

Mark Helms Obt.

Co H 1st TN Mtd. Inf.

b. 29 June 1846 – d. 10 January 1940

Buried: Jones Cemetery located across from Silver Point Baptist Church, Putnam Co., TN – used to be called the Mitchell Cemetery.

Uncle Mark Helms, Putnam's last Civil War Veteran, Dies.

Funeral services for Mark Helms, 93, Putnam County's last surviving Civil War veteran, who died at his home at Baxter on Wednesday night, January 10, were held at the home the following day, the Rev. J. A. Harris and the Rev. H. P. Keathley officiating. Burial was in the Mitchell cemetery near Silver Point.

"Uncle" Mark, as he was affectionately known, had been in ill health for several months prior to his death. He entered the Union forces as a lad of 18 and served during the last year of the War Between the States. He did not take part in any major conflict. Following the war he returned to Putnam county where he engaged in farming.

He is survived by three daughters, Miss Etta Helms, and Mrs. Will Crownover of Baxter, and Mrs. John Williams of McMinnville, and a son, Albert Helms of Donelson.

(Also buried in the Jones Cemetery is the wife of Mark Helms, Elizabeth "Bettie" Sypert, b. 24 January 1847 – d. 6 May 1932 and their son, Matthew H. Helms, b. 24 May 1870 – d. 11 July 1877).

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 18 January 1940.

Napoleon Payton Helms Obt.

b. July 1881, TN – d. 24 August 1947

Rites held for Napoleon Payton Helms.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at the Whitson Funeral Home for Napoleon Payton Helms, 66, who died Sunday morning at the Cookeville City Hospital.

The Rev. Carson Whitaker officiated with interment in the Tightfit Cemetery near Boma.

Mr. Helms was a retired farmer of the Burgess Community. He was a native of Putnam County and the son of the late Enoch and Maggie Sypert Helms.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Alabama Fuqua Helms; four sons; Edgar Helms, Peru, IN, Eugene Helms, Detroit, MI, Napoleon Helms, Jr., and Enoch Helms, both of Baxter; three daughters; Mrs. Bonnie Williams, Toledo, OH, Mrs. Alice Rogers and Mrs. Ruth Waller, both of Baxter.

Putnam County Herald Newspaper, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 28 August 1947

(Napoleon Payton Helms was the s/o Enoch Helms, s/o Hiram Helms & Ruth Young. Hiram was the s/o Mark Helms & Elizabeth "Bettie" Sybert. Ruth Young was the d/o Mark Young & Ruth Raulston, d/o Rev'l War soldier, Matthew Raulston & Martha Moore. Mark Young was the s/o Rev'l War soldier William Young & Elizabeth Huff).

Census Place: 1880 District 11, Putnam Co., Tennessee

Dwl: 19 Family: 20

Source: FHL Film 1255275 National Archives Film T9-1275 Page 161B

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Enoch HELMS	Self	M	M	W	27	TN
Occ:	Farmer	Fa: NC	Mo: TN			
Matty HELMS	Wife	F	M	W	25	TN
Occ:	Keeps House	Fa: TN	Mo: VA			
Lilly B. HELMS	Dau	F	S	W	5	TN
		Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
David HELMS	Son	M	S	W	3	TN
		Fa: TN	Mo: TN			

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	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Hiram HELMS	Self	M	M	W	57	NC
Occ:	Farmer	Fa: NC	Mo: NC			
Ruth HELMS	Wife	F	M	W	56	TN
Occ:	Keeps House	Fa: VA	Mo: VA			<i>(Ruth Young, d/o Mark Young & Ruth Raulston)</i>
Marley HELMS	Son	M	S	W	31	TN
Occ:	Works On Farm	Fa: NC	Mo: TN			
Paten HELMS	Son	M	S	W	21	TN
Occ:	Works On Farm	Fa: NC	Mo: TN			
Lafayette HELMS	Son	M	S	W	20	TN
Occ:	Works On Farm	Fa: NC	Mo: TN			

1900 census 17th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 91 Family: 92

Enoch Helms Head 47 M W December 1852 Married (27 yrs. md) Farmer TN TN TN
Martha Helms Wife 42 F W October 1857 Married (27 yrs. md)
 (3 children born, 3 children living) TN TN TN
 Jane Helms Dau 24 F W November 1875 Single TN TN TN
Napoleon Son 18 M W July 1881 Farm Laborer Single TN TN TN
 Lillie B. Brown Dau 25 F W Married (9 yrs. md) (3 children born, 2 children living) TN TN TN
 Preston Brown Son-in-Law 27 M W April 1873 Married (9 yrs. md) Farmer TN TNTN
 Myrtle Brown Granddaughter 7 F W July 1892 Single TN TN TN
 Enoch Brown Grandson 5/12 M W December 1899 Single TN TN TN

1910 census 17th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 137 Family: 137

Enoch Helms Head 58 M W M1 (37 yrs. md) Farmer General Farm TN NC TN
Martha A. Helms Wife 52 F W M1 (37 yrs. md) (3 children born, 3 children living) TN TN TN
 Brasky Helms Nephew 21 M W Single TN TN TN

1910 census 17th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 139 Family: 139

Napoleon Helms Head 29 M W M1 (7 yrs. md) Laborer Odd Jobs TN TN TN
Mattie Helms Wife 28 F W M1 (7 yrs. md) (4 children born, 4 children living) TN TN TN
 Edgar Helms Son 6 M W Single TN TN TN

Napoleon Helms Son 5 M W Single TN TN TN
Bonnie Helms Dau 3 F W Single TN TN TN
Alice Helms Dau 1 3/12 Dau Single TN TN TN

1920 census 17th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 64 Family: 65

Enoch Helms Head 67 M W Married Farmer General Farm TN NC TN

Martha A. Helms Wife 62 F W Married TN TN TN

1920 census 17th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 68 Family: 69

Payton Helms Head 37 M W Married Farmer General Farm TN TN TN

Mattie E. Helms Wife 37 F W Married TN TN TN

Edgar Helms Son 16 M W Single TN TN TN

Napoleon Helms Son 14 M W Single TN TN TN

Bonnie Helms Dau 12 F W Single TN TN TN

Alice Helms Dau 10 Dau Single TN TN TN

Ruth Helms Dau 8 F W Single TN TN TN

(Mary Ruth Helms md Clive Waller, both buried in the Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN)

Enoch Helms Son 6 M W Single TN TN TN

Eugene Helms Son 3 10/12 M W Single TN TN TN

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