

## CHRISTIAN CEMETERY

Putnam Co., TN

Location: from I-40 exit 273, go east on Hwy. 56. After you pass the red brick house on the right the cemetery is on the right of the road, on the Bee Christian place. Many unmarked graves.

Also called the Pine Grove Cemetery.

GPS Coordinates: Latitude: 36.08842, Longitude: -85.71882

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### Robert A. Anderson Obt.

b. 7 August 1871, Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN – d. 15 February 1930, Dallas Co., TX, (Co F 1<sup>st</sup> Tenn. Inf. Spanish American War), md **Rilla (Willams) Anderson**, d. 21 July 1945, age 73 yrs.

The funeral services for Robert A Anderson, a Spanish American War veteran, were conducted by his war comrade, Edgar Nunally, at the home of his son, Dover Anderson, in Silver Point, Thursday afternoon, Feb 20 and his body was laid to rest in the Christian Cemetery at that place. He was born near Silver Point, Putnam County, TN on August 7, 1871, and died at the Parkland Hospital, Dallas, Texas on Saturday, Feb 15, 1930 of paralysis brought on by high blood pressure. He was found stricken in Highland Park and was never able to speak afterwards.

He was the son of Tom Anderson, deceased, a veteran of the Union Army of the Civil War. He was married to Miss Rillar Williams in young manhood. To them, four children were born. All survive, with their mother. The daughters are Mrs. Hattie Moore of Dallas, TX; Mrs. Nettie Burrow of Trenton, TX; and Mrs Pauline Moore of Cochran, TX. He had one son, Dover Anderson, of Silver Point. All of his children were present at the funeral.

When the war with Spain was declared, he volunteered his services and joined Company F, First Tennessee Volunteer Infantry. Captain A C Gilliam was his company commander until he was succeeded by Captain James K Polk. The company was mustered into the United States service on May 15, 1898, having previously enrolled in the National Guard. He was enrolled in the National Guard on April 26, 1898. He was discharged when the regiment was mustered out at San Francisco November 23, 1899. He made a good record as a soldier. He fought in the battle at Manila, Paco district, February 5, 6, taking of Iloile, Feb 11, expedition to Oton April 8, 1899, skirmishes at La Paz Aug 15 1899, same place Sept 15, battle of Cebu mountains on Cebu Island, Sept 21, 1899, besides many similar skirmishes.

After the war he returned to his native state where he engaged in farming. He had spent the past two years in Texas where he hoped to regain his health. He took special treatment at Hot Springs, Ark., and thought he was greatly improved.

Cookeville Press Sept 27, 1930

### Rube Austin

b. 25 December 1845, TN – d. 12 February 1905, md on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October 1899, DeKalb Co., TN to **Catherine (Smith) Austin**, b. 23 March 1863, TN – d. 28 September 1927, Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN. DC#20717, 13<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN for Catherine Austin. Cause of Death: Uterine cancer.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 97 – Reubin Austin married 26 October 1899, DeKalb Co., TN to Catherine Smith).

(1880 census Dist. 3, Allen Co., KY: Dwl: 138 – **Rubin Austin** is head of household, 38 yrs. old, TN, md to **Caroline**, 28 yrs. old, TN. Children: Dora, 11 yrs. old, IN; Edna “Edny”, 8 yrs. old, IN; William Austin, 5 yrs. old, KY & Ida Austin, 2 yrs. old, KY).

(1900 census 13<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 26 – **Reuben Austin** is head of household, 54 yrs. old, b. December 1845, TN, md 2 yrs. to **Catherine**, 33 yrs. old, b. January 1867, TN, 2 children born, 1 child living. Child: Lou V. Austin, step-daughter, 12 yrs. old, b. July 1887, TN).

(1920 census 11<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 37 – **Edith Young** is head of household, 65 yrs. old, TN, widow. Also living in the household: **Catharine Austin**, servant, 54 yrs. old, TN, widow. Riley Leftwich, 30 yrs. old, TN md Frona, 28 yrs. old, TN. Children: Bertie, 8 yrs. old, TN; Essie, 4 7/12 yrs. old, TN & Sam Leftwich, 1 3/12 yrs. old, TN).

Tennessee, Deaths and Burials Index, 1874-1955 about **Catherine Austin**

Name: Catherine Austin  
Birth Date: abt. 1863  
Birth Place: TN  
Age: 64  
Death Date: 28 Sept 1927  
Death Place: Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN  
Burial Date: 29 Sept 1927  
Cemetery Name: Christian Cemetery  
Gender: Female  
Marital Status: Widowed  
FHL Film Number: 1876731

**Earnest Auston**

b. 26 July 1900 – d. 4 January 1903.

