

BAXTER CITY CEMETERY

(Originally called **Bradford Cemetery** according to papers from the Register of Deeds)

GPS Coordinates: Latitude: 36.15185, Longitude: -85.64088

Located between Baxter Elementary School & Baxter Church of Christ.

Baxter, Putnam Co., TN

Giles Bradford Jr.

b. 5 March 1867, Putnam Co., TN – d. 3 April 1898, md **Elizabeth (Robinson) Bradford Rush**, b. 1869 – d. 1951, she also md **James W. Rush** (1869-1956), both buried in Westminster Memorial Park, Westminster, Orange Co., CA. Giles Bradford Jr., s/o **Giles Bradford** (1814-1898) & **Nancy Caroline Underwood** (1833-1915).

*See Giles Bradford Sr. buried in Baxter City Cemetery.

Bradford, Jr., Giles: A BLOODY DEED -- Giles Bradford, Jr., Killed at Ai, Last Sunday. -- James Braswell and Sons, Clay and Claude, Arrested. -- They Will Be Given a Preliminary Hearing Next Saturday at this Place -- Considerable Difficulty was Encountered in Getting at the Exact Facts -- Giles Bradford, Jr., was shot and stabbed to death at Ai last Sunday, by, report says, Clay and Claude Braswell. We learn that a difficulty arose between William Bradford (a nephew of the deceased) and Clay Braswell, when the deceased interfered to separate them. About this time a general fight ensued, several being mixed up in it. In the meantime, Giles Bradford was badly cut in the side and a stab in the back to the hollow, and shot through both lungs, from the effect of which he died in about four minutes. The jury of inquest reported as we are informed, that the deceased came to his death from a pistol shot fired by Claude Braswell, and bruises with brass knucks on the hand of James Braswell. Warrants for the arrest of Clay, Claude, and James Braswell were sworn out and placed in the hands of the Sheriff, who immediately went to the scene of the trouble and arrested James and Clay Braswell, but failed to find Claude. Clay was lodged in jail to await an examination, while James Braswell was out in charge of the Sheriff. We failed to find the report of the jury of inquest after search in the Clerk's office. The case was set for trial at the court house in Cookeville on last Tuesday, at which time Claude Braswell voluntarily came in and surrendered to the Sheriff. On application of the State the case was continued until next Saturday. James Braswell was allowed to give bond in the sum of \$2000, but Clay and Claude were sent to jail. [Date: 4/7/1898, Vol. XI, No. 25, Page 1] Cookeville Press (1898), Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN.

Esq. Giles Bradford Sr. Obt.

b. 15 January 1814, SC – d. 17 March 1898, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN, md **Nancy Caroline (Underwood) Bradford**, b. 5 April 1833, TN – d. 8 April 1915, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **Bennett Underwood & Kate Mathis**. (Dates on tombstone for Nancy Caroline (Underwood) Bradford, 5 Apr 1833- 8 Apr 1915).

Bradford, Giles: Death of an Aged Citizen -- Giles Bradford, an old citizen, about 85 years of age, who lived near Ai (Baxter, TN), in this county, went out to his barn to feed the stock last Thursday morning and failed to return as usual. His wife or some of the family went out to see about him when he was found dead. From appearances he had pitched forward on his face. He was a healthy and stout old man for his age and his death was wholly unexpected. It is said that he had a difficulty with his son, John Bradford, the evening before and had been roughly handled by him. He was buried without an inquest and we suppose from that fact but little importance was attached to the difficulty with his son by the family and friends. [Date: 3/24/1898, Vol. XI, No. 23, Page 5]. Cookeville Press (1898), Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN.

Children of Esq. Giles Bradford Sr. & Nancy Caroline (Underwood) Bradford:

1. Joseph Marion Bradford (1851-1944 md Nancy Elizabeth Harris (1851-1925), both buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.
2. Florida Melissa Bradford (1857-1878), buried in Cooke Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

3. Georgia Ann Bradford (1861-1923), md Moses LaFate Roberson (1860-1928), he is buried in Concord Cemetery, Tullahoma, Coffee Co., TN. Georgia Ann (Bradford) Roberson is buried in Baxter City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.
4. Kansas Bradford (1861-1935), md Felix Patterson Elmore (1860-1935), both buried in Apple Cemetery, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN.
5. Giles Bradford Jr. (1867-1898), buried in Baxter City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.
6. James J. Bradford (1869-1872), buried in Cooke Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.
7. John Byrd Bradford (1874-1901) md Alice M. "Alcie" (Halfacre) Bradford Petty (1873-1955) also md Dave Bartlett Petty (1879-1954), both buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. John Byrd Bradford is buried in Baxter City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

Tennessee US Death Records (1908-1965)

Name: Nancy Caroline Bradford
[Nancy Caroline Underwood]

Gender: Female

Race: White

Age: 82

Birth Date: abt 1833

Death Date: 9 Apr 1915

Death Place: Baxter, Putnam, Tennessee, USA

Cemetery: Baxter Cemetery

Cause of Death: Blood Poison

Father: [Bennett Underwood](#)

Mother: [Kate Mathis](#)

Certificate Number: 82

(1860 census Subdivision 33, Gilmer, GA: Dwl: 387 - **Giles Bradford** is head of household, 45 yrs. old, GA?, md to **Nancy**, 27 yrs. old, NC. Children; Joseph M., 9 yrs. old, GA; Florida M., 3 yrs. old, GA and Kansas Bradford, 1 yr. old, GA).

