

**JUDGE ERNEST HOUSTON BOYD SR.**

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Judge Ernest Houston Boyd Sr. (1879 – 1956), son of Alvin Whitten Boyd, prominent pioneer Cookeville lawyer and State Senator, and Mary Goodpasture Boyd, was born and reared in Cookeville and was a graduate of Cumberland University.

Judge Boyd was elected Putnam County Superintendent of Schools at age 22, and while serving in that office, in joint effort with the Nashville Superintendent of Schools organized the Middle Tennessee Teachers Association, and served as its first secretary.

Judge Boyd served as County Attorney, District Attorney-General of the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Tennessee, and Chancellor of the Fourth Chancery Division of Tennessee.

Judge Boyd served as Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows for State of Tennessee and three times represented Tennessee in the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows. He also served as Grand Patriarch of the Rebecca Lodge for State of Tennessee.

Judge Boyd served for many years as a member of the Tennessee Historical Commission and the Tennessee Historical Society.

He was ruling elder, clerk of the session, and chairman of the pulpit committee of the First Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. for many years. He was moderator of the Presbytery and served as commissioner to the Grand Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

He was married to Mattie Ragland. She was the daughter of Dr. William Hardin Ragland and granddaughter of Dr. William Ragland and Thomas Harvey Butler, who served as Tennessee Secretary of State.

Judge Boyd practiced law at different times with his father, Alvin W. Boyd; his uncle, John Boyd; his brother, Grover Boyd; and sons, Ernest Houston Boyd Jr., and William Hardin Boyd.

Judge Boyd was well known as an historian, and was the author of *Early History of Putnam County 1854- 1954*, *Nuggets of Putnam County History*, and many articles on Putnam County History. He lectured extensively throughout Tennessee.

**Mattie Ragland**

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Mattie Ragland (Mrs. Ernest H. Boyd) b. 18 April 1885 – d. 27 February 1981, left and Rose Butler (Mrs. Edward) Ragland 1856 – 1959 right.



Mattie Ragland Boyd taught at Cookeville City School, after receiving her masters degree from Bascobel College, until her marriage to Ernest Houston Boyd, Sr. in 1912. She also served as organist at the Cookeville First Methodist Church prior to her marriage. She was the daughter of Dr. William H.

Ragland, an early Cookeville physician, and Elizabeth Lou Butler Ragland. Her grandparents were Dr. William Ragland, a Smith County physician and Thomas Harvey Butler, a Gainesboro lawyer and former Tennessee Secretary of State.

Rosa Butler (Mrs. Edward) Ragland was the daughter of Thomas Harvey Butler and Sara Ann Holford Butler. Her father was a Gainesboro lawyer and Tennessee Secretary of State.

Mrs. Ragland and her husband's home for many years was on Washington Avenue in Cookeville, which was later the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mackie Shanks and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Watson.

Mrs. Ragland's sons owned Ragland-Potter Wholesale Grocery, Ragland Brothers Wholesale Grocery, Cooper and Martin Stores, and the Harvey Ragland Wholesale Grocery Co. of Nashville, Chattanooga and Birmingham.

*\*See Chapter 9, under Capt. William Jared. Mary Ann "Polly" Jared md Jefferson Wiseman Boyd. Mary Ann "Polly" Jared was the d/o Moses Jared Sr. & Malinda Byrne. Moses Jared Sr. was the s/o Capt. William Jared & Anne Elizabeth "Besty" Raulsten/Roulsten. [www.ajlambert.com](http://www.ajlambert.com)*

*Jefferson Wiseman Boyd & Mary Ann "Polly" Jared's son was Alvin Whitten Boyd who was the father of Judge Ernest Houston Boyd who md Mattie Ragland.*



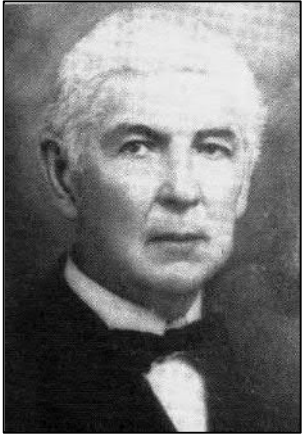
James McDonald Goodpasture (1827–1876) and wife, Ova Arnold Goodpasture (1839- 1918). A young medical doctor, son of John and Margery Bryan Goodpasture of Hilham, Tennessee, Dr. Goodpasture came to Cookeville when the decision was made to locate Cookeville where it is now situated, but before the original town lots were ready to sell, and he and his brother purchased land for his home at Washington Avenue and First Street, which land joined the 40 acre tract that had been purchased to subdivide for the

town of Cookeville. He immediately constructed his home on this site. This house is now the home of his grandson's widow, Nina (Mrs. Eugene F.) Jared. At that time, no one lived on the adjacent 40 acre tract which was to be Cookeville.

Dr. Goodpasture was one of the first doctors to locate in Cookeville. When the original town lots were ready to sell, Dr. Goodpasture purchased one of the first lots sold and immediately constructed his medical office building, which was a one story brick building on the north side of the public square. This building, the first brick building in Cookeville, remained there until about 1938 when V.R. Williams' Ben Franklin "Dime Store" was constructed on the site.

Dr. Goodpasture and wife, Ova Arnold Goodpasture, had four children: Avo (Mrs. J.F.) Dyer, Mary (Mrs. Alvin W.) Boyd, John Bryan Goodpasture, and Margie (Mrs. E.H.) Jared. His daughter, Mary Boyd, was one of the first children born in Cookeville.

Church services were held in the Goodpasture home before there was a church in Cookeville. Dr. Goodpasture was the first Clerk of the Session and charter elder of the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Courtesy of Ernest Houston Boyd – pg. 141: Pictorial History of Putnam County Tennessee by 1<sup>st</sup> State Bank of Cookeville, TN.



