

HISTORY OF THE BURTONS IN CONNECTION WITH PLEASANT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH by Mrs. Pearl Huddleston Ensor: pgs. 76 – 79.

Robert Burton and wife, parents of Alexander Monroe Burton, emigrated from Bedford County, Virginia to Tennessee about ten years after his brothers, William and Charles Burton, emigrated from Bedford County, Virginia to White Plains, Tennessee. He was born August 19, 1795 in Bedford County, Virginia. He was married in 1818 to Sallie Wilson Penn. They located in Smith County, Tennessee. They were members of the historic old “Knob Springs” Baptist Church. Their graves are in a Baptist Church yard cemetery just across the line of Smith County, in Trousdale County, Tennessee.

Only one of the children of Robert Burton and Sallie Wilson Penn Burton located in Putnam County, their oldest child, Alexander Monroe Burton. In his young manhood he had a general store in Buffalo Valley, Tennessee, but after a few years, he purchased a farm about sixteen miles west of Cookeville on the Nashville Highway (it was then the Old Walton) Road where he erected a large two story residence and a store building, where thereafter lived, and engaged in the mercantile business and farming until his death.

Like the other merchant Burton brothers, Alexander Monroe Burton was a successful merchant, and a businessman and splendid gentleman who was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He was Postmaster of the old Pekin post office for about four years, keeping the post office in his store. His general store on the Old Walton Road (now Nashville) was located only about one mile east of the store of his first cousin and brother-in-law, Charles F. Burton’s store. Alexander Monroe Burton first married his first cousin Cynthia Burton, a daughter of his Uncle William Burton, Jr. She died August 22, 1849. She left a daughter, Nancy Ann Burton, and a son, Robert Taylor Burton. The daughter died at the age of 15 years. The son died in 1903. After the death of his first wife, Alexander Monroe Burton married Elizabeth McKinley. Alexander Monroe Burton, born June 10, 1820 – died November 1889 & his wife Elizabeth (McKinley) Burton born October 5, 1831 – died February 25, 1901. They are both buried in the Alexander Monroe Burton “A.M.” Burton Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. The following children were born to them:

1. James Philander Burton, born February 14, 1856.
2. George Carton Burton, born February 22, 1858 – died April 26, 1876. He is buried in the Alexander Monroe Burton “A.M.” Burton Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.
3. Mary Jane Burton, born March 10, 1859 – died September 30, 1904. She married Josiah Bartlett, s/o Joshua Bartlett & Anna Meador “Annie” Anderson. Children: Georgia Bartlett md Emerson Ballard; Horace Bartlett & Jessie Bartlett md Fred Alcorn. Mary Jane Burton had been married also to Snowden Davis Maddux on January 17, 1878. Children: Charles “Charlie” Burton Maddux md Martha Dee Jones; Fred Miller Maddux never married; Cora Maddux md James Ditty; Compton Maddux died in infancy. Josiah & Mary Jane (Burton) Bartlett are both buried in the Maddux Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.
4. Thomas Maddux Burton, born June 10, 1861 – died April 18, 1930. He never married. He is buried in the Alexander Monroe Burton “A.M.” Burton Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.
5. Samuel Scoggins Burton, born March 28, 1863 – died October 17, 1897. He married Martha “Maggie” F. Young, d/o John Madison Young & Eliza Ann Maddux. Martha “Maggie” F. Young is buried in the Maddux Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. Thomas Maddux Burton is buried in the Alexander Monroe Burton “A.M.” Burton Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.
6. Laura Ann Burton, born January 20, 1865 – died November 13, 1952. She married Sid F. Carr, born July 12, 1868 – died April 30, 1931. They are born buried in the Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. They are the maternal grandparents of Sid Snowden Maddux buried in the Maddux Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.
7. William Hatcher Burton, twin, born October 12, 1867 – died August 6, 1941. He never married. Buried in the Alexander Monroe Burton “A.M.” Burton Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.
8. Lemuel Ticeston Burton, twin, born October 12, 1867 – died April 10, 1945. He married Katherine “Kate” Martin. They are both buried in the Alexander Monroe Burton “A.M.” Burton Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.
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9. Sallie Frances Burton, born June 8, 1871 – died February 16, 1931. She married Peter Young Jared., born June 1, 1866 – died October 11, 1946. They are born buried in the Cookeville City

Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. They are Aunt and Uncle to Fred Miller Maddux, born February 20, 1883 – died April 8, 1922, s/o Snowden D. & Mary (Burton) Maddux. Fred Miller Maddux is buried in the Maddux Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

10. Eliza Bates Burton, born December 7, 1874 – died June 19, 1953. She married Marshall Ditty, born February 16, 1870 – died August 21, 1937. They are both buried in the Alexander Monroe Burton “A.M.” Burton Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

Alexander Monroe Burton and his family were members of the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church. The large two story house of Alexander Monroe Burton burned a good many years ago. It now is the site of the present beautiful brick residence of former Sheriff Alex Burton, one of the grandsons and namesake who now owns the farm formerly owned by his grandfather, Alexander Monroe Burton.

