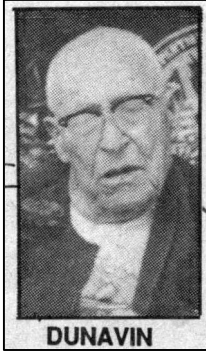


DAY NAMED IN DUNAVIN'S HONOR ON 100TH BIRTHDAY:

Putnam County native **Wade Dunavin** celebrated his April 9 100th birthday in a very unique way. The special day was proclaimed Wade Dunavin Day at Ft. Lyon, Colo., VA Medical Center where he currently resides.



Dunavin, born here on April 9, 1892, is the oldest of 13 children, three of whom are still living. He was honored at a public reception where over 300 friends extended best wishes to celebrate the event.

He is currently a resident of the nursing care unit where he worked as a nursing assistant for 30 years. Hi wife, a spry woman nearing her 90th birthday, said she is amazed her husband's ability to recall details from their early years in the area.

Approximately 60 family members, including his youngest brother, William Dunavin of Dexter, MI, youngest sister, Evelyn Brewer of San Diego, Calif., and a host of nieces and nephews attended the celebration. Two brothers, the late Leonard and Taylor Dunavin who lived in Algood and Baxter were represented by their daughters, Dolores Nichols and Keeble Sutton of Cookeville.

Also traveling a great distance for Dunavin's birthday were nephew's Leonard and Edward Bilbrey of Jamestown and Maryville and Charles Dunavin of Elm Wood.

The following day, a lunch was hosted by Dunavin's wife and family at the home of his niece, Fontella Gardner, in Las Animas, Colo. Over 50 family members gathered to enjoy the food and fellowship.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 13 May 1992.

*See Maxwell files at: <http://www.ajlambert.com>

Frances (Dunavin) Bilbrey Obt.

COOKEVILLE - Funeral services for Mrs. Frances Dunavin Bilbrey, 72, widow of John Morgan Bilbrey, were conducted from the chapel of Hooper-Huddleston Funeral Home today at 2:00 with Dr. J. Wm. Harbin and Ben Alexander officiating.

Mrs. Bilbrey died Friday night in Maryville, TN where she had been making her home for a number of years. She was a native of Putnam County, daughter of the late George M. and Martha Ann Maxwell Dunavin.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Florence Mathis, Birimingham, AL; 2 sons, J. T. Dunavin, Baxter, and Bill Dunavin, Dexter, MI; a half-brother, Wade Dunavin, Los Annas, CO; 3 sisters, Mrs. Berta Dunavin, Kalamazoo, MI and Mrs. Edna Evelyn Seymour, San Diego, CA.

Burial was in Saylor Cemetery.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: Monday, 2 October 1972.

Edna Evelyn Dunavin Brewer

JAMESTOWN -- Graveside services for Edna Evelyn Dunavin Brewer, 88, of Ocean Side, Calif., formerly of Putnam County, will be held at 2 p.m. on Sun., July 2, at Maxwell Cemetery.

Mrs. Brewer died on Fri., June 2, 2000, in California, after an extended illness.

She was born on June 12, 1911, in Putnam County to the late George Matthew and Martha Ann Maxwell Dunavin. Mrs. Brewer was a retired teacher.

Her family includes her husband, Frederick Brewer of Ocean Side; a son, Richard (Dick) Seymour of Pine Valley, Calif.; a daughter, Jo Stattenfield of Columbus, Ind.; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by nine brothers, Waymon, Wade, Casto, Taylor, Leonard, Charlie, Ernest, Wilson and Bill Dunavin; and three sisters, Frances Bilbrey, Bertha Pezzarossi and Myrtie Dunavin.

Rev. Charles McCaskey will officiate at the services.

Mundy Funeral Home of Jamestown in charge of arrangements.

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Byrd Casto Dunavin Obt.

Las Animas, CO. Funeral services for Casto Dunavin of Las Animas, CO, brother of J. T. Dunavin of Baxter, will be held June 5 in Las Animas.

