near the barn. Copied by Thomas G. Webb, 1987.

Source: Putnam County Tennessee Cemetery by Maurine Ensor Patton & Doris Garrison Gilbert, pg. 134: Thomas Jefferson Smith, b. 17 September 1870, Laurel Hill, DeKalb Co., TN - d. 14 March 1948, Davidson Co., Nashville, TN & Martha "Mattie" Belle (McDonald) Smith, b. 12 March 1873 - d. 12 August 1936, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. Both buried in the Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. Thomas Jefferson Smith, s/o Samuel Houston Smith & Mary Ann Maxwell of DeKalb Co., TN. Martha "Mattie" Belle (McDonald) Smith, d/o Jesse & Josie McDonald of DeKalb Co., TN.

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Source: DC #11422, Putnam Co., TN

Full Name: **Ruby Irene Smith**

Place of Death: Civil Dist., 13, Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN

Age: 34 yrs. 7 months 8 days

Date of Birth: 1 October 1899, Hickman, TN

Husband: not listed (*Lionel Donald Smith*)

Occupation: Teacher
Father: Gine Ashley, Hickman, TN
Mother: Mattie Smith, Smith Co., TN
Informant: L. D. Smith, Silver Point, TN
Cemetery: Cookeville, Cookeville, TN
Undertaker: Whitson Funeral Home, Cookeville, TN
Usual Residence: Civil Dist. 13, Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN
Principal Cause of Death: Pelvic Carcinoma
Contributory Cause of Death: Hemorrhage from an automobile accident.
Signed: T. J. Smith, Silver Point, TN

Dr. Thomas Jefferson Smith Obt.

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 D. Smith of Silver, and seven grandchildren.

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

Source: DC #4896, Putnam Co., TN
Full Name: **Thomas Jefferson Smith**
Place of Death: 412 Fairfax Ave., Davidson Co., Nashville, TN
Age: 77 yrs. 5 months 27 days
Date of Birth: 17 September 1870, Laurel Hill, DeKalb Co., TN
Wife: **Belle McDonald**
Occupation: Medical Doctor
Father: **Samuel Houston Smith**
Mother: **Mary Ann Maxwell**, born in Murfreesboro, TN
Informant: Mrs. Howard Curtis of 412 Fairfax Ave
Cemetery: Cookeville, Cookeville, TN
Undertaker: Jack Carver Funeral Home, Cookeville, TN by Jack Carver
Usual Residence: Civil Dist. 13, Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN
Cause of Death: Pulmonary tuberculosis

Mattie Belle (McDonald) Smith Obt.

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.

Mattie Belle (McDonald) Smith Obt.

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 be 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 McDonald Smith, Bill and Carolyn Curtis, and a host of friends to mourn her death.

Herald Newspaper, Cookeville, TN: 27 August 1936, pg. 3.

Lionel Donald Smith Obt.

SERVICES HELD SATURDAY:

Funeral services were held Saturday for Lionel Smith, 51, at the Silver Point Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Cookeville City Cemetery.

Mr. Smith, a rural mail carrier, died Wednesday night at his home in Silver Point of a heart attack.

Son of the late Dr. Thomas J. and Mrs. Mattie McDonald Smith, he was a native of Putnam County, TN.

Survivors include his widow Mrs. Annie Mae Julian Smith; four sons, Ashley Lee, Donald, William T. and James A. Smith, and one daughter, Miss Mary Smith.

Source: The Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN, 14 September, 1933:

WOMAN'S LIFE IS SAVED BY HUSBAND AFTER CAR CRASH

Mrs. Lionel Smith, of Silver Point, Injured Near Here Friday, Jugular Vein Severed:

Mrs. Lionel Smith, wife of a Silver Point rural mail carrier, owes her life today to her husband's quick action Friday afternoon when he seized the end of her left jugular vein, severed in a car wreck near here and staunched the flow of blood until she could be rushed to City Hospital.

Mrs. Smith was injured when the car in which she and her husband were riding to Cookeville was struck by a car driven by Charlie Warren.

According to Smith, who was also slightly injured, Warren was driving on the wrong side of the road meeting him, and in an effort to avert a crash Smith swerved just as Warren's car plowed into the side of his car.

After the crash, which occurred three miles west of Cookeville on Highway No. 24, Mrs. Smith was brought to the hospital here where a successful effort was made to save her. Mrs. Mabel Goldman, hospital superintendent said Smith's quick action saved his wife's life.

Warren also was brought to the hospital, but was side to have been uninjured. Smith placed charges of driving an automobile while under the influence of an intoxicant, and reckless driving against him. He was to have his preliminary hearing before Magistrate D. J. Wade today.

Mrs. Smith's condition is reported favorable, and she is expected to recover.

Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 14 September 1933

Anna Mai (Julian) Smith Obt.

BAXTER -- Funeral services for Anna Mai Smith, 90, of Silver Point will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday from the Baxter Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Cookeville Cemetery.

The family will receive friends after 2 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Mrs. Smith died on Friday, May 28, 2004, at NHC of Cookeville.

She was born June 7, 1913, in Silver Point to the late Will J. and Mary Ceva Watkins Julian. **Mrs. Smith was a graduate of Baxter Seminary and Tennessee Technological University. She was a retired school**

teacher, having taught over 30 years at Buffalo Valley, Boma, Silver Point and Baxter Elementary Schools. She attended the Silver Point Church of Christ.

Her family includes a daughter, Mary Snowden of Lebanon; two sons and a daughter-in-law: William (Bill) T. Anita Smith, and James (Jim) W. Smith, all of Silver Point; four grandsons and three granddaughters-in-law: Lionel Smith, Phillip and Daka Smith, and Forest and Susan Smith; a granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Lorna and Shea Lee; three great-grandchildren: Danika and Colton Smith, and Elliott Lee.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by her husband Lionel D. Smith; two sisters: Carolyn Julian and Lois Alcorn; three brothers: Earl, Will and Lloyd Julian; and a granddaughter, Ann Snowden.

Active pallbearers will be Lionel, Phillip and Forest Smith, Shea Lee, Clyde Clemons, Byrd Clemons, Jr., Brian Sears, John Tom Alcorn, and Gerald Julian.

Honorary pallbearers will be all former teachers who worked with Mrs. Smith, and former students, Danika and Colton Smith and Elliott Lee.

Bro. Johnny Fox and Bro. Don Chaffin will officiate at the services.

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Anderton "Ann" Borland Snowden Obt.

BAXTER -- Funeral services for Ann Snowden, 36, of Lebanon, will be held at 1 p.m. on Thurs., May 31, from the Baxter Chapel of Hooper & Huddleston Funeral Home. Burial will be in Cookeville City Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 4-9 p.m. on Wed., May 30, at the funeral home.

Miss Snowden died on Mon., May 28, 2001, at her home in Lebanon.

She was born on Jan. 3, 1965, in Atlanta, Ga., to Mary Smith Snowden of Lebanon and Brinkley Snowden of Dallas, Texas. Miss Snowden attended University of Tennessee at Memphis and was a member of the Hospital Hospitality House in Memphis. She was a member of Silver Point Church of Christ.

In addition to her parents, her family includes her grandmother, Anna Mai Smith of Silver Point; aunts and uncles, Bill and Anita Smith and Jim Smith, all of Silver Point, Marshall and Carol Morris of Memphis, and Ashley Smith of Cookeville.

She was preceded in death by her great-grandparents, Dr. T.J. (*Thomas Jefferson*) and Mattie Smith.

Pallbearers will be Lionel, Phillip and Forrest Smith, Shea Lee, Marshall Snowden and Bryan Sears.

Bro. Johnny Fox will officiate at the services.

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Source: A Bicentennial History of DeKalb County, Tennessee by Thomas Gray Webb, pub. 1995.

pgs. 285 & 286: A partial list of DeKalb County physicians from earliest times to the present.

SMITHVILLE

Jack Rhody
Tim Stone
Jerry Maynard
Doug Hooper
J. C. Hall
David Outs
Melvin Blevins
Hugh Don Cripps
Jery Puckett
J. Kenneth Twilla
Winfred W. Knowles, Jr.
John Leonard Vanhooser
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J. S. Harrison
James J. Gowan
Isaac Gowan

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A. J. Sneed
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T. J. Bratten
T. J. Jackson
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C. B. White

WOLF CREEK

Gideon Smith
William M. Farmer
W. E. Sybert
J. C. Fisher
T. J. Smith
Felix L. Patterson

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J. R. Hudson
Sam McMillan
David Darrah
Thomas Davis
O. D. Williams
C. L. Barton
T. J. Sneed, Jr.
Jefferson Sneed
Isaac J. Miers
Horace Sneed
Eliel Tubb
Nicholas Mercer
T. F. Everett
Richard A. Blythe
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