

BRADFORD FAMILY CEMETERY

Putnam Co., TN

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Sources: Putnam County Cemeteries by Maurine Patton, findagrave, ancestry.com,
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GPS Coordinates: 36.1604870, -85.4768030

Located behind the home of Valeria Wilhite on the Old KY Road. There are about 50 graves that were unmarked; however, Jere Whitson furnished hewn, unlettered markers for these graves. A @ marks ones that are thought to be buried in the cemetery. Recorded by Maurine E. Patton, 19 November 1981. Located on private property at 331 South Old Kentucky Road, Cookeville.

From the Court House, head east on Hwy 70 (Spring Street). Turn left on Old Kentucky Rd.

SURNAMES: Bradford, Braswell, Burl, Choate, Daugherty, Denton, Harbaugh, Hix, King, Nicholas, Pullen, Smith, Whitson, Wilhite

Charles B. "Charlie" Bradford

b. 15 January 1844, TN/MO – d. 7 August 1918, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 29th of July 1864, TN, **Mary Ann (Pullen) Bradford**, b. 4 December 1843, Overton Co., TN – d. 1922 (DOD estimated), Putnam Co., TN, d/o **Thomas Pullen Jr.** (1805-1860). Charles B. "Charlie" Bradford, s/o **William Bradford & Elizabeth E. "Besty" Huddleston** (1819-1914).

*See Elizabeth E. "Besty" (Huddleston) Pullen Obt.

Mary Elmer Braswell

b. 25 January 1886, Putnam Co., TN – d. 19 October 1887, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **John William Braswell** (1853-1940) & **Martha Elizabeth (Pullen) Braswell** (1862-1938), both buried in Woodlawn Memorial Park and Mausoleum, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN.

*See Elizabeth E. "Besty" (Huddleston) Pullen Obt.

Known children of Martha and John:

~ Frank Moulton Braswell (1883–1968)

(*See Frank Moulton Braswell Obt. buried in Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN)

~ Mary Elmer Braswell (1886–1887)

~ Charles Tillman Braswell (15 Jan 1889–22 May 1962) died Norton, Virginia

(Buried in Mountain View Cemetery and Cremation Gardens, Bristol, Bristol City, VA)

~ Bonnie Mai Braswell (1891–1961)

(Buried in Woodlawn Memorial Park and Mausoleum, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN)

~ William Thomas Braswell (1895-1990)

(Buried in Elks Cemetery, Bedford, Bedford Co., VA)

~ Troy Martin Braswell (1899–1976)

[1900 census = 6 children; 5 living]

[1910 census = 6 children; 5 living]

Min Buck

b. 5 August 1832 – d. 1 July 1878.

(stone down and broken)

Mother of Jonah Caruther's wife; Jonah is son of Johnny Caruthers.

James Choate

b. 12 July 1833, TN – d. 1878, Putnam Co., TN, md **Sealah "Celia Ann Cecile" (Choate) Choate**, b. 22 April 1837, Jamestown, Fentress Co., TN – d. 23 January 1924, Sherman, Grayson Co., TX, d/o **Austin Choate & Mary Elizabeth "Betsy" Young**. Sealah "Celia Ann Cecile" (Choate) Choate is buried in West Hill Cemetery, Sherman, Grayson Co., TX. James Choate, s/o **Thomas Choate** (1806-1879) & **Mary Ann "Polly" Welch Guthrie** (1803-1847).

James Choate is said to be the son of Thomas Choate and Mary Ann Welch (or Guthrie!), James died and is listed as having been buried at the Pullum Place, otherwise indicated as the Bradford Cemetery on the old Pullum place.

They had several children. After James's death, Sealah moved to be with her children who'd moved to Texas as a result of the Katy Railroad.

Her son Lonnie, who never married, moved with her and is also buried in West Hill Cemetery, Sherman, Grayson Co., TX.

Mary Choate

b. 8 February 1839, Jackson Co., TN – d. 22 November 1887, d/o **Thomas Choate** (1806-1879) & **Mary Ann “Polly” Welch Guthrie** (1803-1847).

She worked at the Whitson's home.

Alice Denton

b. 3 April 1863 – d. 1 July 1885.