(1870 census 7th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 4 - **Giles Bradford** is head of household, 56 yrs. old, SC, md to **Caroline**, 58? (should be 37), NC?. Children: Joseph M., 19 yrs. old, GA; Florida M., 12 yrs. old, GA; Cansas, 11 yrs. old, GA; George A., 10 yrs. old, GA; Giles, 3 yrs. old, TN & James Bradford, 7/12 yrs. old, TN).

Census Place: 1880 District 7, Putnam, Tennessee

Source: FHL Film 1255275 National Archives Film T9-1275 Page 145A

Dwl: 35

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Giles BRADFORD	Self	M	M	W	67	SC
Occ:	Farmer	Fa: SC	Mo: SC			
Nancy BRADFORD	Wife	F	M	W	49	TN
Occ:	Keeping House	Fa: NC	Mo: NC			
Georgianna BRADFORD	Dau	F	S	W	19	TN
	Fa: SC	Mo: TN				
Giles BRADFORD	Son	M	S	W	13	TN
Occ:	Works On Farm	Fa: SC	Mo: TN			
John BRADFORD	Son	M	S	W	6	TN

Fa: SC Mo: TN

(1900 census 20th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 185 – **Nancy Bradford** is head of household, 67 yrs. old, b. January 1833, TN, widow).

(1910 census Buffalo Valley Road, 20th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 70 – **Nancy C. Bradford** is head of household, 76 yrs. old, NC, (father born in SC, mother born in VA), own income, widow).

John Byrd Bradford

b. 4 January 1874, Putnam Co., TN – d. 9 January 1901, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 26th of July 1893, Putnam Co., TN to **Alice M. “Alicie” (Halfacre) Bradford Petty**, b. 26 February 1873, TN – d. 16 March 1955, d/o **Andrew Halfacre** (1834-1909) & **Rhoda Anderson** (1829-1899). **Alice M. “Alicie” (Halfacre) Bradford Petty** also md on the 6th of November 1910, Putnam Co., TN to **Dave Bartlett Petty** (1879-1954), they are both buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. John Byrd Bradford, s/o **Esq. Giles Bradford Sr.** (1814-1898) & **Nancy Caroline Underwood** (1833-1915).

*See Giles Bradford Sr. buried in Baxter City Cemetery.

*See Rhoda May Bradford buried in Baxter City Cemetery.

*See Vernie Lee Bradford buried in Baxter City Cemetery.

*See Dave Bartlett Petty buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 261 – John B. Bradford married 26 July 1893, Putnam Co., TN to Alcy Halfacre).

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 9, #34 – Dave Petty married 6 November 1910, Putnam Co., TN to Alcie Bradford).

Bradford, John Byrd: SHOT IN AMBUSH -- John Byrd Bradford Killed Near Mine Lick -- Last night, John Byrd Bradford was shot and instantly killed near Mine Lick. He and Allen Roberts had been over at Double Springs, and left their (sic) about 7 o'clock at night so we learn, and when in the vicinity of Ten Lock's house were fired upon from the bushes. One bullet took effect just above Bradford's left eye, killing him instantly. Another struck Roberts in the nose inflicting a slight wound. It has been impossible to learn any of the details or who fired the fatal shot, but a searching investigation is now going on. Bradford was released from jail a short while ago, and where he recently had a case of smallpox. [Date: 01/10/1901, Vol. XV, No. 2, Page: 1] Cookeville Press (1901), Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN.

(1910 census 20th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: (Enumerated on the 22nd of April 1910 by Willis F. Judd), Dwl: 419 – **Alace M. Bradford** is head of household, 29 yrs. old, TN, widow, (7 children born, 6 children living). Children: John 15 yrs. old; Joe, 13 yrs. old; Juiles, 11 yrs. old; Roda, 9 yrs. old; Harvey, 1 4/12 yrs. old; no name son Bradford, 0/12 yrs. old. All born in TN).

Rhoda May Bradford

b. 2 April 1901, TN – d. 28 December 1919, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **John Byrd Bradford** (1874-1901) & **Alice M. Halfacre** (1873-1955). (DC# 531, file #42, Putnam Co., TN: Cause of Death: Cerebral Hemorrhage).

*See John Byrd Bradford buried in Baxter City Cemetery.

Vernie Lee Bradford

b. 30 March 1904 – d. 6 July 1908, d/o **John Byrd Bradford** (1874-1901) & **Alice M. Halfacre** (1873-1955). (Daughter of Alsie Bradford on tombstone).

*See John Byrd Bradford buried in Baxter City Cemetery.

Dilliam May Brassell

b. 21 December 1901 – d. 14 June 1903.

Earnest Brassell

b. 2 January 1906 – d. 14 January 1906.

Nettie (Sutton) Craven

b. 15 January 1901, Putnam Co., TN – d. 15 January 1921, Putnam Co., TN, md **William T. Craven**. Nettie (Sutton) Craven, d/o **Cass B. Sutton**, b. 1870 – d. 1955 & **Manerva Catherine Tallant**, b. Feb 1867, TN. Cass B. Sutton also md **Eura Lena (Roberts) Sutton** (1891-1958), both buried in Woodmere Cemetery, Detroit, Wayne Co., MI, plot Greenlawn.
'Farewell, sweet Nettie, thou shalt ever be a star to guide us up to heaven and to thee'

(1920 census, Gloucester St., Glynn Co., GA: Family: 48 – Wm. T. Craven is head of household, 23 yrs. old, GA, md to Nettie, 18 yrs. old, TN).

