

GEORGE W. PRENTICE (#490)

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PGS. 177 & 178 – George W. Prentice was born in District 13 of Putnam Co., TN. His father was Robbert Prentice who was born about 1831 in an area of Smith County that became a part of DeKalb County when it was formed in 1838. His mother was Elizabeth (probably) Kirkland. George's older brother James "Jim" Prentice was born in July of 1851 (or 1853 if his 1860 recorded age of seven was correct). Jim was born in DeKalb County, TN.

George's father received an honorable discharge on 12-13-1864 at Carthage, TN from service with the Federal Troops. Eight months later, Robbert purchased a 50-acre farm from Charles Smith in District 13 of Putnam County. George W. was born there on the north side of a branch of Mine Lick Creek near the falls. Both of his parents were about fifteen years of age. This older brother was his only sibling, and Jim married when George was three years old.

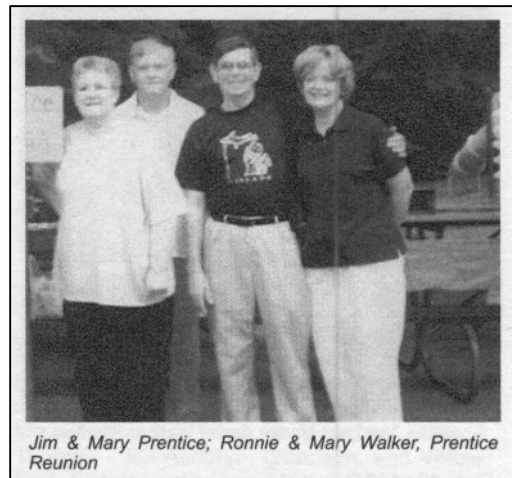
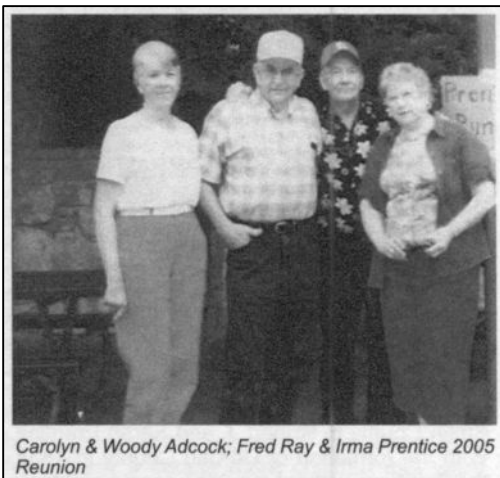
By 1880 when George was twelve years old and turning thirteen, he was already uncle to his brother's first three children, the oldest of which was only five years younger than he was. They lived nearby. He grew up on a farm and probably was taught farming skills by his father. Within the next seven years George's mother Elizabeth died and his father remarried. His stepmother was widow Adelaide Wallace Smith of Silver Point.

George W. Prentice wed Jane Siletha Anderson in 1887. Jane was born March 13, 1869 to Thomas and Mary A. "Polly" Carr Anderson in District 9 of Putnam County. Jane's maternal grandparents were Ira and Mary Jane Lack Carr.

George and Jane purchased property from B. L. Jones on September 8, 1888. On July 25, 1889, they sold this land to his father Robbert. George signed his name on the deed, but Jane was unable to for she could not read or write. George could both read and write. Then on September 29, 1899, Jane delivered a daughter that the couple named Effie Lou. Four months later on January 2, 1890, George's father Robbert died. He was buried at the Pine Grove Cemetery (now known as the Christian Cemetery).

Several months later George sold his inherited portion of his father's property to his stepmother Adelaide. She paid \$450.00 for all but a small section of the land in the corner located on the south side of the Nashville and Knoxville railroad tracks. George retained this portion of the property on which they probably lived. The deed found in Book N, pages 238 and 239 was dated July 25, 1890.

George, as well as his brother Jim, was listed in the 1891 male Census of Putnam County. This was the last record of George W. Prentice. Since he was not listed in the 1900 Census, it is thought he died by then. He was probably buried at the same cemetery as his father. His grave most likely was only marked with a field stone. His widow Jane remarried later.



Having no family photos of George or Jane or their direct descendants, I have used other relatives. Photo #1 has a g-g-great nephew Fred Ray Prentice, Jr. with their spouses. In photo #2 Jim and Ronnie Prentice are g-g-great nephews, also.

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