'A precious one from us is gone, a voice we loved is stilled. A place is vacant in our home, which never can be filled'

Cynthia Denton

b. 18 July 1868 – d. 8 February 1894, d/o **Charles B. Bradford** (1844-1918) & **Mary Ann Pullen** (1843-1922).

'Aged: 25 yr's 6 Mh's & 20 days'

OBITUARY NOTICE OF: Denton, Cynthia: The many friends and acquaintances of Miss Cynthia Denton of Cookeville, will be grieved to learn of her death which occurred one day last week. [Date: 2/22/1894, Vol. VII, No. 17, Page 1] THE COOKEVILLE PRESS.

Holland Denton

b. 6 November 1818 – d. 10 December 1896, md **Lucinda (Barnes) Whitson Denton**, b. 6 April 1830 – d. 18 April 1884. Holland Denton, s/o **Jeremiah Denton** (1779-1847) & **Elizabeth Griggs** (1782-1828), both buried in Old Jericho Cemetery, Quebeck, White Co., TN.

'2nd Lt., 1stCO K, 16th Tenn. Inf. Reg. – “dropped May 8, 1862” 2nd Co F - Civil War'

William Daugherty

b. 27 March 1814 – d. 18 April 1870.

(At Tohopeka)

Adelbert Harbaugh

b. 1 June 1868, Coldwater, Branch Co., MI – d. 26 January 1935, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 21st of September 1906, Athens, MI to **Mamie (Bradford) Harbaugh**, b. 11 April 1879, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN – d. 29 May 1930, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **Charles B. Bradford** (1844-1918) & **Mary Ann Pullen** (1843-1922). Adelbert also md on the 12th of January 1904, Marshall, MI to **Mabel Theodosia (Broadwood) Platt**, b. 6 May 1872, Alpena Co., MI – d. 16 December 1928, Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI, she is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI, she is the d/o **David Broadwood** (1838-1901) & **Melissa Angeline Sprague** (1844-1922). Adelbert Harbaugh, s/o **Jacob Harbaugh** (1824-1899) & **Mary Ann Vanderheyden** (1833-1921).

John Hix

(Mrs. Valeria Wilhite, granddaughter of Charlie Bradford Stated that Mr. and Mrs. John Hix are also buried in Bradford Cemetery).

Ethel May King

b. 7 May 1891-d. 2 July 1892, d/o **Mr. & Mrs. G. W. King**.

Daniel Boone Nicholas

b. 12 September 1865 – d. 4 October 1905, Putnam Co., TN, md **@Betty (Bradford) Nicholas**, b. 12 September 1865, TN – d. 4 October 1905. Daniel Boone Nicholas also md on the 3rd of June 1899, Putnam Co., TN to **Mary Antha (Williams) Nicholas Cannon**, b. 6 August 1880, White Co., TN – d. 23 June 1962, Chattanooga, Hamilton Co., TN, also md on the 2nd of March 1913, Putnam Co., TN to **James E. Cannon**. Mary Antha is buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Chattanooga, Hamilton Co., TN.

Elizabeth E. “Besty” (Huddleston) Pullen Obt.

b. 17 January 1819 – d. 4 October 1914, md **William Bradford**, b. 1811, Middlesex, England – d. ?. Elizabeth E. “Besty” (Huddleston) Pullen, d/o **Charles H. Huddleston (1778-1875) & Martha Elizabeth Lollar (1785-1850)**. Charles H. Huddleston is buried in Salem Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

OBITUARY NOTICES FOR: Pullen, Betsy (Whitson Chapel): The death angel visited our community and claimed for its victim Mrs. Betsy Pullem, age 92 years, 8 months and a few days. She lived a true Christian life, and had been a member of the Methodist Church for 78 years. . . . [Date: 10/08/1914, Vol. 12, No. 40, Page 4]

Pullen, Elizabeth: Mrs. Elizabeth Pullen - Mrs. Elizabeth Pullen died at the home of her son, Chas. Bradford, Wednesday, aged 92 yrs. She leaves two children, Mrs. John Braswell of Lancaster and Mrs. Chas. Bradford of Cookeville. A brother, J. F. Huddleston aged 89 years, was present at the funeral. Funeral services were conducted at the home by Rev. W. W. Baxter. Mrs. Pullen had been a member of Salem Methodist Church for 78 years. [Date: 10/01/1914, Vol. 12, No. 39, Page 1] THE PUTNAM COUNTY HERALD.