Maggie E. (Lasley) Dickens

b. 30 March 1882, Putnam Co., TN – d. 29 November 1908, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 17th of March 1899, Putnam Co., TN to **James L Dickens**. Maggie E. (Lasley) Dickens, d/o **William J. Lasley & Martha Cates** (1862-1915).

*See Martha (Cates) Lasley buried in Baxter City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 514 – James Dickens married 17 March 1899, Putnam Co., TN to Maggie Lesslie).

Willie Ray Elmore

b. 14 January 1917 – d. 14 January 1917, s/o **William Robert Elmore** (1888-1965) & **Betty Alice Gentry** (1892-1929), both buried in Maxwell Cemetery, North, I-40, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN.

Dyke Anthony Dutra

b. 13 June 1945, Johnstown, PA – d. 30 August 2001, TN, md on the 24th of November 1972, Alachua Co., FL to **Lillian Sherry (Bunce) Dutra**.

US Veterans Gravesites (ca. 1775-2019)

Name: Dyke A Dutra
Death Age: 56
Birth Date: 13 Jun 1945
Death Date: 30 Aug 2001
Internment Place: Tennessee, USA
Cemetery Address: Baxter, TN 38544
Cemetery: Baxter Cemetery
Notes: Cpl Us Marine Corps Vietnam

Infant Farley

b. 24 January 1908 – d. 24 January 1908., s/o **John Howard Farley** (1886-1937) & **Oma Sutton** (1889-1908).

*See Oma (Sutton) Farley buried in Baxter City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

Oma (Sutton) Farley

b. 29 October 1889, Putnam Co., TN – d. 19 February 1908, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 24th of February 1907, Putnam Co., TN to **John Howard Farley**, b. 4 September 1886, Putnam Co., TN – d. 16 April 1937, Putnam Co., TN. **John Howard Farley** also md on the 9th of October 1910, Putnam Co., TN to **Margaret Lousinda “Cindy” (Howard) Farley** (1891-1981), both buried in Sand Springs Memorial Gardens, Monterey, Putnam Co., TN. Oma (Sutton) Farley, d/o **Cass B. Sutton**, b. 1870 – d. 1955 & **Manerva Catherine Tallant**, b. Feb 1867, TN. Cass B. Sutton also md Eura Lena (Roberts) Sutton (1891-1958), both buried in Woodmere Cemetery, Detroit, Wayne Co., MI, plot Greenlawn.

*See Infant Farley buried in Baxter City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 385, #987 – H. J. Farley married 24 February 1907, Putnam Co., TN to Oma Sutton).

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 7, #25 – Howard Farley married 9 October 1910, Putnam Co., TN to Cindy Howard).

Tennessee US Death Records (1908-1965)

Name	Howard Farley
Gender	Male
Race	White
Age	50
Birth Date	4 Sep 1886
Birth Place	USA
Death Date	16 Apr 1937
Death Place	Monterey R num 1, Putnam, Tennessee, USA
Cause of Death	Carcinoma of Liver or Stomach
Father	John Farley
Mother	Adline Jackson

Certificate Number 14487

Thomas H. Goolsby

b. 12 May 1884 – d. 13 February 1906, s/o **G. W. Goolsby & Bell**.

Martha E. (Anderson) Harris

b. 25 November 1873, Overton Co., TN – d. 23 June 1910, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 12th of September 1891, Putnam Co., TN to **Rev. Joseph Daniel Harris**, b. 28 June 1870, Putnam Co., TN – d. 18 February 1959, Putnam Co., TN, s/o **Robert H. Harris** (1840-1914) & **Martha Burgess** (1838-1872). Martha E. (Anderson) Harris, d/o **William Jasper Anderson** (1844-1908) & **Louisa Frances Dodson** (1842-1880), both buried in Dodson Chapel Cemetery, Overton Co., TN.

*See Rev. Joseph Daniel Harris Obt. buried in Crest Lawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 17 – J. D. Harris married 12 September 1891, Putnam Co., TN to Martha Anderson).

Eugene Vernon Herd

b. 29 February 1913 – d. 19 July 1914, s/o **Bradley Casto Herd** (1889-1935) & **Annie E. Harville**. Bradley Casto Herd is buried in Palmer Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN, he was killed while trying to kindle a fire with gasoline. Died of 3rd degree burns.

William Howard Isbell

b. 28 December 1911 – d. 25 January 1912.

Joseph Jones

b. 17 December 1845, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN – d. 20 February 1915, Monterey, Putnam Co., TN, md **Martha (Anderson) Jones**, b. 29 December 1846, TN – d. 1 December 1910, d/o **Thomas Shirley Anderson Jr.** (1818-1861) & **Louisa Alexander** (1820-1861), both buried in Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN. Joseph Jones, s/o **Byrd Smith Jones** (1808-1864) & **Hannah Johnson** (1814-1885), both buried in Bird S. Jones Graveyard, Putnam Co., TN.

(1910 census, Depot St., 20th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 52 – **Joseph Jones** is head of household, 64 yrs. old, TN, (occupation: Merchant, General Store), md 44 yrs. to **Martha**, 63 yrs. old, TN, (7 children born, 5 children living). Children: Ollie, 25 yrs. old, TN & Mable Jones, granddaughter, 7 yrs. old, TN).

