

## **HOTEL SHANKS, COOKEVILLE, TN**

S. R. Shanks, one of the old highly respected citizens of Cookeville, died at his home in west side Saturday night. He had been in poor health for a year or more and his death was not unexpected. Mr. Shanks was engaged for years in the grocery business, having moved here from Sparta. Later he purchased the Duke House and has been running that hotel since. He was a member of the Christian Church. He was a close attendant to business and never troubled over other people's affairs, thus gaining the good will and esteem of all. He leaves a wife and 5 children. His remains were taken to Cassville for interment.

Cookeville Press Newspaper, Cookeville, TN: 14 March 1901, pg. 4.

**Note:** Samuel R. Shanks's father was John Shanks. Later his family had the Shanks Hotel in Cookeville. Samuel R. Shanks married Molley Shores.

## **SHANKS - DAVIS WEDDING**

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Davis have issued cards announcing the marriage of their daughter Linnie to Mr. Harry Carr Shanks in Cookeville, Wednesday, August 17th. The marriage took place at the home of the bride's parents in South Cookeville at 3:40 o'clock. The sacred words of the ceremony were said by Dr. Walker, at an improvised altar of ferns and lilies, arranged for the grouping of the bridal party in the presence of the members of the two families and a number of intimate friends of the bride and groom.

A program of beautiful music was given by Mrs. Luke Shanks at the piano and Miss Lena Livingston who sang, Prayer Perfect, and The Greatest Wish In the World. Mrs. Shanks played Mendelssohn's Wedding March for the entrance of the bridal party, and An Idyll, during the ceremony.

The bride was lovely in a fall costume of dark blue tricotine with hat and accessories to harmonize. She carried Sweetheart roses. Miss Charley Shanks as maid of honor was charming in a dress of pink satin, and with it she wore a picture hat; her flowers were LaFrance roses. The groom was attended by his best man, Mr. Benton Terry.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis were assisted in receiving the guests by Mrs. Mary Simrell, Mrs. Robert Greenwood, Mrs. Cooper Loftis and Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Davis. Punch was served in the dining room.

Immediately following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Shanks left for a several days stay at Chattanooga and Signal Mountain. After September 1st, they will be home with Mrs. S. R. Shanks.

Miss Davis has been an employee of the First National Bank for a number of years and besides her business qualifications has many charming traits of character that have endeared her to a wide circle of friends. Mr. Shanks is the youngest son of Mrs. S. R. Shanks and during the world war saw actual service in the Argonne Forest with Headquarters Co. Battery E. 144th F. A. of the famous Thirtieth Division. He is now in business in Cookeville.

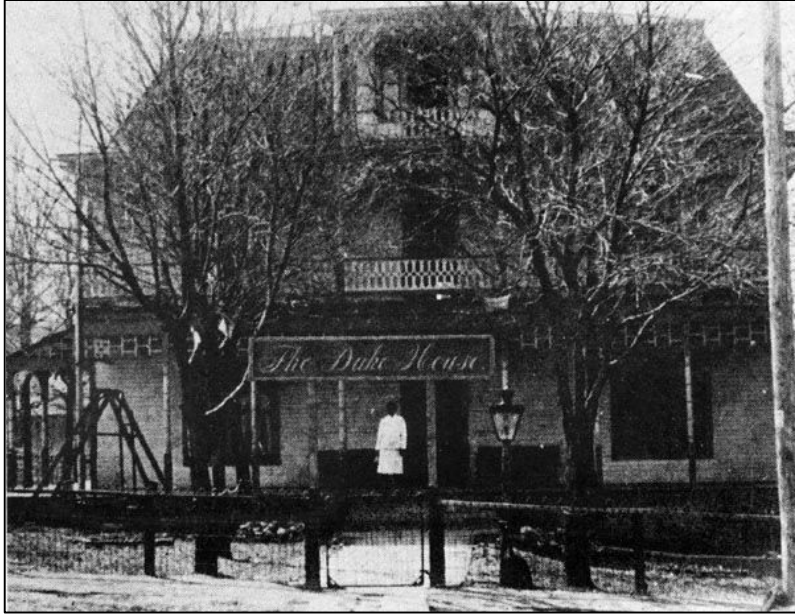
Out of town guests at the wedding were Miss Charley Shanks of Algood, Miss Anna Lena Livingston of Monterey, and Miss Evelyn Ebelen, Kingston, Tenn.

