

Mrs. Matilda Jones Obt.
Matilda Smith Garner Jones,
d/o Thomas Jefferson Smith & Matilda Puckett
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18 July 1912, pg. 2

In the death of Mrs. Matilda Jones, wife of Capt. P. Jones of Buffalo Valley, which occurred at her home Wednesday, humanity loses one of its most gracious and useful women. Wonderful woman she was; so good, so high minded, so charitable, loving, a wife, mother and a lover of all human kind. In a life of sixty years, no unkind word about her fellow man ever escaped her lips, no unkind thought clouded her mind, but through all the years her life was filled with good deeds and practical charity that made her a benefactor in this section.

Her large hospitable home was ever open to her friends and their friends. The crowds were never too large to find comfortable entertainment, and the good things to eat, the good humor and fund of wisdom which emanated from this cheerful, smiling Christian woman, made the honorees of her hospitality realize that life was worth living. The young folks not only in this section, but the state, flocked to her home. They loved her, they enjoyed her, she was entertainment and instruction to them.

Her deeds of charity were the needs of humanity. She supplied to her friends and neighbors what they had not. No person in her reach ever suffered from hunger if she knew it. She cared for the poor and needy and the lowly of earth had her sympathy and support. When they came to her home she sent them away with good hams, bacon, meal, flour, chickens, clothing, five dollar gold pieces and silver dollars. What a wonderful work she did, and who is there among us to take her place?

In the dark years after the civil war, she did not wish her neighbors' children to grow up in ignorance, so she built a comfortable school house on her own land and taught the youngsters to read and write. Many of our most prominent citizens will tell you that their start in life came from the school room of Matilda Jones.

For eleven months she has been affected with an weakening heart, and during this time, her home has been thronged with friends anxious to minister to her and make her declining days as happy as possible. Everything that humanity could imagine was done for her comfort, loving hands were ever outstretched to aid this woman who was a mother to her community. Not a heart but aches that knew her and the unbroken prayers of her friends bespeak for her the eternal rest that comes to those who love the Lord and who was a ministering angel to the children of his as was Matilda Jones.

Mrs. Jones was the sister of the late Capt. Walton Smith of Cookeville, and out of a family of six boys and five girls, the death of Mrs. Jones leaves only one, Mrs. Omaha Wallace of Buffalo Valley.

Graeme McGregor Smith Tribute to Matilda Jones

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A BELOVED WOMAN DEAD

(not the complete tribute)

A great big heart in a great big body, may God grant "Aunt Tilda" a great big place in His Heaven. Today she sleeps on the hill side where her young days were lived and if each for whom she has granted a kindly word of deed should send one rose bud, she would sleep under a mantle of roses and millions of petals would breathe an incense of love.

Rest on Aunt Tilda, for a peaceful rest should be yours! You have given to the world much love, and much love grieves for you today. We will miss you, how much you could never have realized for the heart which was yours reckoned little of self, twas giving always giving, asking naught, never tiring in doing for others, seeking only to serve, you were of God's nobility, for...

True worth is being, not seething;
In doing each day that goes by..
Some little good – not in dreaming
Of great things by and by.
For good heth not in pursuing,
For gaining of great, not of small;
But just in doing and doing
As we would be done by, is all.

Capt. Prettyman “Purt” Jones – b. 23 July 1841, Buffalo Valley, TN
d. 7 July 1917, Nashville, TN
*C.S.A & Union Army- Capt., Co. F, 25th Inf. C.S.A, and
Co. H, 1st TN Mtd. Inf. (Union)*

s/o Bird/Byrd Smith Jones & Hannah Johnson

md 1st 24 February 1863, during the Civil War,

Angeline Anderson - b. 7 March 1842 – d. 24 February 1888

*“A precious one from us gone, A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home, That never can be filled.”*

Both buried: +Prettyman Jones Graveyard - Buffalo Valley in the
barnlot of the old homeplace – Hopewell Rd., Putnam Co., TN.