Gravesite Details: d/o Charles & Martha Elizabeth Lollar Huddleston; First married name was Bradford.

@Tommy Pullen

Dates unknown.

Charlie L. Smith

b. 28 October 1895 – d. 22 September 1909, s/o **John Wesley “J. W.” Smith (1858-1911) & Mary Emily Hall (1864-1923)**.

John Wesley “J. W.” Smith

b. 2 November 1858, TN – d. 8 December 1911, Putnam Co., TN md on the 10th of July 1881, Jackson Co., TN to **Mary Emily (Hall) Smith**, b. 15 July 1864 – d. 31 January 1923, d/o **Addison D. Hall (1821-1893) & Louisa Bernettie McGlasson (1829-1918)**, both buried in Addison D. Hall Cemetery, Whitleyville, Jackson Co., TN. John Wesley “J. W.” Smith, s/o **William Greenberry Smith (1836-1895) & Emiline (1829-1869)**.

Children: Alta, Zula, Arthur H. Smith at Crest Lawn, Minnie T. Hix, Samuel Buford Smith at Salem Methodist, and Lawton H. Smith at Crest Lawn Cemetery.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Jackson Co., TN, pg. 2, #11–J. W. Smith married 10 July 1881, Jackson Co., TN to Mary E. Hall).

Catherine (Bray) Whitson

b. 1799 – d. 17 May 1871, *Jere Whitson’s Grandmother*.

Infant Whitson

b. 9 September 1854 – d. 23 September 1854, s/o **J. M. & S. L. Whitson**.

Infant Whitson

b. 1 March 1876, Putnam Co., TN – d. unknown, d/o **J. M. & S. L. Whitson**.

John Walter Whitson

b. 6 June 1826, Jackson Co., TN – d. 27 January 1855, Putnam Co., TN, md **Lucinda (Barnes) Whitson Denton**, b. 6 April 1830 – d. 18 April 1884, she also md **Holland Denton**, b. 6 November 1818 – d. 10 December 1896, s/o **Jeremiah Denton** (1779-1847) & **Elizabeth Griggs** (1782-1828), both buried in Old Jericho Cemetery, Quebeck, White Co., TN. John Walter Whitson, s/o **Jeremiah Whitson** (1834-1912) & **Catherine Bray** (1799-1871), both buried in Salem Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

'Dearest father thou hast left us, here thy loss we deeply feel. But his God that has bereft us, He can all our sorrows heal'.

'A loving wife and mother dear, In sweet repose is sleeping here. Her painful loss we deeply feel, but God can all our sorrows heal'. 'Widow of J. W. Whitson & wife of H. Denton'.

*See Jeremiah "Jere" Whitson Obt. buried in Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

Pauline Bradford Wilhite

b. 2 March 1921 – d. 26 July 2008, d/o **William Esker Wilhite** (1895-1930) & **Valeria Pierce** (1897-1991).

William Esker Wilhite Obt.

b. 11 July 1895, Putnam Co., TN – d. 7 March 1930, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 18th of November 1917, Putnam Co., TN to **Valeria (Pierce) Wilhite**, b. 15 January 1897, TN – d. 17 December 1991, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **Mallard F. Pierce & Mamie (Bradford) Harbaugh** (1879-1930). Valeria's father was Mallard F. Pierce, first husband of Mamie Bradford. William Esker Wilhite, s/o **Owen O. Baldwin "Stokes" Wilhite** (1859-1901) & **Frances "Fannie" Huddleston** (1861-1956), both buried in Reagan Cemetery, White Co., TN.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 406, #1613 – Esker Wilhite married 18 November 1917, Putnam Co., TN to Valeria Pierce).

Esker Wilhite, 34, prominent farmer of the Mount Herman community, died at the City hospital Friday morning after undergoing a second appendix operation.

Funeral services were conducted at the home by Rev W T Whittington with burial in the Bradford cemetery on Dry Valley Pike.

He is survived by his wife and three children, mother and two brothers, Joe of Akron and Coleman of this place, three sisters, Mrs Coey Huddleston, Mrs. John Walker and Mrs. Virgil Bohannon.

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