

JOSHUA BARTLETT (#327)
1811-1881

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Pg. 96: Joshua Bartlett, son of Joseph Bartlett and Millicent Rice, was born January 4, 1811 in Dry Valley, White County, TN, now Putnam County, he married Anna Anderson in 1832. Anna, daughter of Thomas Shirley Anderson and Judith Robinson, was born March 16, 1816 in Blackburn's Fork, Jackson County.

Joshua probably went to Buffalo Valley because Anna had three brothers there, Gallant, Ned, and Tom Anderson, and because they could buy land from the government at 35 cents an acre. Joshua and Snowden Maddux owned a water mill. Joshua had a grist mill (corn) and later a wheat and corn mill with a saw mill attached, and also a cotton mill (gin).

Joshua and Anna had thirteen children. William Edward "Ned" (June 28, 1834 – March 15, 1904) never married. James Leonard, (1835-1851/52) died as a teenager. Gallant (March 28, 1937 – November 12, 1906), married Nancy Davis on October 28, 1856 in Buffalo Valley. Elizabeth "Besty", (July 9, 1838 – June 12, 1904), married LeRoy Anderson Vaughn about 1859 in Buffalo Valley. Henry (January 24, 1840 – June 12, 1905), married Illiaud McKee on March 12, 1867 in Buffalo Valley. John Calvin (August 13, 1842 – 1908) never married. Milton "Mitt" (August 6, 1844 – September 1921), married Martha Ellison. Rebecca Peranna (June 6, 1846 – March 23, 1926), married Wade Jones on October 23, 1864. Permelia (March 6, 1848 – May 1941), married Thomas William Bates on March 17, 1869. Minnie Gore (1850-1858), died young. Josiah "Joe" (January 29, 1855 – May 10, 1922), married Lucy Ann Young on November 1, 1879. Mary Frances (September 3, 1858 – April 22, 1936), married John Warner Judd on December 26, 1880.

(Picture: Joshua Bartlett's first home in Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN)



Joshua was heavy set, about 5 feet and 5 inches tall and weighed about 170 pounds when he died. He had dark hair and brownish dark skin, dark eyes, and a large forehead. As a young man, he was handsome. He was a farmer and a good manager, not at all wasteful. He was very honest. He didn't read much. He didn't have much of a temper but more than Anna, his wife. He had some dry humor but was not much for foolishness. He was of the type that if he had a hired hand and learned anything about him being lazy, he would put the heaviest load on him. He read some in the Bible but not a great deal. He was a subscriber to the Gospel Advocate. He kept whiskey in his closet. He would take about ¼ glass of whiskey before breakfast; that is all he would drink during the day except when a very good friend would come around. During the latter part of his life, he didn't drink any whiskey. He was a light eater. He liked ham, coffee, biscuit, and

cornbread. He sometimes ate two pieces of meat with one biscuit, although biscuits were much larger than those made today. He usually ate what was given him and never complained. He was a healthy man, but he had a chronic sore leg that caused him to scratch it very often. Joshua had more company than most anyone else in that end of the valley. He was friendly but not a good mixer. He was known as a straight forward good citizen.

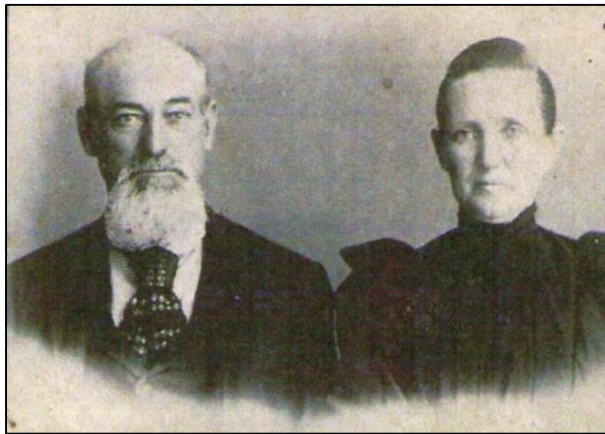
Joshua thought the Civil War was uncalled for and advocated that the boys stay out of it. None of his sons or himself fought in the Civil War, but all hid out. They were summoned to go to McMinnville They went north and found lots of other refugees doing the same thing. They went by Elizabethtown, KY. Joshua was a Republican and a Union man during the Civil War. He was outspoken against Tennessee's secession from the Union. During the war, he had 12 head of horses taken from him and only one returned. When it

was known that the rebels would in the vicinity, he had to hide out. Sometimes he could not come home for a week or two at a time. Once, after hiding out, they thought it safe to have him come home. While eating breakfast, they heard horses running but thought it was their own horses. Before they realized it was rebels coming, they were almost ready to enter the door. Joshua started to crawl under a bed, but he was too late. The rebels took him captive. At this point, Anna's true grit surfaced. She stood up to her husband's captors. "Kill me instead," she demanded. "The children need their father more than they do me." Nevertheless, the rebels left with Joshua, leaving the children crying and afraid they would never see their father again. The episode ended happily for the family. Joshua was gone all day. Just before sundown, they saw him coming down the road, bareheaded. He said he thought sure they would kill him, and he never knew why they didn't. They took his good hat and gave him an old one of theirs; but, as soon as he was sure he was out of their sight, he threw the rebel hat away. After the Civil War, Anna and Joshua live the rest of their lives in relative obscurity.