**Mary Minnie (Adams) Bussell Bandy**

b. 7 August 1883, TN – d. 7 May 1964, md 1<sup>st</sup> on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November 1906, Putnam Co., TN to **Samuel D. Bussell**, b. 26 December 1879, TN – d. 10 August 1910. She md 2<sup>nd</sup> on the 11<sup>th</sup> of February 1912, Putnam Co., TN to **Henry Bandy**, b. ca. 1876, Jackson Co., TN, s/o **Sarah & unknown Bandy**.

\*See Samuel D. Bussell buried in Christian Cemetery.

Children of Samuel D. & Mary Minnie (Adams) Bussell Bandy: Solon R. Bussell, b. 1908, TN md Myrtle Grogan & Arvil Sylvester Bussell, b. 17 March 1910, Putnam Co., TN –d. June 1983, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN md Mai.

Children of Henry & Mary Minnie (Adams) Bussell Bandy: Robert Lovina Bandy, b. 25 December 1920, Putnam Co., TN – d. 27 November 1982, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN.

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 366, #915: S. D. Bussell married 14 November 1906, Putnam Co., TN to Miss Minnie Adams. By whom married: J. B. Lafever, Justice of the Peace).

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 90, #354: Henry Bandy married 11 February 1912, Putnam Co., TN to Mrs. Minnie Bussell. By whom married: R. L. Youngblood, P. M. E. C.)

(1910 census 13<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 82 - **Samuel D. Bussell** is head of household, 39 yrs. old, TN md 3 yrs. to **Mary M.**, 24 yrs. old, TN, 2 children born, 2 children living. Children: Solon R., 3 yrs. old, TN & Arvell E. Bussell, 0/12 yrs. old, TN).

(1920 census 12<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 69- **Henry Bandy** is head of household, 42 yrs. old, TN md to **Mennie Bandy**, 35 yrs. old, TN. Children: Solon, 12 yrs. old, TN & Arville Bussell, 10 yrs. old, TN).

(1930 census 9<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 48 - **Henry Bandy** is head of household, 52 yrs. old, TN, (39 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) md to **Minnie**, 49 yrs. old, TN (24 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage). Children: Robert Bandy, 9 yrs. old, TN).

(1930 census 9<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 49 – **Arvil Bussell** is head of household, 20 yrs. old, TN, (19 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage), md to **Mai**, 21 yrs. old, TN, (20 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage).

**Jas. Bennett**

no dates – (Co I 5<sup>th</sup> Tenn Cav).

(Source: U. S. Civil War Soldiers (1861-1865): James Bennett, Union, 5<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Cavalry, Co. I, (Rank in: Private – Rank out: Private. Film #M392 roll 1).

**Lillian M. (Lafever) Bussell**

b. 25 August 1916 – d. 14 January 1941, md **Virgil Bussell**. Lillian M. Bussell, d/o **William Jesse Lafever** (1880-1950) & **Sarah Elizabeth Gay** (1882-1956).

**Samuel D. Bussell**

b. 26 December 1879, TN – d. 10 August 1910, md on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November 1906, Putnam Co., TN to **Mary Minnie (Adams) Bussell Bandy**, b. 7 August 1883, TN – d. 7 May 1964

\*See Mary Minnie (Adams) Bussell Bandy buried in Christian Cemetery.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 366, #915: S. D. Bussell married 14 November 1906, Putnam Co., TN to Miss Minnie Adams. By whom married: J. B. Lafever, Justice of the Peace).

**Arthur “Boots” Christian Obt.**

b. 19 May 1917 – d. 8 January 1979, Putnam Co., TN, s/o **William Edward “Bee” Christian** (1862-1948) & **Rosa Lee Clark** (1874-1963).

\*See William Edward “Bee” Christian Obt.

(SS Death Index: Name: **CHRISTIAN, ARTHUR** – Birth: 19 May 1917 -Death: Jan 1979-Age: 61- Last Residence (Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN) - Last Benefit: (none specified) – SSN: 408-24-8168 -Issued By: TN).

**BAXTER** – Funeral services for Arthur Christian, 61, of Route 1, Silver Point, were held today at 2 p.m. at the Chapel of Baxter Funeral Home. Mr. Christian was pronounced dead Monday, Jan. 8, at Cookeville General Hospital.

Services were conducted by Bro. Scottie Glasgow and burial was at Christian Family Cemetery.

Mr. Christian was a native of Putnam County and was the son of William and Rosie Clark Christian. He was a farmer.

Survivors include one brother, William H. Christian of Silver Point; two sisters, Mrs. Tannie Herron of Cookeville and Mary Christian of Silver Point; three nieces; five nephews.

Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN: 11 January 1979

Thur Christian

b. 1917 – d. 1979.

**Unknown Christian**

b. 1910 – d. 1993. Whitson Funeral Home Marker.

**William Edward “Bee” Christian Obt.**

b. 17 April 1862, DeKalb Co., TN - d. 5 March 1948, Putnam Co., TN, md **Rosa Lee (Clark) Christian**, b. 5 December 1874 - d. 17 April 1963. William Edward “Bee” Christian, s/o **Harding Christian** (1841-1862) & **Rachel Luvena Haggard** (1844-1889).

\*See Arthur “Boots” Christian Obt.

\*See William Hardin Christian buried in Christian Cemetery.

W. E. Christian, 85, Former Magistrate, Dies At Silver Point:

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at the Silver Point Church of Christ for William Edward Christian, 85, former member of the Putnam County Quarterly Court who died Friday at his home there after an illness of several weeks.

The services were conducted by L. N. Moody, Cookeville Church of Christ minister. Burial was in Pine Grove Cemetery.

A native of DeKalb County, Mr. Christian was the son of Harding and Rachel Haggard Christian. He had lived in Putnam County for a number of years, and he was a farmer and a merchant. He served 12 years in the county court.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Rose Lee Christian; two sons, William Harding Christian, Detroit, MI, and Arthur Christian, Silver Point; two daughters, Mrs. Tannie Lee Herren, Baxter, and Miss Mary Christian, Silver Point; four brothers, Tom Christian, Buffalo Valley, Bennie Christian of Boaz, AL, Wade Christian of Carthage, Henry Christian, Bowling Green, KY; a sister, Mrs. Mary Clinton, Boaz; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville TN: 11 March 1948

#### William Hardin Christian

b. 31 October 1905 – d. 5 April 1986, s/o **William Edward “Bee” Christian** (1862-1948) & **Rosa Lee Clark** (1874-1963).

\*See William Edward “Bee” Christian Obt.

#### John Hamilton

b. 24 May 1897, Putnam Co., TN – d. 23 April 1953, Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN md **Sarah Renda (Lafever) Hamilton**, b. 5 May 1898, Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN – d. 25 April 1985, d/o **James Andrews “Pappy” Lafever** (1873-1962) & **Missouri Tennessee Maynard** (1874-1953). **John Hamilton**, s/o **James T. Hamilton**, b. September 1867, Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN & **Frances Elizabeth “Bettie” Prentice**, b. April 1872, Putnam Co., TN – d. 1956, Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **James Prentis/Prentice** (1851-1933) & **Marbeth Arebelle Wallace** (1853-1919). James T. Hamilton, buried at Pine Cemetery, Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN. He worked as a farmer and died of TB.

\*See Robert Prentice buried in Christian Cemetery.

**James Prentis/Prentice**, b. July 1851, TN – d. 3 August 1933, TN md 1<sup>st</sup> to **Marbeth Arebelle Wallace**, b. October 1853, TN – d. 6 December 1919, d/o **Joseph Josiah “Joe” Wallace** & **Jane/Besty Nolan Coffee**. James Prentis/Prentice, s/o **Robert Prentice** & **Elizabeth (probably) Kirkland**. James Prentice md 2<sup>nd</sup> on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January 1922, Putnam Co., TN to **Amanda (Brassell) Cox Prentice** b. 19 February 1856, TN - d. 24 May 1934, d/o **Egbert H. & Mary Brassell**. James and Amanda Prentice are both buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

\*See story about James “Jim” Prentice in the book *Heritage of Putnam County Tennessee 2008*, pg. 178.

\*See Odd Fellows Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN

James T. and Frances (Prentice) Hamilton’s children: Minnie (died at birth), James Harvey; Emma A., Oliver; John; William “Willie”; Josephine “Josie”; Martha Avo and Jesse Lee Hamilton.

#### Tennessee Liberty Lee

b. 9 August 1862 – d. 8 August 1890, d/o **William Browder Lee** & **Miranda Roberts**.

#### James Maynard

no dates (Co I 5<sup>th</sup> Tenn. Cav).

**John Lawrence Maynard**

b. 7 October 1849, DeKalb Co., TN – d. 16 June 1896, Putnam Co., TN, md **Sarah L. (Carr) Maynard Gentry Maynard Goolsby**, b. 9 September 1863, TN – d. 19 February 1925.

\*See Sarah L. (Carr) Maynard Gentry Maynard Goolsby buried in Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

(1870 census 13<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 25 – **James Manard** is head of household, 53 yrs. old, TN, md to **Elizabeth**, 40 yrs. old, TN. Children: **John**, 19 yrs. old; Mary, 18 yrs. old & William Manard, 13 yrs. old. All born in TN. Also living in the household: **Lois Carr**, domestic servant, 10 yrs. old, TN).