US Civil War Soldiers (1861-1865)

Name: Josephus Jones

Side: Union

Regiment State/Origin: Tennessee

Regiment: 1st Regiment, Tennessee Mounted Infantry

Company: H

Rank In: Private

Rank Out: Sergeant

Tennessee US Deaths and Burials Index (1874-1955)

Name: Joseph Jones
Birth Date: 11 Dec 1846
Birth Place: Buffalo Valley
Age: 69
Death Date: 20 Feb 1915
Cause of Death Bright Disease Chronic Alcohol
Death Place: Monterey, Putnam, Tennessee
Burial Date: 21 Feb 1915
Burial Place: Baxter, Tennessee
Gender: Male
Race: White
Marital status: Widowed
Father's Name: Buck Jones

Myrtle May Julian

b. 10 September 1912 – d. 11 September 1912.

Willie D. Julian

b. 9 May 1907 – d. 9 May 1907.

Bertie E. Julin

b. 7 September 1887 – d. 8 July 1907, md **B. H. Julin**.

'Her happy soul has winged its way to one pure bright eternal day'

Martha (Cates) Lasley

b. 14 March 1862, Jackson Co., TN – d. 9 December 1915, md on the 27th of June 1880, Jackson Co., TN to **William J. Lasley**. Martha (Cates) Lasley, d/o **Thomas Cates & Sarah Laycock**.

'The Lord is my Sheppard I Shall Not Want'

*See Maggie E. (Lasley) Dickens buried in Baxter City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Jackson Co., TN, pg. 482 – Wm Lasley married 27 June 1880, Jackson Co., TN to Martha Kates).

Edna Lesley

b. 29 January 1910 – d. 21 September 1913, d/o **William Henry Lesley & Tilda**.

Daughter of William Henry and Tilda. She was the granddaughter of William J. & Martha E. Lasley.

Chalmers Martin

b. 26 March 1911, Jeffers, Scott Co., TN – d. 16 January 1926, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., OH, s/o **Enoch Vance Martin & Mary Ada (Bussell) Martin** (1874-1958), she is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Glendale, Hamilton Co., OH.

Octa Myrtle (Mahler) Martin

b. 19 September 1891, TN – d. 28 December 1910, md on the 20th of December 1908, Putnam Co., TN to **Abe Martin**, b. 24 August 1880, TN – d. 27 August 1966, TN. Octa Myrtle (Mahler) Martin, d/o **William Meridith Mahler** (1868-1944) & **Leona France Angeline Gentry** (1873-1959), buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN

*See William Meridith Mahler buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN

*See Abe Martin Sr. Obt. buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 490 – Abe Martin married 20 December 1908, Putnam Co., TN to Miss Myrtle Mahler).

(1910 census 20th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 24 – **John B. Martin** is head of household, 62 yrs. old, TN md 35 yrs. to **Louisa C.**, 64 yrs. old, 9 children born, 7 children living. Children: **Aberham Martin, 29 yrs. old, TN md 1 yr.**)

Willie Medlin

b. 20 May 1899 – d. 7 February 1900.

Kristine Lee “Kris” (Jacobs) Nelson Obt.

b. 22 June 1952, Robbinsdale, Hennepin Co., MN - d. 20 April 2012, Baxter, Crow Wing Co., MN, md on the 30th of March 1974 to **Terry Nelson**. Kristine Lee “Kris” (Jacobs) Nelson, d/o **Robert Jacobs & Darlene Lee (Engel) Tarnowski** (1933-2015), she also md on the 5th of February 1974, Clearwater, FL to **Arthur Joseph Tarnowski** (1922-2013), both buried in Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery, Little Falls, Morrison Co., MN .

With great sorrow we sadly share that American Legion Auxiliary Past National President Kristine Lee Nelson passed away in the early morning of Wednesday, April 20.

Kris fought a brave battle with brain cancer, but God must have needed a mission-focused angel

and called Kris to help Him in Heaven. We can take some solace that she passed away peacefully, and had enjoyed these last few days with her loving family and friends, and being part of the christening of her namesake twin baby grand-daughters McKenna Kristine and Aria Lee.



Kris was born June 22, 1952 in Robbinsdale, Minnesota to Robert and Darlene (Tarnowski) Jacobs.

Kris is survived by her husband of 42 years Terry; their children Troy and his wife Angie, Sarah and her husband Kent Swenson; her 6 grandchildren Myah and Ty Nelson and Kruze, Breck, McKenna, and Aria Swenson; and her 2 brothers and 2 sisters, Patti (Jerry) Hegdahl, Rob (Corrine) Jacobs, Rick (Fiona) Tarnowski and Angie (Stuart) Cleek along with several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her mother Darlene Tarnowski and stepfather, Art Tarnowski.

