

GENERAL "GENNINGS" "GEORGE" WASHINGTON ALCORN OBT.

b. 22 April 1861, Buffalo Valley, TN – d. 22 June 1935, Cookeville, TN, md 11th of January 1883, **Nancy Josephine (Garner) Alcorn**, b. 3 October 1861, Buffalo Valley, TN – d. 11 March 1954, d/o **John Garner & Sarah Merritt**. General Washington Alcorn, s/o **Robert Simpson Alcorn Sr. & Martha J. Exum McGinnis**.

*See Nancy Josephine (Garner) Alcorn Obt.

*See Bessie Alcorn buried in Cookeville City Cemetery.

Prominent Putnam Countian Dies:

G. W. "General" Alcorn, 74, Marshal of the Tennessee Court under the late chief justice Mr. Landsen, died June 22, 1935 at his home in Cookeville following a stroke of paralysis some months ago.

"General" Alcorn was one of Putnam County's most prominent citizens and had served almost continuously in one capacity or another as an officer of the law since 1928. He enjoyed a wide acquaintance and prominent family connection among whom was the late F. P. McGinness, a half-brother, of Carthage.

Burial was made with Masonic honors, after services had been held by Rev. Dean Stroud and Rev. Dow A. Ensor.

Carthage Courier, 27 June 1935, front page.

General Alcorn Well Known Citizen Dies Saturday:

Held the Office of Sheriff of Putnam County for 8 years, was Supreme Marshal.

G. W. Alcorn died Saturday at his home in this city following another paralytic stroke. George Washington Alcorn was born in Buffalo Valley. He was the son of Esq. Robert S. Alcorn. Nicknamed "General" because of his name. He married Miss Josephine Garner and they had 7 children, Mrs. Lela Gracey of Cookeville, Mrs. Mamie Watson, Mrs. Georgia Bly, Miss Bessie Alcorn and Felix Alcorn, all of Williams, AZ, Mrs. Willis Luck of Watertown and Robert L. Alcorn of Panama City, FL, and 2 brothers, R. L. Alcorn and A. V. Alcorn of Buffalo Valley. Funeral at family residence on Washington Ave. Burial in City Cemetery.

Herald, Cookeville, 27 June 1935, front page.

Note: General Alcorn was sheriff of Putnam County from 1896 to 1900. He later became Chief of Police of Cookeville. The Alcorn home was on the corner of Washington and 6th Street in Cookeville. Courtesy Charlene Gracey.

From *Siftings from Putnam County Tennessee* by Mary Hopson, pg. 159

Sheriff of Putnam Co., TN living in the 1st Civil Dist. in the 1900 census guarding 12 prisoners at Dwl: 517.

1910 census 1st Civil Dist., Spring Street, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 76 Family: 80 – **General W. Alcorn** is head of household, 48 yrs. old, TN md 27 yrs. to **Josie**, 48 yrs. old, TN, 7 children born, 7 children living. Children: Bessie, 25 yrs. old, occupation teacher public school; Lela, 23 yrs. old, occupation teacher public school; Mamye, 21 yrs. old, occupation teacher public school; Georgia, 19 yrs. old; Willie M., 14 yrs. old; Felix, 9 yrs. old & Robert Alcorn, 5 yrs. old. All born in TN).

1920 census 1st Civil Dist., Washington Ave., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 614 Family: 239 - 272 – **George W. Alcorn** is head of household, 58 yrs. old, TN md to **Josie**, 58 yrs. old, TN. Children: Bessie, 35 yrs.

old; Mamie, 31 yrs. old; Willie, 24 yrs. old; Felix, 18 yrs. old & Robert Alcorn, 14 yrs. old. All born in TN).

1920 census 1st Civil Dist., Washington Ave., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 614-125-130 - **George W. Alcorn** is head of household, 68 yrs. old, TN (21 yrs. old 1st marriage) md to **Josephine**, 68 yrs. old, TN, (21 yrs. old 1st marriage).

Nancy Josephine (Garner) Alcorn Obt.

b. 3 October 1861, Buffalo Valley, TN – d. 11 March 1954, d/o **John Garner & Sarah Merritt**. Josephine md General Washington Alcorn, s/o **Robert Simpson Alcorn Sr. & Martha J. Exum McGinnis**.

*See General “Gennings” “George” Washington Alcorn Obt.

Mrs. G. W. Alcorn Funeral Rites Held:

Mrs. Josephine Garner Alcorn, 92, died Thursday March 11 at her homne on N. Washington Ave. after a prolonged illness.

Mrs. Alcorn was a member of the Methodist Church and was the daughter of John H. and Sarah Garner. She was born near Buffalo Valley and lived in Putnam County all her life.

Her husband, G. W. Alcorn, known throughout the county as “General” was sheriff of Putnam County for 16 years. He died in 1936.