A tea complimentary to the bride will be given by Mesdames Herbie Shanks, Luke Shanks and Mackie Shanks early in September, at the home of Mrs. Mackie Shanks.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Maddux of Buffalo Valley were in Cookeville on Tuesday, coming to attend the Shanks-Davis wedding.

**Note:** Luke Shanks, s/o Samuel R. Shanks & Molly Shores.

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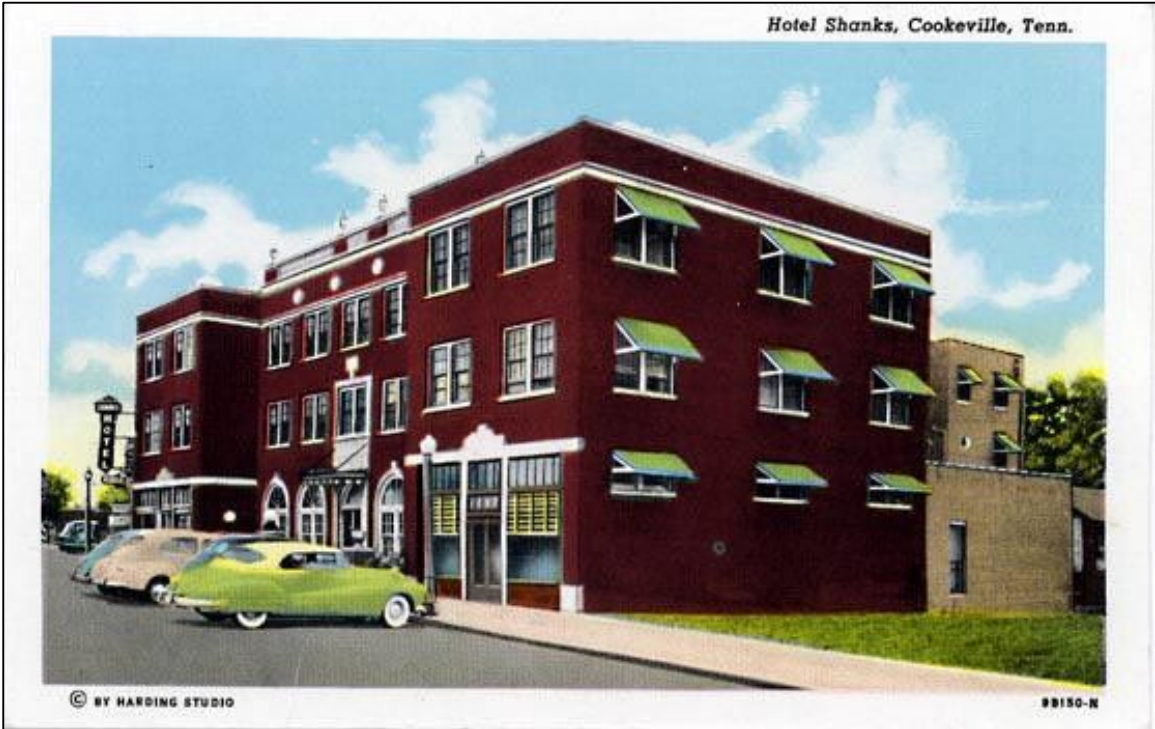


Source: Pictorial History of Putnam County Tennessee by First American Bank, Cookeville, TN, pg. 53.

The Duke House was popular in its day when railroad travelers could spend the night for 50 cents to a dollar. The Duke House was located across from the Cookeville Depot on what is now Wilson Sporting Goods' parking lot. This building was later replaced by a larger more modern brick buildings and was known as the Shanks Hotel.



Hotel Shanks, Cookeville, Tenn.



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