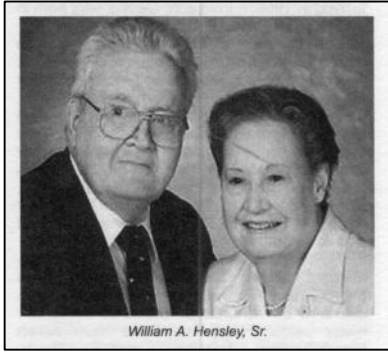


**WILLIAM A. HENSLEY SR.**

b. 28 October 1883, TN – d. 1 November 1951, married **Nevada E. Mayberry**, b. 9 October 1881, TN – d. 20 October 1947, both buried in the Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

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Pg. 267– (#726): **William A. Hensley, Sr., served Cookeville as Mayor for three terms from 1924-26**



**and served two terms in the Tennessee Senate representing the Tenth District from 1927-29.** While he was Mayor, the city water plant was built and in 1926 the city's first fire engine was acquired. In the state Senate, he served as Chairman of the Education Committee and in 1929 he introduced a bill to launch a bond drive for the expansion of Tennessee tech. He was a Vice-President of the First National Bank, a charter member of the Cookeville Lions Club, a Shriner, and a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Mason who also achieved the 32<sup>nd</sup> degree. He was appointed a Colonel on the staffs of Governors Peay and Horton, and served as US Marshall for Middle Tennessee. **Mr. Hensley was born in 1883 in Jackson County, TN the son of David Hensley and Frances Chaffin. He married Nevada**

**Mayberry in 1905.** They built a house on Cherry Street in 1910 which had one of the first indoor bathrooms in Cookeville, and a second house next door. They also built a log cabin about 2 ½ miles from town on Hwy. 70 which was known as Royal Oaks. **They had three children: May, Charles, and William A. Hensley, Jr.** May married Leslie J. Walker and they had three children – Catherine, who was born the week that Mr. Hensley was elected Mayor for the first term, Willeen, and Jimmy. Charles died in infancy. William "Bill" Hensley, a Cookeville physician, married Johnie Laminack and they had two children Janet and Deborah. Mr. Hensley was involved in a number of business ventures including ownership of Hill Hensley Wholesale House, and with Leslie Walker had the dealership for Shell Oil Co. later Pure Oil. Mr. and Mrs. Hensley were members of Broad Street Church of Christ. Mr. Hensley died in 1951 and is buried in Cookeville City Cemetery, Cookeville, TN.

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