Kris served as national president during the 2011-12 ALA administrative year, alongside national commander of The American Legion Fang Wong and national commander of the Sons of The American Legion Jim Roberts. Kris was delighted that Fang and Barbara Wong were able to visit her in Minnesota just yesterday. Kris was devoted to the ALA mission, volunteering with Terry for Legion and Auxiliary programs for over 30 years, initiating an annual community Halloween party for some 800 children, and enlisting their children early on to set tables at their post home to earn their allowances. Kris served as vice president of the ALA Foundation and right up until recent days was actively involved in the ALA Centennial Strategic Plan as a passionate believer and leader. Visitation will be held on Friday, April 29, 2016 from 4-7 pm with a Rosary Service at 7 pm at the Nelson-Doran Funeral Home, 202 Eighth Avenue Northeast, Brainerd, MN, 56401. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 am on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at St. Andrew's Catholic Church, 1108 Willow Street, Brainerd, MN 56401, with visitation an hour prior to service at the church on Saturday. **A private ceremony and interment will take place at Baxter City Cemetery May 2, 2016.**

Georgia A. Nunally

b. 12 August 1889 – d. 29 October 1903, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **George Washington Nunally** (1856-1921) & **Sidney Elizabeth Sanders** (1856-1933), both buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

*See George Washington Nunally Obt. buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

NUNALLY, GEORGIA A.: Georgia A. Nunally, daughter of Rev. George. W. & Sidney Nunally, died at Baxter, Oct. 29, 1903, aged 14 years.

Putnam Co., Herald, 4 November 1904

D. A. Paterson

b. 5 February 1865 – d. 30 November 1902, md **M. L. (unknown) Paterson**, b. 26 May 1868 – d. 8 May 1909.

*See Clarence Patterson buried in Baxter City Cemetery.

Clarence Patterson

b. 25 March 1910 – d. 5 September 1912, s/o **D. A. Paterson** (1865-1902) & **M. I. Patterson** (1868-1909), both buried in Baxter City Cemetery.

*See D. A. Paterson buried in Baxter City Cemetery.

Solen Petty

b. 21 March 1910 – d. 10 September 1910, s/o **J. B. & Alcy Petty**.

Martha F. “Molly” (Proffitt) Pharres

b. 30 December 1894 – d. 17 December 1913, md on the 27th of October 1912, Putnam Co., TN to **Landson D. Pharres**. Martha F. “Molly” (Proffitt) Pharres, d/o **Sidney Solon Proffitt** (1873-1950) & **Matilda Woodard** (1873-1938).

*See Matilda “Mattie” (Woodard) Proffitt buried in Baxter City Cemetery.

Matilda “Mattie” (Woodard) Proffitt

b. 13 September 1873, Smith Co., TN – d. 29 August 1938, Putnam Co., TN, md **Sidney Solon Proffitt**, b. 26 March 1873, TN – d. 19 September 1950, Putnam Co., TN, s/o **Lt. George C. Proffitt** (1835-1901) & **Martha Jane Slagle** (1840-1922), both buried in Bloomington Springs Cemetery, Bloomington Springs, Putnam Co., TN. Matilda “Mattie” (Woodard) Proffitt, d/o **James Woodard & Amanda Vance**. Sidney Solon Proffitt is buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

*See Martha F. “Molly” (Proffitt) Pharres buried in Baxter City Cemetery.

*See Sidney Solon Proffitt buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

Tennessee US Death Records (1908-1965)

Name: Sidney S Proffitt
Gender: Male
Race: White
Age: 77
Birth Date: 26 Mar 1873
Birth Place: Putnam, USA
Death Date: 18 Sep 1950
Death Place: Putnam, Tennessee, USA
Cause of Death Unknown
Cemetery Odd Fellows Cemetery
Father: [George Proffitt](#)
Mother: [Martha Slagle](#)

Certificate Number: 50-23069

William Thomas “Tom” Pryor Obt.

b. May 1872, TN – d. 1905, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 22nd of September 1895, Jackson Co., TN to **Lucy (Rush) Pryor Parker**, b. May 1877, TN – d. 17 October 1937, Dayton, Montgomery Co., OH. Lucy (Rush) Pryor Parker also md on the 28th of May 1905, Putnam Co., TN to **Aldred Elmore Parker**, b. 4 January 1878, Lyons, Larue, KY – d. 22 February 1924, Dayton, Montgomery, OH. Aldred E. & Lucy (Rush) Pryor Parker are both buried in Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum, Dayton, Montgomery Co., OH. **Mollie Jane (Pryor) Richards**, b. 7 July 1899, TN – d. 19 November 1968, Los Angeles Co., CA md **Albert Humphrey Richards** (1893-1960), both buried in Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, Los Angeles Co., CA.

PRYOR, TOM: Bro. Tom Pryor died Friday and was buried in the East Baxter cemetery Saturday. The bereaved family have the heartfelt sympathy of the Christians of Baxter. He leaves a wife, four children, a widowed mother and a host of friends to mourn his dead. Tom was baptized in the Christian faith some two months ago by Bro. Cantrell of Cookeville. [Date 2/1/1905, Vol. II, No. 52, Page 4]

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 82 – W. T. Pryor married 22 September 1895, Jackson Co., TN to Lucy Rush).

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 284, #599– A. E. Parker married 28 May 1905, Putnam Co., TN to Miss Lucy Pryor).