Mrs. Alcorn was the mother of a large, fine family. Her home was her throne. She kept a very interested and active mind and held a profound interest in local and world affairs. Flowers gathered from her garden have been a source of joy to many throughout the years.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at the First Methodist Church. The Rev. Bruce Strother, pastor, officiated. Burial was in the City Cemetery. Whitson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Surviving are 2 sons, Felix Alcorn, Holbrook, AZ, Robert Alcorn, Chattahoochee, FL; 4 daughters, Mrs. F. D. Bly, Pasadena, CA, Mrs. C. N. Gracey, Mrs. Fred Luck, and Miss Bessie Alcorn, all of Cookeville; 11 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Herald, TN: 19 March 1954, pg. 2.

Bessie Alcorn Obt.

Bessie Alcorn, b. 12 November 1884, Putnam Co., TN – d. 14 July 1961. *See General George W. Alcorn buried in Cookeville City Cemetery.

Funeral services for **Miss Bessie Alcorn**, 76, were Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of Whitson Funeral Home. Rev. Hall Barrett, Dr. Charles Sharpe ministers of the Presbyterian Church officiated. Burial was in the Cookeville City Cemetery.

Miss Alcorn, ill for many months, died Friday at the Cookeville General Hospital. A native of Putnam County she had spent the greater part of her life in Cookeville. **A member of pioneer families she was the daughter of the late George W. and Josephine Garner Alcorn, and was a retired teacher.**

She taught in the local schools, in Florida and for some years was located in Williams, Arizona.

Following her retirement she divided her time here and in Pasadena, California. She retured from the latter city more than a year ago and was at home on E. 6th Street. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Miss Alcorn is survived by three sisters, Mrs. C. N. Gracey, Mrs. Fred Luck, Cookeville, Mrs. Fletcher Bly, Pasadena, CA; two brothers, Felix Alcorn, Holbrook, AZ & Robert Alcorn, Chattahoochee, FL.

Serving as pallbearers were Judge John Holladay, James A. Carlen of Cookeville and the nephews, Edward Gracey, Donelson, Fletcher Luck, Lafayette, Bob Alcorn, Chattahoochee, FL & Howard Hale, Kingsport.

The Cookeville Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN: Tuesday, 18 July 1961.

Felix Lee Alcorn Obt.

Services for Felix Lee Alcorn, 70, were held today at 2 p.m. at Messengers Funeral Home in Phoenix, AZ. Burial was also in Phoenix. Mr. Alcorn died of a heart attack at his residence. Mr. Alcorn, a native of Cookeville, was the son of the late General and Josephine Alcorn, prominent citizens of Putnam County and Cookeville. He was a mortician and had called Arizona home for some years.

Survivors are his widow, Ruby Fair Alcorn; daughter, Mrs. William Bunce; five grandchildren, all of Phoenix; three sisters, Mrs. Charlie Gracey, Cookeville, Mrs. Fletcher Bly, Phoenix, AZ, and Mrs. Fred Luck, Knoxville; brother, Robert H. Alcorn of Chattahoochee, FL.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: Monday, 26 July 1971.

Fletcher Davis Bly Obt.

Fletcher Davis Bly, b. 21 August 1874, VA – d. 2 March 1962, CA md **Georgia (Alcorn) Bly**, b. 20 January 1891, TN – d. 27 October 1977, d/o **General “Gennings” “George” Washington Alcorn & Nancy Josephine Garner**, both buried in Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. George W. Alcorn is listed as Sheriff in the 1900 census 1st Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN. He is the son of **Robert Simpson Alcorn Sr. & Martha J. Exum McGinnis**. Nancy Josephine Garner is the daughter of **John H. Garner & Sarah Merritt**. *See Georgia (Alcorn) Bly Obt.

A prayer service for Fletcher Davis Bly, 88, will be held Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. in the Chapel of Whitson Funeral Home. The Rev. Hall Barrett, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church will officiate.

Burial will be in the Cookeville City Cemetery. The body is at the funeral home.

Mr. Bly's death occurred Friday in Pasadena, CA, and funeral services were held there Sunday. He had been ill for several months.

He was reared and educated in his native Weatherford, TX, in later years he owned an operated a sheep ranch in the Grand Canyon area of AZ and resided in Williams, AZ. There in 1918 **he married the former Georgie Alcorn** of Cookeville. They have been residents of Pasadena for 16 years.

(Georgie (Alcorn) Bly, d/o General "Gennings" "George" Washington Alcorn & Nancy Josephine "Josie" Garner)

Besides his widow there are no immediate survivors.

The Cookeville Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN: Tuesday, 6 March 1962.

1910 census 1st Civil Dist., Spring Street, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 76 Family: 80 – **General W. Alcorn** is head of household, 48 yrs. old, TN md 27 yrs. to **Josie**, 48 yrs. old, TN, 7 children born, 7 children living. Children: Bessie, 25 yrs. old; Lela, 23 yrs. old; Mamye, 21 yrs. old; **Georgia**, 19 yrs. old; Willie M., 14 yrs. old; Felix, 9 yrs. old & Robert Alcorn, 5 yrs. old. All born in TN).