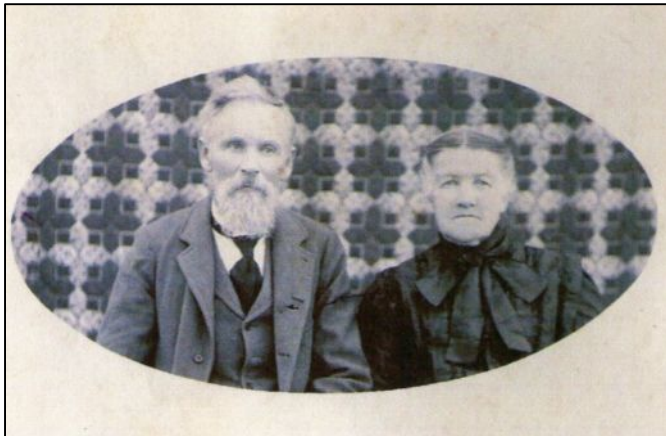
During the last week of his life, he took a walk on his farm on a Wednesday evening, possibly to look over the farm. He got too hot during the walk and took a chill that night; he got double pneumonia. He died on Friday morning and was buried on Saturday evening of the same week. Joshua is buried in the Maddux graveyard, which is located on Indian Creek, one mile from Buffalo Valley. At the time of Joshua's death, the property on which the graveyard is located was owned by Snowden Maddux. Joshua's son, Milton, bought his farm before Mitt was married in 1865. Mitt also had a store there.

Joshua and Annie live with him, where Joshua did nothing. Mitt sold the farm in 1886. The Mitt Bartlett farm was on the river bottom.

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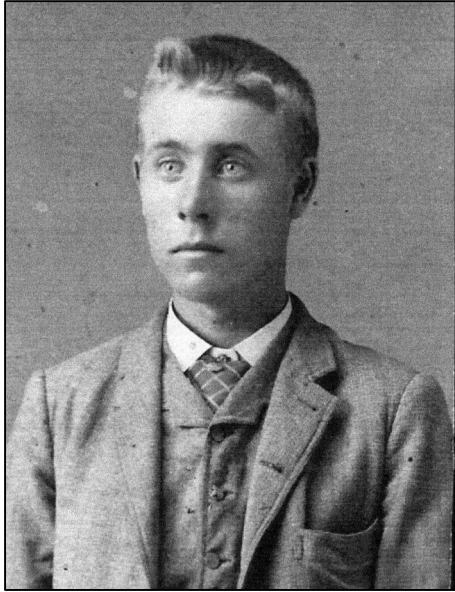
Capt. William Wade Jones and wife Rebecca Peranna Bartlett
C.S.A & Union Army
1st Sgt. C.S.A. Co F, 25th Mounted Inf;
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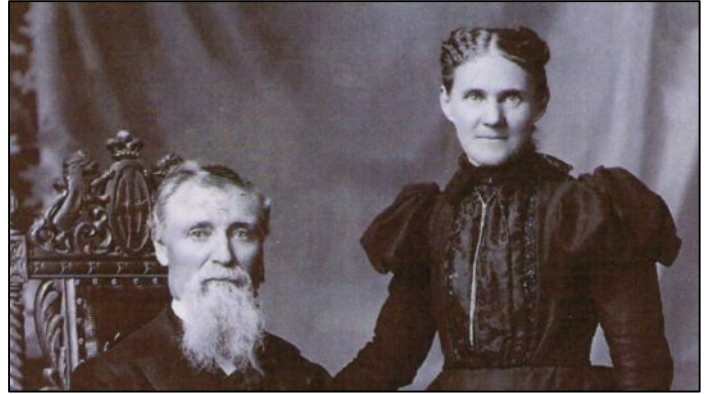
Henry Bartlett and his wife Illiaud (McKee) "Aunt Odd" Bartlett (1846-1931).



Thomas William Bates and his wife Permelia "Amelia" Bartlett.



Milus Porter Bartlett



Henry Bartlett & one of his daughters.
Henry Bartlett md Illiaud Odd McKee.



Hattie (Bartlett) Bean and her husband Isaac Wall Bean and family.
Hattie Bartlett was born 3 Apr 1881 in Buffalo Valley, Putnam
County, Tennessee, d/o Henry Bartlett & Illiaud McKee "Aunt Odd".
Hattie married Isaac Wall Bean.



Inga "Sis" (September 4, 1856 – March 29,
1930), married Robert Miller Davis on
January 28, 1874. Inga, d/o Joshua Bartlett
& Anna Meador "Annie" Anderson



Daughters of Joshua Bartlett & Anna Meador "Annie" Anderson.

L to R: Mary Frances Bartlett md John Warner Judd; Permelia "Amelia" Bartlett md Thomas Thomas William Bates; and Inga Bartlett md Robert Miller Davis.

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