

Obituary of Naomi (Jared)Thompson &
Lucretia Matelia “Creese” (Henley) Wells

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A Double Funeral

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Naomi (Jared) Thompson, wife of Esquire Looney Thompson Jr., and Lucretia Matelia “Creese” (Henley) Wells, wife of William Byrd Wells, both died June 7, 1915. Sister Wells passed away at 1:00 p.m. and sister Thompson at 7:00 p.m., Sunday. Their remains were carried to the Smellage Cemetery June 8 and placed side by side on the altar under the tabernacle. The two coffins were nearly exactly alike. The funeral services were held by the pastor who was the their pastor for a number of years, and who baptized sister Thompson more than 35 years ago into the fellowship of Hopewell Baptist Church. Sister Wells and her husband were the two first to unite with this church after its organization. Both of these women lived in the same neighborhood, attended the same church, all these years and there was but little difference in their age. Sister Wells was 75 years, 8 months and 25 days old. Sister Thompson was 75 years, 7 months and 20 days. It was indeed a very touching scene. After the funeral discourse, the two caskets were carried from under the shed, then both opened at the same time and the corpses were viewed by a large concourse of friends and relatives; then both were closed and carried to newly made graves and laid to rest until the Master calls them hence. Both of these women lived faithful, consistent lives until the end.



L to R: Sitting: Esquire Looney Jr., unknown child, and Naomi B. Jared.
Standing: Loony Bryce Thompson & his wife Martha Catherine “Cassie” (Jared) Thompson.

Sister Thompson was the mother of five children, all of whom, with an aged father, still live to mourn the loss of their best earthly friend. She also had 45 grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. She was a kind, and affectionate mother, a devoted wife, good, kind, and attentive to the sick but her labors in this would are at an end.

She was sick for several weeks, but was true to the faith till the last, often expressed her great confidence in the Lord. She seemed not the least bit alarmed at the thought of death.



Sister Wells had been bereft of her husband more than a year, and had been very feeble ever since. And her mind had become greatly impaired, but she was strong in the faith of the old time religion till the last. She died at the home of her niece, Mrs. T. M. Anderson near Silver Point, TN. She never had any children of her own, but she and brother Wells had raised three orphan children, and now they rest from their labors and their works will follow them.