d/o Thomas Shirley Jr. & Louisa (Alexander) Anderson - sister to Martha
Anderson. **md 2nd 6 August 1888, Putnam Co., TN, Matilda Smith Garner**

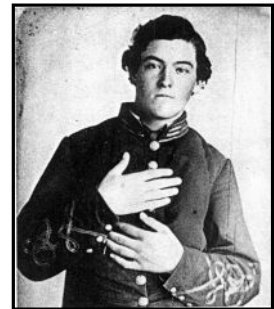
d/o Thomas Jefferson Smith & Matilda Puckett - md 3rd 19 June 1913,
Putnam Co., TN, **Martha Ann “Dollie” Denny** – ca. 1886, Putnam Co., TN

d/o James Denny & Martha

*Martha Ann Denny 1st married 4 April 1901, William Henry Tucker Jr., b. February 1879,
Putnam Co., TN – d. before 1910, Putnam Co., TN ggrandfather of Evans Lyne, then
Prettyman Jones and finally to a Mr. Faircloth. She outlived them all. Martha & William
Henry Tucker Jr. had a child named William Henry Tucker – b. ca. 1903, Putnam Co., TN –
md Wilma Patterson – d/o Evander McIver & Minnie Lee Patterson. *See Story of Prettyman
Jones Sr. & Other Characters for complete listing of William Henry Tucker family.
Martha “Dollie”- d/o Martha (b. 1852) & Timothy or James Denny (b. 1830)*

Both Buried: +Capt. Prettyman & Angeline Anderson -

Buffalo Valley Rd, on Homestead, Putnam Co., TN.



Capt. Prettyman Jones

Children of Prettyman “Purt” Jones & Angeline Anderson : Byrd Thomas Jones

1864, Walter Jones, 1867-1928, md Dillion Julian; Prettyman Jones Jr., 1869-1927,
md Cornelia G. Burton; Josephine Jones, 1871-1934, md Robert Lee Alcorn, *See Chapter 1;
Nevada “Veda” Jones, b. 22 February 1874, Buffalo Valley, TN –d. 24
September 1956, Lebanon, Wilson, TN – buried beside husband on family farm
md 15 July 1897, Henry Jones – s/o Capt. Wade Jones & Rebecca Bartlett.

Census Place: 1870 District 13, (post office Penkin) Putnam Co., Tennessee

Dwl: 964 Family: 964

T. J. Smith 52 M W (value of real estate, 500) (value of personal estate, 500) Farmer TN
(*Thomas Jefferson Smith*)

Matilda Smith 45 F W TN (*Matilda Puckett*)

Marady Smith 17 M W Farmer TN

Naomi Smith 15 F W TN

Letha Smith 13 F W TN

Wayman L. Smith 11 M W TN

Matilda Smith 9 F W TN (*Matilda Smith md Capt. Prettyman “Purt” Jones*)

Malvina Smith 6 F W TN

Census Place: 1870 District 13, Putnam Co., Tennessee

Dwl: 39 Family: 39

T. J. Smith 64 M W (value of real estate, 1,000) (value of personal estate, 1,000) Farmer TN
(*Thomas Jefferson Smith*)

Matilda Smith 58 F W Keeps House TN (*Matilda Puckett*)

Mareda Smith 27 M W Works Farm TN

Letha Smith 23 F W Without Occupation TN

Waman Smith 21 M W Works Farm TN

Matilda Smith 17 F W At Home TN (*Matilda Smith md Capt. Prettyman "Purt" Jones*)

Melvina Smith 15 F W At Home TN

Census Place: 1870 District 13, Putnam Co., Tennessee

Dwl: 39 Family: 39

Walton Smith 33 M W (value of real estate, 100) (value of personal estate, 500) Farmer TN
(*Walton Smith md Marion Richardson Black, parents of Rutledge Smith*)

Mariam R. Smith 29 F W Keeps House SC (*Marion Richardson Black*)

