

Pete Gill Obt.
The Nashville Tennessean Newspaper, Tuesday 28 April 1953
b. 23 February 1891, TN
d. 26 April 1953, Center Point, TN
md Dora
s/o Houston Stewart Gill & Frances Rosentrant "Trant" Smith

Out-of-Town Death Notice

Lebanon, TN

GILL- Suddenly at the home of his brother, Center Point, TN, April 26, 1953, Pete Gill of Mt. Juliet, TN, age 62 years. Father of Mrs. Albert Reich and Tom Gill of Old Hickory, TN; brother of Buck Gill, Center Point, and Press Gill of Detroit. Mrs. Emma Smith, Smithville, TN, Mrs. Callie Pullum and Mrs. Elmer Foster of Center Point, TN; three grandchildren. Remains are at the Philpot & Sons Funeral Home in Lebanon, where funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, conducted by Rev. Marvin Youngblood of Alexandria, assisted by Rev. W.P. Young of New Hope Baptist Church. Nephews will serve as pallbearers. Interment Lebanon Cemetery. O.E. Philpot & Sons, Lebanon, in charge.

*See Story of Houston Stewart Gill

*See Family Sheet of Stewart Preston Gill

*See Chapter 2: www.ajlambert.com

Pete Gill ran away from home because his father was too strict. His father, Houston Stewart Gill used to bring home stock to be raised on his farm. He gave instructions to his son, Pete Gill to feed and water the animals. Pete didn't do his chores one day and he received a whipping from his father. Pete Gill ran away that day and joined the army to fight in France in WWI.

He traveled to North Dakota and Montana. His WWI draft registration card was filled out in Clyde Park County, Montana shown on the 1917, Card A, WWI draft registration card: Roll, 1711438. Pete stated that he was born in Buffalo Valley, Tennessee. In the 1920 census he is 28 years old, single, living as a lodger in Casper, Natrona, Wyoming his birth place and his parent's birthplaces are stated as Tennessee.

He then returned to the family farm in Wolf Creek, DeKalb Co., TN. He made a grand entrance one night, whooping and hollering that he had returned from the war. He had no knowledge that his father, ex Sheriff Houston Stewart Gill had been murdered in cold blood by McConnell Moss, one and one-half miles from Silver Point, TN on 18 September 1910.

In the 1930 census he is 39 years old, living in the 13th District of Putnam Co., TN, Silver Point and Buffalo Valley Rd. as a merchant, general store. His parents are shown as being born in Tennessee. He rents his farm and is married to Dora. Dora is 24 years old, born in Tennessee, her father was born in Tennessee and her mother was born in

Arkansas. Pete was 33 years old and Dora was 19 years old when they got married in ca. 1911. His daughter Grace Smith Gill is 4 years old born in Tennessee and his son, Thomas H. Gill is 1 year old born in Montana.

Pete opened a store in Buffalo Valley, TN and operated it for a few years. Later he moved near Old Hickory and started a dairy farm.

He had a daughter named Grace Smith Gill who md Albert Reich and a son named Thomas Gill.

1930 Census, DeKalb Co., TN – Dist. 16 – Silver Point & Buffalo Valley Rd.

Dwl: 52 Family: 54 Line: 35

Gill, Pete Head Rents M W 39 Married (33 yrs. old at 1st marriage) TN TN TN

Pete Gill, s/o Houston Gill & Frances Rosentrant Smith.

Gill, Dora Wife F W 24 Married (19 yrs. old at 1st marriage) TN TN AR

Gill, Grace Smith Dau F W 4 TN TN TN

Gill, Thomas H. Son M W 1 MT TN TN



Located in Buffalo Valley, this old building has housed a number of businesses including the DuBois Brothers General Store and Funeral Parlor in the early 1900's. In the 1920's it was the Walter R. Shanks General merchandise Store. In the early 1930's it was home to **Pete Gill** Merchandise, and from the late 1930's until the 1960's, it was T.D. Alcorn General Merchandise. It also housed the Buffalo Valley Post Office in the 1940's and 1950's.

Source: Pictorial History of Putnam County Tennessee by 1st State Bank of Cookeville, TN: pg. 75: Story written by Jephtha Tubb Askew, II:

During the time I was growing up, business was at its best with a bank, four stores with full lines of merchandise-one store sold ten suits of clothes on Saturday. They also had hand cranked Victrolas, or record players. There was a drug store, restaurant, car dealership, two saw mills, two grist mills. The business men that I recall were Z.A. Medley, Walter Shanks, Walter Jared, Wirt Sanders, R.L. Maxwell, T.D. Alcorn, Cleve Burch and **Pete Gill**. Saturday was always a big day. One lady from Chestnut Mound and one from Rock Springs would come to Buffalo Valley to make hats for the ladies.

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