Census Place: 1880 District 1, Jackson Co, Tennessee

Source: FHL Film 1255264 National Archives Film T9-1264 Page 183D

Dwl: 249

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
James PRYOR	Self	M	M	W	30	TN
	Occ:	Farm Laborer	Fa: TN	Mo: TN		
Polly J. PRYOR	Wife	F	M	W	32	TN
	Occ:	Keeping House	Fa: TN	Mo: KY		
Wm. T. PRYOR	Son	M	S	W	8	TN
			Fa: TN	Mo: TN		
Mary L. PRYOR	Dau	F	S	W	2	TN
			Fa: TN	Mo: TN		

(1900 census 20th Civil Dist., Putnam Co. TN: Dwl: 232 – **Thomas Pryor** is head of household, 28 yrs. old, b. May 1872, md 5 yrs. to **Lucy**, 23 yrs. old, b. May 1877, TN, (3 children born, 2 children living). Children: William J., 3 yrs. old, b. April 1897, TN & **Mollie Pryor**, 1 yr. old, TN. Also living in the household: John Rush, brother-in-law, 28 yrs. old, b. March 1872, TN).

(1910 census, North First St., Ward 20, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN: Dwl: 625 – **Aldred E. Parker** is head of household: 33 yrs. old, TN, md to **Lucy**, 33 yrs. old, TN, (7 children born, 4 children living). Children: James, 14 yrs. old; Mollie, 11 yrs. old; Johnnie, 8 yrs. old & Theo Parker, 1 3/12 yrs. old. All born in TN).

(1920 census, Dayton Twp., Montgomery Co., OH: Dwl: 1101, #327 – **Aldred E. Parker** is head of household, 42 yrs. old, TN, md to **Lucy** 43 yrs. old, TN. Children; Theodore, 10 yrs. old; Edith, 8 yrs. old; Pauline, 4 yrs. old & Aldred Parker Jr., 2 yrs. old. All born in TN).

Claudie Putty

b. 27 April 1908 – d. 20 August 1910, d/o **Ulysses S. Putty** (1876-1926) & **Belle (Harville) Putty Baldwin** (1888-1974), both buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

*See Belle (Harville) Putty Baldwin buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN

*See Ulysses “Udes” S. Putty, buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

(1910 census 2nd Civil Dist., Cumberland Co., TN: Dwl: 71- **Ulyses Putty** is head of household, 34 yrs. old, TN, md 5 yrs. to **Bell**, 22 yrs. old, TN, 1 child born, 1 child living. Child: **Claud Putty**, 3 yrs. old, TN).

Anderson Searcy Randolph

b. 15 October 1870, Rutherford Co., TN – d. 13 April 1928, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN, md **Marie (Cole) Randolph**, b. August 1875, TN – d. 1928. Anderson Searcy Randolph, s/o **William W. Randolph** (1830 -1910) & **Irma Hardy** (1839-1902), she is buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN. William W. Randolph is buried in Tennessee Confederate Soldiers Home Cemetery, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN.

*See Eugene Dudley Randolph buried in Baxter City Cemetery.

(1900 census Nashville Ward 15, Davidson Co., TN: Dwl: 24 – **Mary J. Cole** is head of household, 52 yrs. old, b. August 1847, TN, widow. Child: Josie Cole, 19 yrs. old, b. April 1881, TN. Also living in the household: **Marie Randolph**, dau., 25 yrs. old, b. August 1875, TN, md to **Searcy A. Randolph**, son-in-law, 28 yrs. old, b. October 1871, TN & Arthur Randolph, grandson, ?/12 yrs. old, grandson, b. May 1900, TN).

(1910 census 20th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 108 – **Searcy Randolph** is head of household, 39 yrs. old, TN, (occupation: salesman, general store), md 11 yrs. to **Mary**, 36 yrs. old, TN, (3 children born, 2 children living). Children: Arthur C., 9 yrs. old, TN & Dudley Randolph, 2/12 yrs. old, TN).

Tennessee US Death and Burials Index (1874-1955)

Name: Searcy Randolph
Birth Date: 15 Oct 1871
Birth Place: Tennessee
Age: 58
Death Date: 13 Apr 1930
Death Place: Nashville, Davidson, TN-Central State Hospital
Burial Date: 13 Apr 1930
Burial Place: Baxter, Tennessee
Gender: Male
Race: White
Cause of Death: Broncho-pneumonia – Drug Addiction of several years duration
Marital status: Widowed
Residence Place: Nashville, Davidson, Tennessee
Occupation: Formerly Grocer
Father's Name: Wm Randolph
Father's Birth Place: Tennessee
Mother's Name: Irma Hardy
Mother's Birth Place: Tennessee
Informant: Central State Hospital, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN
FHL Film Number: 1876764

Christine Randolph

b. 29 March 1905, TN – d. 23 September 1906, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **Anderson Searcy Randolph** (1870-1928) & **Marie Cole** (1875-1928).

*See Anderson Searcy Randolph buried in Baxter City Cemetery.

Eugene Dudley Randolph

b. 8 February 1910, Putnam Co., TN – d. 6 April 1912, Putnam Co., TN, s/o **Anderson Searcy Randolph** (1870-1928) & **Marie Cole** (1875-1928).

*See Anderson Searcy Randolph buried in Baxter City Cemetery.

Georgia Ann (Bradford) Roberson

b. 25 February 1861, TN – d. October 1923, md **Moses LaFate Roberson**, b. 19 September 1860, Putnam Co., TN – d. 29 March 1928, Manchester, Coffee Co., TN, he is buried in Concord Cemetery, Tullahoma, Coffee Co., TN. Georgia Ann (Bradford) Roberson, d/o **Esq. Giles**

Bradford Sr. (1814-1898) & **Nancy Caroline Underwood** (1833-1915). Moses LaFate Roberson, s/o William James Roberson (1817-1883) & Louisa Welch (1826-1885)

*See Giles Bradford Sr. buried in Baxter City Cemetery.