Dr. William Hardin Ragland (1842 – 1927), a confederate war veteran and prominent pioneer Cookeville physician, was the son of Dr. William Ragland of Smith Co. and the grandson of Dr. Hardin Ragland of Wilson Co., TN. He was married 2<sup>nd</sup> to Elizabeth Lou Butler. They were the parents of **Mattie Ragland, (Mrs. Ernest Boyd)**; Mary Ragland, (Mrs. Thomas G. Dillon); Nan Ragland; & Grace Ragland. Picture courtesy of Houston Boyd.

(Dr. William Hardin Ragland was md 1<sup>st</sup> to **Anne Burton**, d/o **Charles F. Burton & Sarah/Sallie Murray/Burton**. Anne Burton was born 5 November 1847 and died 25 July 1878. Their children were: William “Edward” Ragland, John B. Ragland, Charles Burton Ragland & Ernest Ragland.



Taken about 1898, this photograph shows Mary Butler Ragland Dillon and Mattie Ragland Boyd, the daughters of Dr. William Hardin Ragland, a prominent early Cookeville physician, and his wife, Elizabeth Lou Butler Ragland. Mattie Ragland Boyd received a master’s degree from Bascobel College in 1905. She taught school in Cookeville until her marriage to Ernest Houston Boyd, Sr. in 1912. Mary Butler Ragland married Dr. T. G. Dillon and moved to Kentucky. The Ragland home was a large two-story home adjacent to the Glade Spring on Reagan Street in the original portion of Cookeville. Courtesy of Ernest Houston Boyd – pg. 149: Pictorial History of Putnam County Tennessee by 1<sup>st</sup> State Bank of Cookeville, TN.

#### Breakfast Rotary Inducts Honorary Members 'Boyd first 'Honorary Member'

Mike O'Mara, left, inducted Julia Boyd, widow of Alvin Boyd, into the Cookeville Breakfast Rotary Club as the club's first "Honorary Member." Alvin Boyd was a long-time active member of the club, and Julia participated with him in many local and district events. Julia was also honored by becoming a Paul Harris Fellow, as the club donated \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation in her honor.

Julia (Greer) Boyd – b. Obion Co., TN md Alvin Whitten Boyd – b. 16 August 1920, Putnam Co., TN. Alvin Whitten Boyd, s/o Judge Ernest Houston Boyd Sr. & Mattie Ragland.



**William Boyd** – b. 15 March 1761, Orange Co., NC – d. 14 February 1847, Roane Co., TN. He married (2) **Mary Wasson** 1779. She was born 1765. He married (3) **Nancy Smalley** 1833 in Roane Co., TN.

William Boyd: Buried, Smalley Cemetery, Roane Co., TN  
Nancy Smalley Boyd: Buried, Smalley Cemetery Roane Co., TN

Child of William Boyd is:

John Boyd – b. December 9, 1777, Orange Co., TN – d. 1837, Jackson Co., TN

**John Boyd** was born 9 December 1777, Orange Co., TN – d. 1837, Jackson Co., TN. He married **Mary Elizabeth Leath** 1801 in Anderson Co., TN, daughter to Ephraim Leath and Nancy Jones. She was born ca. 1786 in Shenandoah Co., VA and died 1882 in Putnam Co., TN.

John Boyd: Buried, John Boyd Cemetery, Buffalo Valley, TN

Mary Elizabeth Leath: Buried, John Boyd Cemetery, Buffalo Valley, TN

Children of John Boyd and Mary Elizabeth Leath are:

William Boyd – b. 18 October 1802, Jackson Co., TN – d. after 1845, TX

Nancy Boyd – b. 19 December 1804, Jackson Co., TN – d. MS - md William Harvey – d. MS

Mary Boyd – b. 19 November 1806, Jackson Co., TN – d. 1873, Dade Co., GA

Elizabeth Boyd – b. 2 December 1808, Jackson Co., TN – d. IL

Ephraim Boyd – b. 16 September 1810, Jackson Co., TN – d. 1874, Smith Co., TN

Lavina Boyd – b. 13 May 1812, Jackson Co., TN – d. after 1870, DeKalb Co., TN

James Robert Boyd – b. 22 April 1814, Jackson Co., TN – d. 18 November 1862, Alto, Clerokey Co., TX.

Malinda Boyd – b. 10 December 1816, Jackson Co., TN – d. Jackson Co., TN: Buried, John Boyd Cemetery, Buffalo Valley, TN.

Ruth Boyd – b. 9 January 1818, Jackson Co., TN – d. 30 August 1852, Cass Co., TX

John C. Boyd – b. 3 September 1820, Jackson Co., TN – d. 1856, AR/TX

Alexander Boyd – b. 12 October 1821, Anderson Co., TN

**Jefferson Wiseman Boyd** – b. 1 December 1823, Jackson Co., TN – d. 28 April 1891, Putnam Co., TN – md 12 July 1846, **Mary Ann Jared**.

Anna Boyd – b. 26 March 1825, Jackson Co., TN – md Ransom P. Marchbanks – b. 25 August 1822, Overton Co., TN.

Bransford Boyd – b. 12 June 1828, Jackson Co., TN – d. 1 August 1863, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN.

**Jefferson Wiseman Boyd** - b. 1 December 1823, Jackson Co., TN – d. 28 April 1891, Putnam Co., TN. He married **Mary Ann Jared** on 12 July 1846, d/o Moses Jared and Malinda Byrne. She was born 13 July 1824, Jackson Co., TN and died 23 October 1907, Putnam Co., TN.

Jefferson Wiseman Boyd: Buried, John Boyd Cemetery, Buffalo Valley, TN

Mary Ann Jared Boyd: Buried, John Boyd Cemetery, Buffalo Valley, TN

Children of Jefferson Wiseman Boyd and Mary Ann Jared are:

**Alvin Whitten Boyd** – b. 3 August 1847, Jackson Co., TN – d. 25 December 1912, Putnam Co., TN – md **Mary H. Goodpasture**.

Malinda Jane Boyd – b. 9 December 1848, Jackson Co., TN – d. 1 May 1930, Putnam Co., TN – Buried: John Boyd Cemetery, Buffalo Valley, TN.

Houston Savage Boyd – b. 12 August 1851, Putnam Co., TN – d. 13 January 1881, Putnam Co., TN – md Mary Algood – b. 30 November 1857 – d. 28 June 1877, Putnam Co., TN – Both Buried: Cookeville City Cemetery, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN.

Mary Elizabeth Boyd – b. 13 June 1854, Putnam Co., TN – d. 6 September 1854, Putnam Co., TN – Buried: John Boyd Cemetery, Buffalo Valley, TN

William Moses Boyd – b. 22 June 1859, Putnam Co., TN – d. 1939, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN. He married Martha Belle Smith on 9 May 1886, d/o Samuel Smith. She died March 1947.

John Jefferson Boyd – b. 10 April 1866, Putnam Co., TN – d. January 1952, Putnam Co., TN. Never married. Children: Edna Boyd – b. 1 January 1916 – d. 27 January 1993, Cookeville, TN: She was the d/o John Jefferson Boyd & Eva Maxwell. Edna Boyd: Buried, Crest Lawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. Estel Jared – d/o John Jefferson Boyd.

**Alvin Whitten Boyd** - b. 3 August 1847, Putnam Co., TN – d. 25 December 1912, Putnam Co., TN. He married **Mary H. Goodpasture** on December 15, 1878 in Putnam Co., TN, d/o Dr. Goodpasture and Ova Arnold. She was born 23 September 1858, Putnam Co., TN and died 4 December 1951, Putnam Co., TN. Both Buried: Cookeville City Cemetery, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN.

Children of Alvin Whitten Boyd & Mary Goodpasture are:

**Ernest Houston Boyd Sr.** – b. 1 October 1879, Putnam Co., TN – d. 27 December 1956 – md 1912, **Mattie Ragland** – b. 18 April 1885 – d. 27 February 1981, d/o Dr. William H. Ragland, an early Cookeville physician, and Elizabeth Lou Butler. Both Buried: Cookeville City Cemetery, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN.

**Ova Boyd** – b. 17 October 1881, Putnam Co., TN – d. 29 October 1972, Putnam Co., TN – Buried: Cookeville City Cemetery, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN.

**Vallie Boyd** – b. 31 May 1883, Putnam Co., TN – d. 27 November 1964, Putnam Co., TN – Buried: Cookeville City Cemetery, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN.

**Infant Boyd** – b. 25 November 1887, Putnam Co., TN – d. 11 September 1888, Putnam Co., TN Buried: Cookeville City Cemetery, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN.

Marjorie Lucille Boyd – b. February 1891

**Grover Cleveland Boyd** – b. November 1892, Putnam Co., TN – md **Rachel Farmer**.

**Gretchen Boyd** – b. 3 March 1894, Putnam Co., TN – d. 14 April 1971, Putnam Co., TN – Buried: Cookeville City Cemetery, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN

**Judge Ernest Houston Boyd Sr.** - b. 1 October 1879, Putnam Co., TN – d. December 1956 – md 21 August 1912, Putnam Co., TN, **Mattie Ragland** – b. 18 April 1885 – d. 27 February 1981, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN - d/o Dr. William H. Ragland, an early Cookeville physician, and Elizabeth Lou Butler. **Both Buried: Cookeville City Cemetery, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN.**

Children of Ernest Houston Boyd Sr. & Mattie Ragland are:

**Alvin Whitten Boyd** – b. 16 August 1920, Putnam Co., TN – d. June 4, 1998.

md 1939 **Julia Greer** – b. Obion Co., TN. - no children.

**William Harden Boyd** – b. 30 January 1922, Putnam Co., TN – d. 25 October 1994, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN – Buried: Woodlawn Cemetery, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN.

**Mary Butler Boyd** – b. 26 April 1917, Putnam Co., TN – d. 21 May 2002, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN – md **Allen Noll**. Mary Butler Boyd Noll: Buried, Cookeville City Cemetery, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN.

**Avo Ann Boyd** – b. 29 September 1919, Putnam Co., TN

**Ernest Houston Boyd Jr.** – b. 12 May 1921, Putnam Co., TN – d. 11 September 2013, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN - never married.

1850 Census 10<sup>th</sup> Dist., Jackson Co., TN

Dwl: 100

**Jefferson Boyd** 26 M W Farming TN (*Jefferson Wiseman Boyd, s/o John Boyd & Mary Leath*)

**Mary Boyd** 26 F W TN (*Mary Ann Jared*)

Alvin Boyd 2 M W TN (*Alvin Whitten Boyd md Mary H. Goodpasture*)

Malinda Boyd 1 F W TN

1880 Census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 46 Family: 46

**A.W. Boyd** Head 32 M W Attorney Law Married TN TN TN

(*Alvin Whitten Boyd md Mary H. Goodpasture*)

**M. H. Boyd** Wife 21 F W Keeps House Married TN TN TN

Ernest Boyd Son 0 8/12 M W October Single TN TN TN

H.S. Boyd Brother 28 M W Widow Attorney Houston Savage Boyd

(*Houston Savage Boyd md Mary Algood*).

1880 Census 11<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 101 Family: 110

**Jefferson W. Boyd** Head 56 M W Married Farmer TN TN TN  
(*Jefferson Wiseman Boyd, s/o John Boyd and Mary Elizabeth Leath*)

**Mary A. Boyd** Wife 55 F W Married TN TN TN  
(*Mary Ann Jared, d/o Moses Jared and Malinda Byrne*)

Malinda Boyd Dau. 31 F W Single At Home TN TN TN

William M. Boyd 20 Son M W Single School TN TN TN

John J. Boyd 14 Son M W Works Farm TN TN TN (*John Jefferson Boyd*)

Elizabeth Boyd Mother 94 F W Widow VA VA VA

(*Mary Elizabeth Leath, w/o John Boyd*)

1900 Census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 426 – Family: 436

**Alvin Boyd** Head 52 M W August 1847 Married1 (27 yrs. married) Lawyer TN TN TN  
(*Alvin Whitten Boyd md Mary H. Goodpasture*)

**Mary H. Boyd** Wife 42 F W May 1858 Married1 (27 yrs. married) TN TN TN

**Earnest Boyd** Son 20 M W October 1879 Single At School TN TN TN  
(*Judge Earnest Huston Boyd Sr., md Mattie Ragland*)

Ova Boyd Dau 18 F W October 1879 Single TN TN TN

Vallie Boyd Dau 17 F W May 1883 Single At School TN TN TN

Allie Boyd Dau 14 F W June 1886 Single At School TN TN TN

Margie Boyd Dau 9 F W February 1891 Single At School TN TN TN

Grover Boyd Son 7 M W November 1892 Single At School TN TN TN

Gretchen Boyd Dau 6 F W March 1894 Single TN TN TN

1910 Census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN – Cookeville Town

Dwl: 23 Family: 24 Line: 87

**Alvin W. Boyd** Head 63 M W Married1 (31 yrs. married) Lawyer General Practice TN TN TN

**Mary H. Boyd** Wife 60 F W Married1 (31 yrs. md) (9 children born, 7 children living) TN TN TN  
(*Age for Mary H. Goodpasture Boyd is incorrect she should be 52 years old*).

**Earnst H.** Son 30 M W Single Superintendent Public Schools TN TN TN  
(*Judge Earnest Huston Boyd Sr., md Mattie Ragland*).

Ona Boyd Dau 27 F W Single Teacher Music TN TN TN

Vallie Boyd Dau 25 F W Single Teacher High School TN TN TN

Allie Boyd Dau 24 F W Single Teacher Public School

Margie Boyd Dau 19 F W Single TN TN TN

Grover Boyd Son 18 M W Single TN TN TN

Gretchen Boyd Dau 15 F W Single TN TN TN

1920 Census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Cookeville, E. Spring Street, Putnam Co., TN

901 Dwl: 280 Family: 303 Line: 32

**Ernest H. Boyd** Head 40 M W Married Lawyer General Practice TN TN TN  
(*Judge Earnest Huston Boyd Sr., md Mattie Ragland*).

**Mattie Boyd** Wife 34 F W Married TN TN TN

Alvin W. Boyd Son 6 M W Single TN TN TN

Harden R. Boyd Son 4 10/12 M W Single TN TN TN

Mary Butler Boyd Dau 2 ?/12 F W Single TN TN TN

Avo Boyd Dau 5/12 F W Single TN TN TN

Polly Swift Maid 45 F W Married Maid Private Family TN TN TN

? Henley Maid 22 F W Married Maid Private Family TN TN TN

1930 Census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Cookeville, E. of Walnut Street, Putnam Co., TN

Family: 49 Line: 98

**Mary Boyd** Head 71 Widow (20 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) TN TN TN  
(*Mattie H. Goodpasture md Alvin Whitten Boyd*)

Grover Boyd Son 35 Single Lawyer Attorney Judge TN TN TN

1930 Census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Cookeville, East of Walnut Street, Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 235 Family: 255 Line: 99

**Ernest Boyd** Head 49 M W Married (32 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) Attorney TN TN TN  
(*Judge Earnest Huston Boyd Sr., md Mattie Ragland*).

**Mattie Boyd** Wife 44 F W Married (27 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) TN TN TN

Alvin W. Boyd Son 16 M W Single TN TN TN

Harden R. Boyd Son 15 M W Single TN TN TN

Mary B. Boyd Dau 12 F W Single TN TN TN

Avo Boyd Dau 10 F W Single TN TN TN

Huston Boyd Son 8 M W Single TN TN TN

### CELEBRATING A HUNDRED YEARS

Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN

**Source:** Way Back When:

By BOB McMILLAN, HERALD-CITIZEN Staff

Looking back in history, here were some of the key happenings in the Cookeville area for the past 100 years as recorded in the pages of the newspaper.

(April 18, 1955) Pictured on page one of this week's edition are the men who held the position of superintendent of Putnam County schools in the years since 1903. Gathered for the occasion were **Ernest H. Boyd**, who held office from 1903-1911; **Jim Hatfield**, 1911-1921; **Beecher Gentry**, 1921-1927; **Leonard Dunavin**, 1927-1933; **Wesley P. Flatt**, 1933-1935; **Tillman Phillips**, 1935-1936; **Frank R. Adams**, 1936-1943; **Oliver T. Bohannon**, 1943-1952, and **Dave C. Huddleston**, the present superintendent of schools here.

COOKEVILLE CITY CEMETERY, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN

**Alvin Whitten Boyd** - b. 3 August 1847, Jackson Co., TN – d. 25 December 1912, Putnam Co., TN md 15<sup>th</sup> of December 1878 in Putnam Co., TN to **Mary H. (Goodpasture) Boyd**, b. 23 September 1858, Putnam Co., TN – d. 4 December 1951, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **Dr. James McDonald Goodpasture & Ova Arnold**. Alvin Whitten Boyd, s/o **Jefferson Wiseman Boyd & Mary Ann Jared**. (Mason – Presbyterian)

**Judge Ernest Houston Boyd Sr.** - b. 1 October 1879, Putnam Co., TN – d. December 1956 – md 21 August 1912, Putnam Co., TN, **Mattie Ragland** – b. 18 April 1885 – d. 27 February 1981, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN - d/o **Dr. William H. Ragland**, an early Cookeville physician, and **Elizabeth Lou Butler**. Both Buried: Cookeville City Cemetery, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN.

Wesley P. Flatt Sr. – b. 4 May 1893 – d. 19 January 1969

Wesley P. Flatt Jr. – b. 23 April 1924 – d. 28 November 1978

**Dr. James McDonald Goodpasture** –b. 17 April 1827, TN - d. 11 August 1876 md **Ova (Arnold) Goodpasture**, b. 24 April 1839, Overton Co., TN – d. 11 August 1918, d/o **Capt. Jesse & Letitia Arnold**. Ova was the last member of her immediate family. Her brother Jesse Arnold and sister Avo Arnold Douglas preceeded her in death. Dr. James McDonald Goodpasture, s/o **John & Margery Bryan Goodpasture**.

CREST LAWN CEMETERY, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN

Beecher Gentry – b. 13 October 1888 – d. 27 December 1958

Mary Gentry – b. 22 August 1888 – d. 1 April 1978

ALGOOD CEMETERY, Putnam Co., TN – Located on Hopewell Road between Buffalo Valley and Silver Point on Houston Hayes place.

Leonard Sypret Dunavin – b. 5 October 1899 – d. 12 July 1960  
Odell Cornwell Dunavin – b. 9 November 1902 – d. 20 October 1982

PHILLIPS CEMETERY, located on Phillips Cemetery Road, turn right just after you cross Hwy 111.

Tillman H. Phillips – b. 2 January 1875 – d. 28 February 1941 – Sp1 US Navy WWII.

WELCH MEMORIAL CEMETERY, Located in Monterey, TN.

Frank R. Adams – b. 9 October 1907 – d. 8 December 1983

Jessie Lee Adams – b. 10 January 1910

**Alvin W. Boyd Obt.**

**COOKEVILLE** - Funeral services for **Alvin W. Boyd** of Cookeville will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 6, at Cookeville First Presbyterian Church. Burial will be in Cookeville City Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 2-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. on Friday, June 5, at Dyer Funeral Home.

Mr. Boyd was dead on arrival at Cookeville Regional Medical Center today, June 4, 1998.

He was born in Putnam County to the late **Ernest Houston Boyd Sr.** and **Mattie Ragland Boyd**. Mr. Boyd was a veteran of World War II and a graduate of Samford University. He was a Rotarian and a life-long member and elder at Cookeville First Presbyterian Church. Mr. Boyd was also a member of V.F.W. and the American Legion Post #46. **He was a retired pharmacist and owner of Boyd Drug Store in Cookeville.**

His family includes **his wife, Julia Greer Boyd** of Cookeville; a brother, Houston Boyd of Cookeville; two sisters, Mary Butler Boyd and Avo Boyd Evans, both of Cookeville; two nephews, Ernest Boyd Evans of Nashville and Walter Lee Evans of Charlotte, N.C.; and a great-niece.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by a brother, William Hardin Boyd.

Pallbearers will be Earl Nichols, Jim and Jeff Dyer, Raymond Brown, Robert Williams, Sam Greenwood, Cecil Cummins, Bill Cameron, Walter Lee and Ernest B. Evans.

Honorary pallbearers will be elders of Cookeville First Presbyterian Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cookeville First Presbyterian Church Building-Maintenance Fund or the Putnam County Library.

Revs. G. David Campbell and David Eisenminger will officiate at the services.

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**Ernest Houston Boyd Jr.**

b. 12 May 1921, Putnam Co., TN – d. 11 September 2013, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, s/o **Ernest Houston Boyd Sr.** (1879-1956) & **Mattie Hughes Ragland** (1885-1981).

Funeral services Mr. Houston Boyd, 92 of Cookeville, will be held Monday September 16, at 1 p.m. in the Cookeville Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home with Rev. Ernest Robertson officiating. Interment will follow in Cookeville City Cemetery.

His family will receive friends Monday from 11 a.m. until service time at the funeral



home.

Mr. Boyd died suddenly Wednesday September 11, 2013 at 7:39 a.m. at his home.

A complete obituary will be posted later.

**Mary Butler Boyd Obt.**

**COOKEVILLE** -- Graveside services for **Mary Butler Boyd**, 85, of Cookeville will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 23, at Cookeville City Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 7-9 p.m. today, Wednesday, May 22, at Whitson Funeral Home.

Miss Boyd died on Tuesday, May 21, 2002, at Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

She was born on April 26, 1917, in Cookeville to the late **Judge Ernest Houston Boyd Sr.** and **Mattie Ragland Boyd**. **She was a retired Civil Service worker for the U.S. Government. Prior to that, she taught at Goodlettsville High School.**

Miss Boyd was a graduate of Tennessee Polytechnic Institute. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Cookeville.

Her family includes a sister, Avo Boyd Evans of Cookeville; a brother, Ernest Houston Boyd Jr. of Cookeville; a sister-in-law, Julia Boyd of Cookeville; two nephews, Ernest Boyd Evans of Nashville and Walter Lee Evans III of Richmond, Va.; a great-niece, Angela Dawn Lutzker; and a great-great-nephew, Jack A. Lutzker.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Alvin Whitten Boyd and William Hardin Boyd.

Rev. David Eisenmenger will officiate at the services.

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**Mattie (Ragland) Boyd Obt.**

**COOKEVILLE** – Funeral services for **Mattie Ragland Boyd**, 95, who died here Friday morning, will be in the chapel of the Hooper & Huddleston Funeral Home at 3 p.m. on Saturday with the Rev. David Campbell officiating and burial to follow in Cookeville City Cemetery.

**Mrs. Boyd was the wife of the late Ernest H. Boyd**, a former Chancellor of the Fourth Chancery Division, and the **daughter of the late Dr. W. H. Ragland, an early Cookeville physician, and Elizabeth Lou Ragland.**

She was the granddaughter of the late Dr. William Ragland, a Smith County physician and Thomas Harvey Butler, of Gainesboro, a former Tennessee Secretary of State.

Mrs. Boyd was a graduate of the Bascobel College for Girls, where she received her masters degree. She was a former teacher of the Cookeville City School.

She was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by three sons, Ernest Houston Boyd, of Cookeville, Alvin W. Boyd, of Cookeville, and William Hardin Boyd, of Nashville; two daughters, Mary Butler Boyd and Avo Boyd Evans, of Cookeville; and two grandsons, Walter L. Evans, of Cookeville, and Ernest Boyd Evans, of Nashville.

The family will receive friends from 7 until 9 p.m. Friday night at the Hooper & Huddleston Funeral Home.

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17 April 2005

#### Farm – City Festival

Putnam County Executive Kim Blaylock and members of the Putnam Farm Bureau Ladies organization proclaim April 10-16 as Farm-City Festival Week in Putnam County. From left, front row; as Thelma Cunningham, Claylock and Jane Boyd. Back row, left, Linda Maynard, chairman Rowena Nash, Opal Bohannon and Gwen Ray. Members of the organization spent the week telling students here how they get their food and explaining the importance of the nation's food system.

Jane Boyd is the widow of Dibrell Boyd of the Boyd families.  
Jane attended Baxter Seminary School, Baxter, TN.



Ernest Huston Boyd was born in 1880, graduated from Cumberland University, and soon after married Mattie Ragland. Mr. Boyd held offices of county superintendent and county attorney as well as attorney of the fifth judicial court circuit. He practiced law with his brother Grover C. Boyd

Picture courtesy of Julia Boyd.

Picture and text: Images of America: Cookeville and Putnam County, TN by Friends of the Cookeville History Museum, pg. 63.



Grover Cleveland Boyd attended Cumberland University but graduated from Georgetown University. In 1916, he served in WWI and came back to practice law with B. G. Adcock for a few years before leaving to practice with his brother Ernest Houston Boyd in Cookeville, TN.

Picture and text: Images of America: Cookeville and Putnam County, TN by Friends of the Cookeville History Museum, pg. 63.

### Grover Cleveland Boyd Obt.

**KNOXVILLE** – Funeral services will be held tomorrow, Jan. 3, in Knoxville for former Cookeville attorney **Grover C. Boyd** who had practiced law in Knoxville until his death early today, Jan. 2, 1981.

Mr. Boyd, a native of Cookeville, was the **son of the late Alvin W. and Mary Goodpasture Boyd** and practiced law here for a number of years before going to Knoxville.

He died in a Knoxville hospital following a brief illness.

Funeral services will be held at Mann Funeral Home, Knoxville, beginning at 3 p.m. Saturday, and **burial will be in Knoxville.**

Survivors include **his wife, Rachel**, of Knoxville; a son, Grover Burt Boyd, of Knoxville a daughter, Mrs. Molly Lee, of Paoli, Penn.; two grandchildren; and nieces and nephews, including some who live in Cookeville.

Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN: 2 January 1981.

### William Hardin Ragland M. D.

b. 22 September 1842, Smith Co., TN – d. 1927, md 2<sup>nd</sup> on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September 1879, Jackson Co. TN to **Elizabeth Lou (Butler) Ragland** (1854-1889). William Hardin Ragland M. D., s/o **Dr. William Ragland.**

\*See Mattie Hughes (Ragland) Boyd Obt.



*A History of Putnam County* by Walter S. McClain – 1925. pg. 135

William Hardin Ragland was born in Smith County, September 22, 1842. Completed his education at Vanderbilt Medical College and has practiced extensively in Jackson and Putnam Counties. Moved to Cookeville about twenty—five years ago. Dr. Ragland is a Confederate veteran, a Democrat and a Methodist. He was married three times and has seven grown children, **He is a son of Dr.**

**William Ragland, a well known physician of his day.** At eighty-three he is in splendid health. He retired from practice of medicine several years ago.

**Dr. William Hardin Ragland**, a confederate war veteran and prominent pioneer Cookeville physician, was the **son of Dr. William Ragland** of Smith County and the **grandson of Dr. Hardin Ragland** of Wilson County. **He was married to Elizabeth Lou Butler.** They were the parents of Mattie Ragland (Mrs. Ernest Houston) Boyd, Mary Ragland (Mrs. Thomas G. Dillon) and Thomas Harvey Ragland. Dr. **William Hardin Ragland** md 1<sup>st</sup> on the 14<sup>th</sup> of January 1865, Putnam Co., TN to **Ann (Burton) Ragland** (1847-1878) they were the parents of Charles Burton Ragland, John Biggers Ragland, William Edward Ragland and Ernest Murray Ragland. **William Hardin Ragland** also md on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December 1889, Jackson Co., TN to **Lavina Levicy (Putty) Ragland** (1847-1878) they were the parents of Nannie and Grace Ragland.

(1860 census, Cherry Valley post office, Wilson Co., TN: Dwl: 922 – **Harden Ragland** is head of household, 48 yrs. old, TN, occupation, physician md to **Amelia**, 53 yrs. old., TN. Children: Agnes, 20 yrs. old; Harriett, 18 yrs. old & James Ragland, 15 yrs. old. All born in TN).

Census Place: 1880 District 10, Wilson Co., TN

Source: FHL Film 1255286 National Archives Film T9-1286 Page 427A

Dwl: 308

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
<b>Hardin RAGLAND</b>	Self	M	M	W	68	TN
Occ:	Retired Physician	Fa: VA	Mo: SC			
<b>Amelia RAGLAND</b>	Wife	F	M	W	73	TN
Occ:	Keeping House	Fa: VA	Mo: VA			
James H. RAGLAND	Son	M	W	W	35	TN
Occ:	Trader	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Hardin RAGLAND	GSon	M	S	W	8	TN
Occ:	At School	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Clark RAGLAND	GSon	M	S	W	6	TN
Occ:	At School	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Agnes S. EDWARDS	GDau	F	D	W	40	TN
Occ:	At Home	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Willie H. EDWARDS	GDau	F	S	W	8	TN
Occ:	At School	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Amanda HARRIS	Other	F	W	B	31	TN
Occ:	Domestic Servant	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			

(1900 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Jackson Co., TN: Dwl: 18 – **William Ragland** is head of household, 57 yrs. old. b. September 1842, TN md 11 yrs. to **Lavinia**, 45 yrs. old, b. November 1854, TN, 6 children born, 6 children living. Children: Nannie, 9 yrs. old, b. September 1890; Grace, 4 yrs. old, b. March 1896 & Mattie Ragland, 15 yrs. old. All born in TN).

(1910 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Cookeville Town, South Street, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl; 121 – **William C. Moore** is head of household, 32 yrs. old, AL, md 4 yrs. to **Mand**, 25 yrs. old, TN, 1 child born, 1 child living. Child: Oma P. Moore, 3 yrs. old., TN. Living in the household: **William H. Ragland**, 67 yrs. old, TN (M2), md 20 yrs. to **Lavinia L.**, 55 yrs. old, TN (M2), 6 children born, 6 children living. Children: Mattie H., 25 yrs. old; Nannie N., 19 yrs. old & Grace L. Moore, 14 yrs. old. All born TN. Also living in the household Luke L. Myer, stepson, 30 yrs. old, TN; Annie C. Myer, stepson, 24 yrs. old, TN).



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Members of Mended Hearts Chapter 127 present lifesaving AED devices to be used in each of Putnam's high schools. From left, front, are Tommy Copeland, Putnam School Director Michael Martin, Cookeville Mayor Chuck Womack and Mended Hearts president Tom Little. Second row, left CHS principal Wayne Shanks and Julia Boyd and Sherry Shockley of Mended Hearts; third row, left, Mended Hearts vice president Robert Hibbs and Horace Raper of Mended Hearts.



Cookeville AAUW Hosting State Convention  
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The Cookeville branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is hosting the State Convention for 2005. This year's theme is "Because Equity is Still an Issue." Two speeches will be given on Saturday, April 30, at Baymont Inn and Suites in Cookeville. Lauren Howard, executive director of the Tennessee Economic Council on Women, will present "The Economic Status of Women in Tennessee" at 9 a.m. Lachelle Norris, assistant professor of sociology and current women's issues at Tennessee Tech University, will share "Current research – Women in Non-Traditional Roles" at 9:45 a.m. The public is invited to attend these two sessions for a suggested donation of \$10. Preparing for the convention are, in front from left, Betty vault, president; Sue Fredick, vice president; Elizabeth Bryant, secretary; pat Malone, publicity; and in back, Monika Bowman, LAF; Julia Boyd, member; Meaylene Whitefield, member; and Nelda Stewart. Gayla Hall is vice president of AAUW, and Margaret Higuera is treasurer. Following the speeches, members will have an opportunity to visit places interest in Cookeville, and an evening banquet will feature local storyteller Marcia Donovan. Present and past members who would like to attend the convention should contact Higuera at 537-6644 to register. Those interest in learning more about the organization should contact Vaudt at 528-6316. Area code 931.

**Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:**

4 February 1932

**Ernest M. Ragland Obt.**

Death Removes Ernest M. Ragland:

Ernest M. Ragland, 54, a well known wholesale grocer of Nashville, and a **son of the late Dr. W. H. Ragland**, of Cookeville, died Friday at his home, in Nashville. His death, was due to a carbuncle on the back of his neck, with which he had been afflicted for about ten days, when the gravity of his ailment was realized and his death came as a shock to his relatives and friends.

He was a **grandson of Charles Burton**, a prominent pioneer merchant and business man, of the western portion of Putnam county.

In his young manhood, Ernest Ragland located in Murfreesboro, where for many years he was engaged in the wholesale grocery business with his brother, Charles B. Ragland. Later, he engaged in the wholesale grocery business on his own account, and had wholesale houses at Lebanon and at other points.

For the past seven years, he had been associated in business with his brother, Charles B. Ragland, in the well known wholesale grocery firm of C. B. Ragland and company, of Nashville.

He was well known, as a businessman, throughout this section of the state, and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. He was a member of the Methodist Church. His funeral, which took place Sunday afternoon, at Murfreesboro, was attended by a number of relatives and friends from Cookeville.

He is survived by his **wife, Mrs. Gladys Anderson Ragland**, and by three brothers and sisters, as follows: W. E. Ragland, of Murfreesboro; John B. Ragland, of Cookeville; Charles B. Ragland, of Nashville; Mrs. T. G. Dillion, of Campbellsville, KY; Mrs. Ernest H. Boyd, of Cookeville, and Miss Nan Ragland, of Carthage.

He was an uncle of Harvey E. Ragland and Mrs. Eugene Jared, of this city.

**Putnam County Herald, Cookeville TN:**

20 March 1947

Mrs. Mattie Smith Boyd Dies At Madison Home:

Mrs. Mattie Smith Boyd, 88, widow of Dr. William M. Boyd, of Madison, and a relative of a number of Putnam County Boyds, died at her home in Madison Tuesday morning. Funeral services were conducted at the Methodist Church there Wednesday.

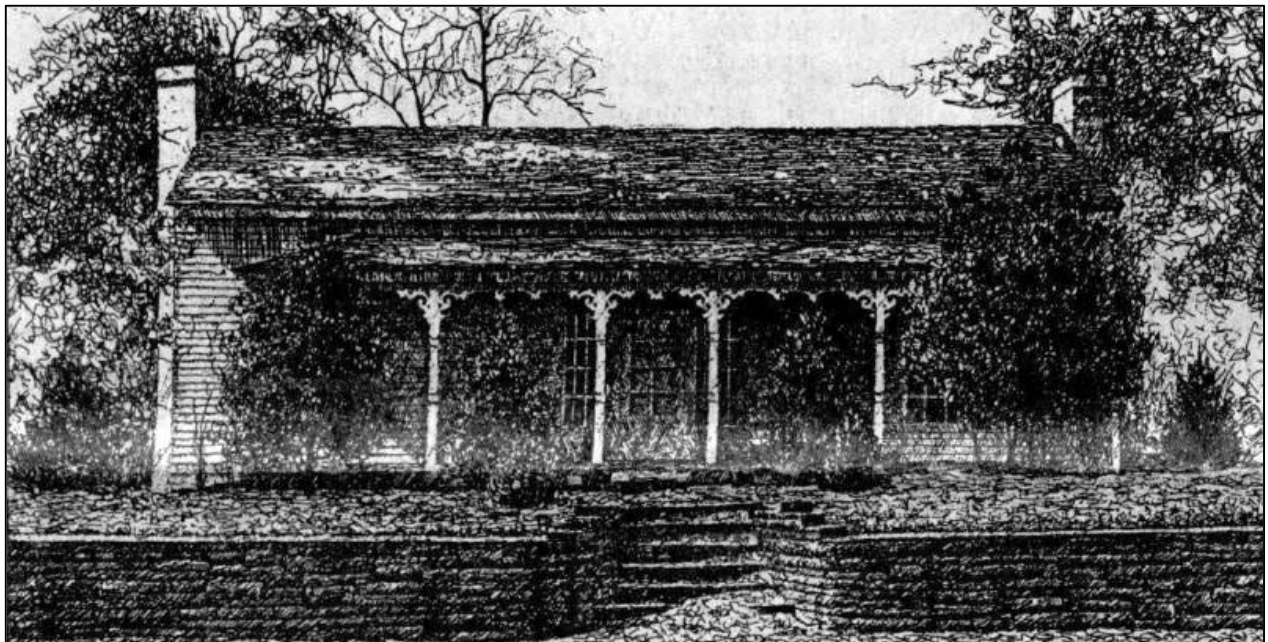
Mrs. Boyd's husband was born and reared near Rock Springs. He was a brother of the late Alvin W. Boyd and Houston S. Boyd, who were members of the Cookeville Bar.



### GETTING READY FOR THE NEXT 150 YEARS

The first residence built in Cookeville – shown above as it is today and below at an earlier time – is, since February the new location of advertising and public relations firm WD Stone & Associates. Located at 114 N. Washington Ave., it was built in 1856 by Dr. James McDonald Goodpasture. It remained in his family until 1998. It's more recent commercial use was as Ms. Nina's Christmas House, named for the widow of Goodpasture's grandson, Eugene Franklin Jared. The bricks of the chimneys were handmade in the backyard. The original part of the house was constructed of logs held together with wooden pegs. History has recorded that the logs and other building materials used in the construction were hauled by ox cart from Hilham, where Goodpasture owned other property. The Stones purchased the property this year and moved the full-service creative communications agency to the address just off the city square. It fronts Washington Avenue and is bounded in the back by Jefferson Avenue. Eugene Franklin Jared md Nina Ragland.

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## **ERNEST HOUSTON BOYD SR.**

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Biographies of professional individuals ( including but not limited to finance, medicine, teaching, law and politics) residing in Tennessee from 1769-1923

Ernest Houston Boyd, prominent attorney of Cookeville, is a man of wide and varied interests. He was born in Cookeville, on the 1st of October, 1880, a son of Alvin Whitten and Mary (Goodpasture) Boyd, both natives of Tennessee.

For many years his father engaged in the practice of law at Cookeville, and for several years he held the office of clerk and master of the chancery court and he represented the tenth senatorial district in the general assemblies of 1897 and 1899. His demise occurred in 1912. In the acquirement of his early education Ernest Houston Boyd attended the schools of Cookeville and subsequently attended both the literary and law departments of Cumberland University. He was graduated from that institution in 1911, with the LL. B. degree and immediately engaged in practice at Cookeville in partnership with his father, under the firm name of Boyd & Boyd. Prior to taking up the study of law Mr. Boyd engaged in teaching school and was county superintendent of schools of Putnam county from 1903 to 1911.

His law practice now takes up his time and attention, and since 1912 he has held the office of county attorney of Putnam county. Mr. Boyd brought to the profession innate ability and thorough training and he well merits the success he has achieved.

On the 21st of August, 1912, he was married to Miss Mattie Ragland and to their union five children have been born: Alvin Whitten, William Hardin Ragland, Mary Butler, Avo Dyer and Houston Goodpasture. Mr. Boyd has always given his political allegiance to the democratic party and the principles for which it stands. He was assistant clerk of the state senate for one term, 1907. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Masons. He was grand patriarch of the Grand Encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Tennessee during 1908-09; was grand representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge at Seattle, Washington, in 1909, and at Atlanta in 1910; and he has been chairman of the judiciary committee of the Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Tennessee for several years. Mr. Boyd was formerly a member of the board of trustees of the Odd Fellows Orphanage at Clarksville and for several years he was a member of the city board of education of Cookeville. Mr. Boyd's religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church and he is an Elder in the local church. He has frequently served as Moderator of his Presbytery and in 1916 he represented the Cumberland Mountain Presbytery in the general assembly of the Presbyterian church at Atlantic City. He has been deeply interested in Tennessee history from childhood and has written a great deal on the subject. He has frequently delivered lectures on Tennessee history to State Teachers' Institutes and other educational meetings. He is a member of the Tennessee Historical Commission. As may be gathered from the preceding statements, Mr. Boyd is essentially public-spirited and is highly esteemed in Cookeville for his integrity and sterling worth.

\*Read more about the Boyd family at: <http://www.ajlambert.com>