1920 census Williams Precinct, Coconino, AZ: Dwl: 47 – **Fletcher D. Bly** is head of household, 41 yrs. old, VA (parents both born in VA), occupation: stock raising, sheep - md to **Georgia A.**, 28 yrs. old, TN, (parents both born in TN) occupation: teacher high school. Also living in the household: Mamie Alcorn, sister-in-law, 31 yrs. old, TN, single, occupation: music teacher. Note: Mamie Alcorn is the daughter of George W. Alcorn & Nancy Josephine Garner. She is the sister of Georgia A. (Alcorn) Bly & Felix Alcorn that lived next door to Fletcher D. & Georgia (Alcorn) Bly in the 1930 census.

1930 census Williams Town, Coconino, AZ: Dwl: #201, Sheridan, Family: 247, 271 – **Fletcher D. Bly** is head of household, 52 yrs. old, VA (parents both born in VA), (41 yrs. old 1st marriage), occupation: stock raising, sheep - md to **Georgia A.**, 38 yrs. old, TN, (parents both born in TN), (27 yrs. old 1st marriage) occupation: none. Also living in the household: Bessie Alcorn, sister-in-law, 42 yrs. old, TN, single, occupation: teacher high school & Ida M. Francisco, lodger, 31 yrs. old, KS (father born in IL, mother born in OH) divorced, occupation: teacher public school & Nellie K. Fritz, lodger, 23 yrs. old, CO, (father born in PA, mother born in IL) single, occupation: teacher public school.

1930 census Williams Town, Coconino, AZ: Dwl: #126, Sheridan, Family: 248, 272 – **Felix Alcorn** is head of household, 29 yrs. old, TN (father born in VA, mother born in VA), (26 yrs. old 1st marriage) occupation: owns shop, dry cleaning – md to **Elizabeth A.**, 23 yrs. old, New Mexico (father born in Budapest, Hungary, mother born in CO), (19 yrs. old 1st marriage). Note: Felix Alcorn is the son of George W. Alcorn & Nancy Josephine Garner. He is the brother of Georgia A. (Alcorn) Bly that md Fletcher Davis Bly.

Georgia (Alcorn) Bly Obt.

Mrs. Georgia Alcorn Bly, age 86, died October 27 in Pasadena, CA. She was the widow of Fletcher D. Bly.

Mrs. Bly was a native of Putnam County, the daughter of the late G. W. & Josephine Garner Alcorn. During her early life she taught in the schools of Putnam County and continued this profession until retirement in Arizona.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. C. N. Gracey, Cookeville; a brother, Robert H. Alcorn, Tallahassee, FL, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Dispatch, TN: 2 November 1977.

Charles N. Gracey Obt.

b. 23 March 1881, TN – d. 18 May 1959. *See General "Gennings" "George" Washington Alcorn.

Funeral services for **Charles N. Gracey**, 78, were scheduled to be held this afternoon at First Methodist Church.

The Rev. James Reed Cox was to officiate with burial in Cookeville City Cemetery. Whitson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Gracey died at Cookeville General Hospital Monday night after a short illness.

A retired employee of the Department of Internal Revenue, Mr. Gracey was a **son of Crockett Dibrell and Alta Margaret Moore Gracey**. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include **his wife, Mrs. Lela Alcorn Gracey**; a son Edward Craig Gracey, Donelson; two daughters, Mrs. Josephine Hale, Kingsport, and Miss Charlene Gracey, Cookeville.

(Lela (Alcorn) Gracey, d/o General "Gennings" "George" Washington Alcorn & Nancy Josephine "Josie" Garner)

The Citizen, Cookeville, TN: Wednesday, 20 May 1959.

(1900 census 1st Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 522 Family: 532 – **Jonathan H. Moore** is head of household, 76 yrs. old, b. October 1823, TN, widow. Children: Lucy J., 54 yrs. old, b. February 1846, TN, single; Richard H., 32 yrs. old, b. January 1868, TN, single, clerk & Algood Moore, 28 yrs. old, b. November 1871, TN, single. Also living in the household: **Altie Gracy**, dau, 40 yrs. old, b. November 1859, TN, widow, 3 children born, 3 children living & **Charlie N. Gracy**, grandson, 19 yrs. old, b. March 1881, single, day laborer).

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Willis (Alcorn) Luck Obt.

COOKEVILLE – Funeral services for Mrs. Will Alcorn Luck, 77, of East 6th St., Cookeville, were held Monday in the chapel of Whitson Funeral Home with Rev. Ben Alexander officiating. Burial was in Hearn Hill Cemetery in Wilson County, TN.

Mrs. Luck died December 17 in Johnson Nursing Home, Lenoir City, TN, following an extended illness.

A native Tennessean, she was the daughter of General and Josephine Garner Alcorn and a member of the Methodist Church.

She is survived by a son, Fletcher Luck of Knoxville; two sisters, Mrs. C. N. Gracey of Cookeville and Mrs. Georgia Bly of Phoenix, AZ.

A brother, Robert Alcorn of FL; and three grandchildren.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: Tuesday, 19 December 1972.

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