(1870 census 7th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 4 – **Giles Bradford** is head of household, 56 yrs. old, SC, md to **Caroline**, 58? (should be 37), NC?. Children: Joseph M., 19 yrs. old, GA; Florida M., 12 yrs. old, GA; Cansas, 11 yrs. old, GA; **George A.**, 10 yrs. old, GA; Giles, 3 yrs. old, TN & James Bradford, 7/12 yrs. old, TN).

Census Place: 1880 District 7, Putnam, Tennessee

Source: FHL Film 1255275 National Archives Film T9-1275 Page 145A

Dwl: 35

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Giles BRADFORD	Self	M	M	W	67	SC
	Occ: Farmer	Fa: SC	Mo: SC			
Nancy BRADFORD	Wife	F	M	W	49	TN
	Occ: Keeping House	Fa: NC	Mo: NC			
Georgianna BRADFORD	Dau	F	S	W	19	TN
	Fa: SC	Mo: TN				
Giles BRADFORD	Son	M	S	W	13	TN
	Occ: Works On Farm	Fa: SC	Mo: TN			
John BRADFORD	Son	M	S	W	6	TN
	Fa: SC	Mo: TN				

John William Rush

b. 12 April 1872, TN – d. 15 February 1908, md on the 19th of December 1894, Putnam Co., TN to **Harriet Evaline (Vaughn) Rush**, b. 25 June 1871, TN – d. 3 January 1896, she is buried in Vaughn Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN. Harriet Evaline (Rush) Vaughn, d/o **Amos Vaughn** & **Harriet Louella Shanks**, d/o **William Simon Shanks** & **Margaret “Peggy” Maddux**.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 514 – J. W. Rush married 19 December 1894, Putnam Co., TN to H. E. Vaughn).

Census Place: 1880 District 17, Putnam Co., Tennessee

Source: FHL Film 1255275 National Archives Film T9-1275 Page 197B

Dwl: 155

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Amos VAUGHN	Self	M	M	W	49	TN
	Occ: Farmer	Fa: NC	Mo: TN			
Harriet VAUGHN	Wife	F	M	W	46	VA
	Occ: Keeping House	Fa: VA	Mo: VA			
Margaret E. VAUGHN	Dau	F	S	W	28	TN
	Occ: At Home	Fa: TN	Mo: VA			
Laura F. VAUGHN	Dau	F	S	W	18	TN
	Occ: At Home	Fa: TN	Mo: VA			
Martha J. VAUGHN	Dau	F	S	W	16	TN
	Occ: At Home	Fa: TN	Mo: VA			
Tennessee A. VAUGHN	Dau	F	S	W	14	TN
	Occ: At Home	Fa: TN	Mo: VA			
Harriet E. VAUGHN	Dau	F	S	W	8	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: VA				

William D. JULIAN	SonL	M	M	W	24	TN
Occ: Works On FarmFa: TN Mo: VA						
Malissa L. JULIAN	Dau	F	M	W	20	TN
Occ: At Home Fa: TN Mo: VA						

(1900 census 20th Civil Dist., Putnam Co. TN: Dwl: 232 – **Thomas Pryor** is head of household, 28 yrs. old, b. May 1872, md 5 yrs. to **Lucy**, 23 yrs. old, b. May 1877, TN, (3 children born, 2 children living). Children: William J., 3 yrs. old, b. April 1897, TN & Mollie Pryor, 1 yr. old, TN. Also living in the household: **John Rush, brother-in-law**, 28 yrs. old, b. March 1872, TN).

Laura Stone

b. 13 October 1901 – d. 5 June 1910, d/o **Elisha Whitley Stone** (1871-1951) & **Susan F. Harris** (1872-1963), both buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

*See Rev. Elisha Whitley Stone Obt. buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

William Sypert

b. 7 September 1877, Putnam Co., TN – d. 7 August 1905, Putnam Co., TN.

'To My Husband'

James Unknown

b. 7 November 1906 – d. 24 September 1908.

Edward Ernest Vaughn

b. 26 December 1915, Putnam Co., TN – d. 17 August 1937, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN, s/o **Richard L. Vaughn** (1861-?) & **Laura A. Jernigan** (1878-1963), she is buried in Double Springs Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

*See Laura Ann (Jernigan) Vaughn buried in Double Springs Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

(1920 census 20th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 143 Family: 145 – **Richard L. Vaughn** is head of household, 57 yrs. old, TN md to **Laura A.**, 41 yrs. old, TN. Children: Collie C., 23 yrs. old; Winnie M., 18 yrs. old; Vinnie A. 13 yrs. old; Willie W., 9 yrs. old & **Ernest E. Vaughn**, 4 0/12 yrs. old. All born in TN).

Wayman Willie Vaughn

b. 9 September 1910, Putnam Co., TN – d. 28 June 1934, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN, s/o **Richard L. Vaughn** & **Laura A. Jernigan** (1878-1963), she is buried in Double Springs Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

*See Laura Ann (Jernigan) Vaughn buried in Double Springs Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

(1920 census 20th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 143 Family: 145 – **Richard L. Vaughn** is head of household, 57 yrs. old, TN md to **Laura A.**, 41 yrs. old, TN. Children: Collie C., 23 yrs. old; Winnie M., 18 yrs. old; Vinnie A. 13 yrs. old; **Willie W.**, 9 yrs. old & Ernest E. Vaughn, 4 0/12 yrs. old. All born in TN).