Samuel Scoggins Burton, son of Alexander Monroe Burton and wife Elizabeth McKinley Burton, was born March 28, 1863. He married Martha “Maggie” F. Young, who was born June 7, 1868 and died February 10, 1890. Just 22 years old, he left a young son Alex M. Burton.

Alex M. Burton, son of Samuel Scoggins and wife Martha “Maggie” F. Young Burton, was born October 1, 1888 – died December 19, 1977. He married Virginia “Jennie” Ensor in September 1913. She was born February 4, 1894 – died November 12, 1896 d/o William Wirt Ensor & Moncie Lee Amonett. They are born buried in the Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

The following is a list of their children:

1. Sam Ensor Burton, born September 4, 1914. He married Maxine Goodwin.
2. Twin boy, born dead, August 26, 1917.
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4. Virginia Burton, born March 13, 1920. She married Paul Petretzsky.
5. Willie Kate Burton, born July 28, 1928 – died 26 August 1929. He is buried in the Alexander Monroe Burton “A.M.” Burton Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.
6. Dow Allison Burton, born May 14, 1931. He married Peggy Alcorn.

All of this family were active in Pleasant Grove Church, until after the children married and moved away, leaving the parents who are both good workers in Pleasant Grove Church.

Lemuel Ticeston Burton, son of Alexander Monroe and Elizabeth McKinley Burton, married Katherine Dunlap Martin on December 30, 1897. She was born December 4, 1880. Six children were born to them, four of which are still living. They are:

1. Flossie, born November 20, 1888; died January 20, 1974. She married Thomas Holladay on April 30, 1921.
2. Maurice, born December 4, 1901. He married Winnie Hughes on May 3, 1924.
3. Jim, born October 30, 1905. He married Verna Brooks on August 2, 1945.
4. Frank, born December 15, 1912. He married Floy Webster, September 24, 1933.

Flossie Burton, daughter of Lemuel Ticeston and Katherine Martin Burton, married Thomas Holladay on April 30, 1921. They had two children:

1. Marie, born May 1, 1934. She married Jerry Overstreet, July 14, 1962.
2. Thomas, Jr., born November 27, 1935; died October 16, 1956. He entered the service September 15, 1955. One year later he was out on maneuvers with a superior officer, and was driving a jeep hauling some equipment when the jeep jack-knifed, knocking them both unconscious. A few hours later the officer regained consciousness and radioed in to Fort Bragg, North Carolina for help. But when the help came they found Thomas Jr. had been dead some time.

Thomas and Flossie were born members of Pleasant Grove Church and were regular attendants. Flossie’s membership is still Pleasant Grove, but her health does not permit her attending regularly now.

Marie, daughter of Thomas and Flossie Holladay, was Sunday School teacher of the intermediate class at Pleasant Grove for some time. They now live in Cookeville, Tennessee.

Maurice Burton, son of Lemuel Ticeston and Katherine Dunlap Martin Burton, was born December 4, 1901, and married Winnie Hughes on May 3, 1924. They had four children:

1. Katherine Burton, she married Wilbur Hughes.
2. June Burton, she married Arlon Fitzpatrick.
3. Billy Burton, born July 13, 1931. Billy volunteered for service and served the full four years. A short time after he came home he was accidentally killed in a car wreck.
4. Patricia Burton, born May 20, 1934.

Jim Burton, son of Lemuel Ticeston and Katherine Dunlap Martin Burton, was born October 30, 1905 and married Verna Brooks. They had no children. They attend Pleasant Grove Church.

Frank Burton, son of Lemuel Ticeston and Katherine Dunlap Martin Burton, was born September 24, 1933, and married Floy Webster. They have two children.

1. Lynda, born August 27, 1942.
2. Jimmie, born February 1945

Frank and family live in Ohio. Jimmie attended services at Pleasant Grove while he was in school in Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, Tennessee.

*See Maddux Cemetery – Virtual Cemetery at:
<http://www.ajlambert.com>



Alex M. Burton, seated on the right, and wife, Virginia "Jennie" Ensor Burton, seated in the center, and their children. Seated on the left is Sam Ensor Burton who married Maxine Goodan. Standing, left to right: Ruth Burton, married Paul Petretzsky; Virginia Burton, married V.O. Maggart; and Allison Burton, who married Peggy Alcorn. Alex, a former sheriff of Putnam County, was the son of Samuel S. Burton and Maggie Young Burton. Virginia was the daughter of William Wirt Ensor and Monsie Amonett Ensor. *Audrey Burton (Loftis) Wallace* was named after Alex M. Burton. Her father, Milton Otis Loftis was a deputy sheriff, of Putnam Co., TN and Alex M. Burton was the sheriff. Her niece Audrey June (Denny) Lambert was named after Audrey Burton (Loftis) Wallace

Picture: Courtesy of Maurine Ensor Patton
Alex M. Burton – b. 1 October 1888 – d. 19 December 1977 - md Jennie Ensor – b. 4 February 1894 – d. 6 September 1978
Both Buried: +Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN