

Notes from Mai Jones Prince
about the Jones family & others.
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Stories and remembrances by Mai Jones Prince told to Miriam (Shanks) Gwaltney & Jackie Ann (Bartlett) Calvetti. Stories told as they were taking a drive through Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN.

Mai Edythe (Jones) Prince, b. 3 August 1904 – 13 February 1930, Detroit, MI, md Rayford Prince, b. 20 September 1907 – d. 22 September 1990, MI. Mai Edythe (Jones) Prince, d/o Prettyman Jones Jr. (1868-1927) & Cornelia G. Burton (1869-1922).

Thomas Anderson Jr., lived at the Vada Jones place. His father gave him gold to buy the farm. Mai played in the old house. Thomas and Louisa probably died of smallpox. Fanny Anderson, d/o Thomas and Louisa was ironing her bonnet and set her iron on the hearth. Mai was a baby and rolled against the iron which left its print on her for years.

Nep Medley kept a pistol under his pillow, it went off and killed him. He lived at the top of the hill at the Cass Vaughn place. Nep's wife was Mary, d/o Mr. Moss. Mary later married her son-in-law. Maurine Moss married Sam Sliger.

Capt Put Jones had a rock style that the ladies got on their horses from. Capt. Put's father, Byrd Jones is buried above Put's house.

Pearl's father played cards all day long in the barn. Their mother sat in a chair all day.

Sid Anderson married Maudie and Lan Maudie's parents were so upset. Maudie was only 15 and Lan about 17. Later Maudie got sick with a sore throat and they wanted to lance it.

At the Byrd Jones place – Nancy Dee Jones Harris, w/o Samuel Harris is buried in the cemetery there – Hannah (Johnson) Jones, w/o Byrd Smith Jones – also Hannah remarried. The children were upset and didn't put up a marker for her for a long time. She may have married a Coggin.

Old man Prettyman 1772 Byrd's father, lived up the Denny or Wallace Hollow. Also Sadie Scudder who married Travis Bartlett first. Hooper Norman Jones told Mai that Fes Denny threw the cemetery stones out over into a ditch, stones of Old Man Prettyman.

Luke Shanks had black and white powder at his and Walter Shanks' store in Buffalo Valley which Mai bought. The store was once the DuBois store, later the Alcorn store. Thurman worked at the Shanks store. One day Mai, Walter, and others went on a picnic. Walter lent Thurman his coat. Mai left Buffalo Valley in 1927, she dated Capt. Farmer, son of Fate Farmer. Jim Youngblood, Walter Burton & Clarence Taylor were at the Smellage Decoration Day.

Reggie Warren, Mr. Coleman were two teachers at the Buffalo Valley school in Putnam Co., TN.

Ruby Ila and Mai Jones dyed Bessie Vaughn's hair black once. They had the dye under their fingernails when they went to the Decoration Day at Smellage Cemetery in Boma, TN.

Forest Anderson dated Chancy who later married Jack Burton. Forest Anderson also dated Pearl Jones.

Mai went with her mother who helped with new babies. They cooked their breakfast before leaving.

Fate Vaughn was the f/o Cass Vaughn. Fate wanted a chaw of tobacco from a lady, she broke it off for him so he wouldn't have to touch it.

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