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Baxter's Town Cemetery

In the late 1800's in the western Putnam County town of Mine Lick, Tennessee, a prominent man named Giles Bradford Sr. was laid to rest on a parcel of land that he owned; this land eventually became known as the Baxter City Cemetery. This land is located on the northeast corner of one of Baxter's oldest intersections where the Sparta to Carthage Turnpike, now First Avenue, intersects with the old Buffalo Valley Road.

A lot of history has been made in this historic district of Baxter. Across the street from this cemetery was the campus of the old Baxter Seminary that was founded in 1908. Seven large stately buildings once stood there. The founding father of the Seminary was J. D. Harris. In 1910, the same year that Baxter Seminary began holding classes, his beloved wife, Martha, died, and he buried her across the street from the Seminary in the Town Cemetery. Her grave stone is a beautiful tall obelisk that is situated in the cemetery's corner closest to the Seminary.

Mr. Giles Bradford, Sr. was born January 15, 1814. The first record we have of him being in Mine Lick is in 1867 when he purchased 100 acres on the southwest side of the lands of Richard Fielding Cooke for whom Cookeville is named. Giles Bradford has two of his children buried in the Cooke Cemetery. The 1870 census shows that he and his family lived next door to the Cooke lands where the Cooke cemetery is located.

Mr. Bradford, age 83, was walking to his barn to feed some stock and failed to return. His wife went to look for him and found him dead. He was a healthy and stout older man for his age, and his death was unexpected. A few family members questioned his death and wondered if his death was a result of a physical argument he had with his son, John, the day before. Mr. Bradford died on March 17, 1898 and was buried without an inquest to the cause of his death.

The second person buried at this cemetery is Giles' son, Giles Bradford, Jr., who was laid to rest just 14 days after his father who had died unexpectedly under suspicious circumstances. According to the Cookeville Press in 1898, "Giles Bradford Jr. was shot and stabbed to death last Sunday by Clay and Claude Brassell. We learned that a difficulty arose between William Bradford, a nephew of the deceased and Clay Brassell, when the deceased interfered to separate them. About this time a general fight ensued, several being mixed up in it. In the meantime, Giles Bradford was badly cut in the side and was stabbed in the back to the hollow, and shot through both lungs, from the effect of which he died in about four minutes. The jury of inquest reported that the deceased came to his death from a pistol shot fired by Claude Brassell, and bruised with brass knucks by the hand of James Brassell. They were all arrested for the death of Giles Jr. Three years later the trial in the Circuit Court found the three Brassells guilty of murdering Giles Bradford Jr. at Mine Lick. It was the father, James, and his two sons, Clay and Claude Brassell, who were each sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary." Clay and Claude Brassell's father, James, happens to be the brother of Joe and Teke Brassell that were executed by hanging on Billy Goat Hill in Cookeville twenty years earlier in 1878 and were buried in the Brassell Cemetery which is just down the road, in eye sight of the grave of their murdered victim, Giles Bradford Jr. in the Baxter Cemetery.

The third person buried in this cemetery is a nine month infant.

The fourth person buried in the Town Cemetery is John Byrd Bradford who was also a son of Giles Bradford Sr. and was accused of rough housing his father the day before his father died. According to the Cookeville Press in 1901, John Byrd Bradford was shot and instantly killed near Mine Lick. He and Allen Roberts were over at Double Springs and left at 7:00 at night. When they were in the vicinity of Ten Locke's house, they were fired upon from the bushes. One bullet took effect just above Bradford's left eye killing him instantly. Another struck Roberts in the nose. In the same article it mentions that Bradford had been released from jail a short while before the ambush. He was only 27 years old when he was laid to rest in the town cemetery.

In 1908 the 19th person buried in this cemetery was Oma Sutton Farley. Twenty six days after her infant child was born and died, Oma was also laid to rest beside her child. Oma's grave stone has her inscription and that of her child's on the largest obelisk in this cemetery. Her father, Cass Sutton, was a businessman dealer in lumber; he lived on the Carthage to Sparta Turnpike.

In 1928 a faithful wife was buried and two years later her husband was laid to rest next to her. He died in the Central State Hospital in Nashville; he had a drug addiction problem for several years. While living in Baxter, he was a salesman at a general store and lived on the Sparta-Carthage Turnpike.

The Town Cemetery has many young people laid to rest here. There are 10 babies buried here that are less than a year old. There are ten children and eight young adults under the age of 20 also buried here.

Giles Bradford Sr. was the first person buried here in 1898, and the cemetery was known as the Bradford Cemetery at Mine Lick. In 1902 the town of Mine Lick was officially renamed Baxter to honor Senator Jere Baxter, who owned the Tennessee Central Railroad, which brought prosperity and opened up Putnam County to the world. Thirteen years later when Giles Sr.'s wife, Nancy, was buried beside her husband, her death certificate states in 1915 that she is buried in the Baxter Cemetery.

There are records in the Court House that record this cemetery as the Bradford even today, but it has been known by historians as the Baxter Cemetery since 1915 and listed in the official 1986 cemetery book as the Baxter City Cemetery.

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