Additional survivors are 4 sisters, Frances Bilbee of Maryville, TN, Bertha Pezzarossi of Louisville, KY, Myrtie M. Dunavin of Kalamazoo, MI and Edna Seymour of CA.

Two brothers, Wade Dunavin of Las Animas, CO, and Bill Dunavin of Dexter, MI.

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Charles B. Dunavin Obt.

Charles B. Dunavin, 41, a native of Baxter who had lived in Arizona for the past few years, were held at the Baxter Methodist Church, Tuesday afternoon. The Rev. J. P. Porter and the Rev. Alonzo Harris officiated, and burial was in Maxwell Cemetery.

Mr. Dunavin died at the home of his parents, G. M. and Martha Maxwell Dunavin, early Monday morning. He had been there on a visit for several days. He had been in poor health for several years.

Besides his parents, Mr. Dunavin is survived by his wife, Mrs. Essie M. Dunavin; 2 daughters, and 2 sons all of Tuscon, AZ; 4 sisters, Mrs. Francis Bilbrey, Cookeville; Mrs. Bertha Pezzarossi, Louisville, KY, Miss Myrtle Dunavin of Kalamazoo, MI, and Mrs. Edna Seymour, Chicago, IL; 5 brothers, Casto Dunavin, Los Animas, CO, Wade Dunavin, Fort Lyons, CO, J. T. Dunavin, Baxter, L. S. Dunavin, Algood, and Bill Dunavin, Ebberville, MI.

Herald, TN: Thursday, 18 July 1946, front page.

George Matthew Dunavin Obt.

George Matthew Dunavin, 91, died Tuesday May 27 in Algood. Funeral services were to be held this afternoon at the Baxter Methodist Church with Dr. Harry Upperman and the Rev. James Bass officiating. Burial was to be in the Maxwell Cemetery. Hooper-Huddleston in charge of arrangements.

He was a resident of Algood and a retired farmer.

Survivors include 5 sons, Wade and Casto Dunavin of Los Animas, CO, J. T. Dunavin of Baxter, Leonard S. Dunavin of Algood, and William M. Dunavin of Dexter, MI; 4 daughters, Mrs. Frances Bilbrey of Cookeville, Mrs. Bertha Pezzarossi of Louisville, KY, Miss Myrtle M. Dunavin of Kalamazoo, MI, and Mrs. Edna Evelyn Seymour of Norfolk, VA; 28 grandchildren and a number of great grandchildren.

Citizen, TN: 28 May 1958

James Taylor Dunavin Obt.

A Baxter man who served 24 years on the Putnam County Quarterly Court did Friday at the age of 83.

James Taylor Dunavin, of Route 1, Baxter, died in a Cookeville nursing home.

A businessman, Mr. Dunavin had served a six-year term on the old Quarterly Court here from 1936 to 1942 and had been re-elected in 1948, serving then until 1966.

He was the son of the late Mathew Dunavin and Martha Ann Maxwell.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Velma Allison Dunavin, of Baxter; three daughters, Mrs. Lillian Sutton and Mrs. Elise Green, both of Baxter, and Mrs. Walter E. Sutton, of Cookeville; three sisters, Mrs. Bertha Pezzarssi of Kentucky, Miss Myrtle Dunavin of Michigan, and Mrs. Edna Seymonr of California, and Bill Dunavin, of Michigan; five grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mr. Dunavin will be held at 2 p.m. today in the chapel of Hooper & Huddleston Funeral Home with Rev. Robert Prichard and Rev. Roy Cross officiating. Burial will be in Odd Fellows Cemetery in Baxter.

Pallbearers are Danny Sutton, John Eckhout, Harold Maynard, Mike Scarlett, Wayne Shanks, Edward Bilbrey, and Leonard Bilbrey.
Hooper & Huddleston is in charge of arrangements.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 9 November 1980