Cortney Mary Smith 7 F W TN

Census Place: 1880 District 13, Putnam Co., Tennessee

Dwl: 265 Family: 282

Source: FHL Film 1255275 National Archives Film T9-1275 Page 176C

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Thomas SMITH	Self	M	M	W	76	TN
	Occ:	Farmer	Fa: VA	Mo: VA		
Matilda SMITH	Wife	F	M	W	69	TN
	Occ:	Keeping House	Fa: VA	Mo: NC		
James PRICHARD	Other	M	S	W	29	TN
	Occ:	Works On Farm	Fa: NC	Mo: NC		

Census Place: 1900 1st Dist., Putnam Co., Tennessee

Dwl: 463 Family: 473

Walton Smith Head 63 M W April 1837 Widow TN VA TN

Census Place: 1900 9th Dist., Putnam Co., Tennessee

Dwl: 165 Family: 165

Purt Jones Head 57 M W July 1842 Married (11 yrs. md) Farmer TN TN TN

Matilda Jones Wife 47 F W July 1852 Married (11 yrs. md) (2 children born – 1 child living) TN

Bailey Jones Son 9 M W February 1891 TN TN TN

Tony Anderson Nephew 21 M W January 1879 Single Farm Laborer TN TN TN

Tom Anderson Nephew 26 M W Married Farm Laborer TN TN TN

John Johnson Servant 20 B M Mary 1880 Single Farm Laborer TN TN TN

Albert Bohannon Servant 21 B M July 1878 Single Farm Laborer TN TN TN

Lexie Smith Servant 16 F W January 1884 Single Housekeeping TN TN TN

John A. Wallace -- b. 10 February 1839, Bedford, VA -

d. 21 April 1911 – s/o **Hugh Wallace & Nancy Jared**

Raised his nephew William M. "Bill" Wallace.

md **Naoma "Oma" Smith** – b. February 1842, TN – d. 5 May 1925,

Putnam Co., TN: DC #305, Putnam, TN Cause of Death, Heart Trouble. True: W. M. Wallace

d/o **Thomas Jefferson Smith**, b. 1806, DeKalb & **Matilda Puckett**, b. 1814, DeKalb Co., TN

1860 census, Putnam Co., 13th Dist. TN - *See Story of Hugh Wallace & Family.

Sister of Capt. Walton Smith. Descendants of John Puckett – Rev'l War.

Walton Smith md Marion Richardson Black, parents of Rutledge Smith.

Both Buried: +Hugh Wallace Cemetery, Silver Point, TN

The 1870 census of Putnam Co., TN, 13th Dist., Putnam Co., TN

shows John 31 & Oma 26 without children, living next to his parents.



John A. Wallace

This picture was a tintype. Tintypes were made 1856-1900. The tintype gets its name from the fact that the image is produced on a thin metal plate. The emulsion was directly exposed in the camera, without ant need for a negative, so the images are often unique.

Census Place: 1880 District 13, Putnam Co., Tennessee

Dwl: 243 Family: 258

Source: FHL Film 1255275 National Archives Film T9-1275 Page 174D

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
John WALLACE	Self	M	M	M	40	TN
Occ:	Farmer	Fa: TN	Mo: VA			
Naomi WALLACE	Wife	F	M	W	34	TN
Occ:	Keeping House	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			

Census Place: 1900 13th Dist., Putnam Co., Tennessee

Dwl: 110 Family: 110

John A. Wallace Head 60 M W February 1840 Married (34 yrs. md) Farmer TN VA TN

Oma Wallace Wife 56 F W February 1844 Married (34 yrs. md) 0 children TN TN TN

(*Naoma "Oma" Smith, d/o Thomas Jefferson Smith & Matilda Puckett*)

Billy M. Wallace Nephew 30 M W July 1869 Single Farmer TN TN TN

Linard Anderson Boarder B M 24 January 1876 Single Farmer TN TN TN

*See Chapters 10 & 15 and Hugh Wallace Family Sheet & Prettyman Jones Family Sheet at:

<http://www.ajlambert.com>