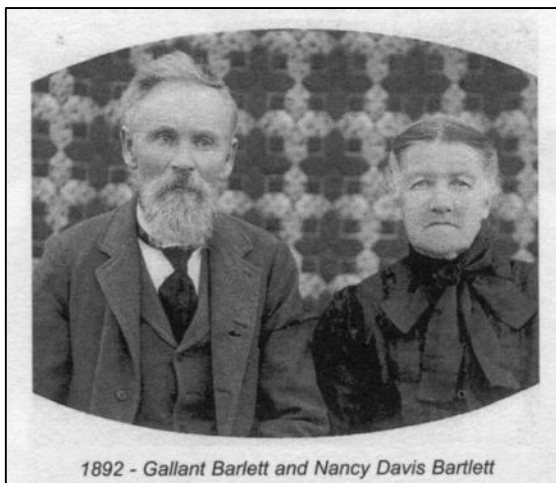


## GALLANT BARTLETT (#328)

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Pg. 97: Gallant Bartlett was born March 28, 1837 in Buffalo Valley, Jackson County, TN, now Putnam County, the son of Joshua Bartlett and Anna Anderson. He married Nancy Davis, daughter of Henry

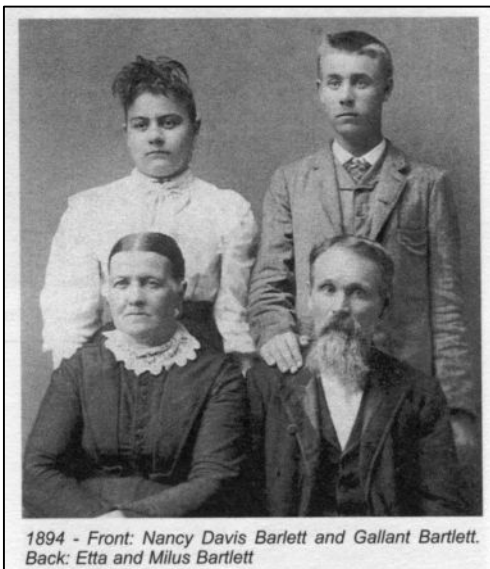


1892 - Gallant Barlett and Nancy Davis Bartlett

Davis, on October 28, 1856 in Buffalo Valley. She was born April 2, 1836 in Randolph County, NC. They had nine children; the first five were born in Buffalo Valley. The children are: Columbus Nathan (December 26, 1858 – October 14, 1935), Albert Francis (October 3, 1859 – November 9, 1948), Sylvanus Wales (June 4, 1861 – February 15, 1947), Mary Arminta (December 9, 1865 – April 25 1936), Ardella Angeline (January 24, 1968 – April 2, 1954), Arzona Venoy (June 10, 1871 – December 17, 1950), Milton Bunyon (March 21, 1873 – March 20, 1878), Milus Porter (November 17, 1875 – September 1, 1968), and Ella Ettie (March 9, 1878 – July 16, 1964).

At the outbreak of the Civil War, Gallant and Nancy were living in Buffalo Valley. Gallant was not a slave owner. He, as well as his father and brothers, were strongly opposed to the whole idea of slavery. None of them fought in the war because of their beliefs. It was not easy to escape the responsibility of fighting and consequently all went into hiding. He was a great Bible reader; and during the Civil War, while he was dodging the two sides, he read the Bible while others would play cards. Within a month (June 4, 1861), after the beginning of the Civil War, Sylvanus Wales Bartlett was born to Gallant and Nancy on a farm in Buffalo Valley, in a one room log house owned by his grandfather, Joshua Bartlett.

Due to the fact that most of the men in the family were in hiding, it became essential for Gallant to assist in the farming effort. In order to do so, he disguised himself in Women's clothes to work in the fields. After approximately two years, Sylvanus' mother, Nancy, took the children and moved in with her father, Henry



1894 - Front: Nancy Davis Barlett and Gallant Bartlett.  
Back: Etta and Milus Bartlett

Davis, where they lived for about two more years. They didn't have anything to live on except that little farm, and he couldn't afford to lose it. When Gallant returned home at the end of the war, he rented a farm for a year from John Ritchie. During that time, he bought thirty-six acres of timber land from his father-in-law, Henry Davis. This was located in what was known as the Madden Hollow. While the family lived on this property, the timber was all cleared, making it possible to be farmed. During this period, one of Gallant's friends bought a cotton gin, a saw mill, and a wheat and corn mill, which were located in Buffalo Valley at the mouth of Indian Creek. While Gallant's family did the farming, Gallant and his friend ran the mills. Gallant would go home about every two or three weeks and stay for a week end.

Gallant owned a grocery store, but he wasn't much of a businessman. He didn't feel that a person should make more than a 10% profit, and he couldn't make a living on that kind of margin. Consequently, when Gallant left home for a short period of time, Sylvanus took it upon himself to sell the store, thinking it was not profitable enough. Gallant and his family continued to live on this farm until November 8, 1873, when it was sold. After selling the farm, Gallant brought a new

farm of 125 acres for \$800 on December 1, 1873. The family then moved onto the new farm, which was located nine miles straight north of Cookeville on Spring Creek. Gallant lived on the farm until he went to Utah in 1903.

Gallant was slightly stooped most of his life. He had a large forehead but not bald. His hair was chestnut color, but he turned slightly gray before he died. He wore a beard most of his life. He weighted between 150 and 160 pounds. He was about five feet eleven inches tall and slender. He was extremely honest, so much so that he was unable to run a store. He was a great lover of sweets and ate lost of molasses. He would often drink molasses while reading and was known to empty a pint during an evening.

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