Census Place: 1880 District 11, Putnam Co, TN

Source: FHL Film 1255275 National Archives Film T9-1275 Page 164D Dwl: 73

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
<b>John MAYNARD</b>	Self	M	M	M	W	30 TN
	Occ: Farmer	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
<b>Lois MAYNARD</b>	Wife	F	M	W	28	TN
	Occ: Keeping House	Fa: VA	Mo: TN			
Arta J. MAYNARD	Dau	F	S	W	9	TN
		Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Palina M. MAYNARD	Other	F	S	W	9M	TN
		Fa: TN	Mo: TN			

**William Oren**

(Tenn Pvt 26 Inf)

**Robert Prentice**

b. 1831, Smith Co., TN - d. 28 January 1890, (Corp'l Co G 1<sup>st</sup> Tenn Mt'd Inf), md 2<sup>nd</sup> on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December 1887, Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN to **Adelaide Wallace** – b. 6 February 1849, Silver Point, TN – d. 24 May 1923, d/o **William J. Wallace & Elizabeth “Betty Ann” Petty**. Adelaide Wallace was md 1<sup>st</sup> on the 29<sup>th</sup> of December 1869 to **Mansfield Smith Sr.** (1831-1876). Robert Prentice was md 1<sup>st</sup> to **Elizabeth (probably) Kirkland**. Robert Prentice, s/o **Robert J. Prentice**, b. 1777, VA & **Sarah (unknown) Prentice**.

\*See John Hamilton buried in Christian Cemetery.

\*See story about Robert Prentice in the book *Heritage of Putnam County Tennessee 2008*, pg. 178 - 179.

(Source: U. S. Civil War Soldiers (1861-1865): Robert Prentice, G 1 Tenn Mt'd Inf. Widow: Adelaide Prentice).

Robert & Elizabeth (probably) Kirkland Prentice children: James “Jim” Prentice (1851-1933) & George W. Prentice (1857-?).

**James Prentis/Prentice**, b. July 1851, TN – d. 3 August 1933, TN, md **Margaret Meikle** and md **Marbeth Arebelle Wallace**, b. October 1853, TN– d. 6 Dec. 1919, TN, d/o **Joseph Josiah “Joe” Wallace & Jane/Besty Nolan Coffee**. James Prentis/Prentice, s/o **Robert Prentice & Elizabeth (probably) Kirkland**.

James & Marbeth Arebelle Wallace Prentis/Prentice children: Johnny, b. 1908; Frances Elizabeth “Bettie” (1872-1856); Mary J. (1875-1898); Josephine “Josie” (1879-1902); Caroline (1881-1930); James Monroe (1884-1969); Martha Susan (1888-1924); Martin Bradley (1889-1981); Lonnie Dowell (1894-1949) & Erma M. “Ermy” Prentice (1897-1917).

**Betty Sue Smith**

b. 1959 – d. 1958. Whitson Funeral Home marker.

**James Johnie Whitehead**

b. 4 October 1936, TN – d. 24 May 1937, TN, s/o **James Isaac “Ike” Whitehead** (1899-1986) & **Eliza Jane Christian** (1910-1991), both buried in Rock Springs Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

Source: Certificate No. 12201, Year 1937, Putnam County, TN

\*See Eliza Jane (Christian) Whitehead Obt. Rock Springs Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

**Oren Williams**

b. 20 September 1898 – d. 23 February 1932, (Tenn Pvt 26 Inf), s/o **William Edgar Williams** (1876-1949) & **Syrepta Tennessee “Tennie” Palmer** (1879-1904).

**NEGLECTED CEMETERY FOR VETERANS TO BE RESTORED**

by Amye Wright  
Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN  
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**SILVER POINT** -- Inside of a wrought iron gate, under a large grove of trees lies the Christian Cemetery-- also known as Pine Grove Cemetery. That cemetery has been neglected for some time and some locals are planning to do something about it on Oct. 15.

Through her research, local genealogist Joyce Maynard was able to trace her husband's great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather to the cemetery.

When they visited the site they were shocked by what they saw. Limbs are scattered all over the site and the property is overgrown.



(Ed Butler, 1st Lt. of the Dillard-Judd Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, discusses plans to clean up the long-neglected Christian Cemetery with Joyce Maynard, Ronald Maynard Jr. and Ronald Maynard Sr. Herald-Citizen Photo/Ty Kernea)

"The place is just a mess," Maynard said.

She's unsure of what happened to the original caretakers of the cemetery but she is sure of one thing--the cemetery will be cleaned up.

Of the graves that are marked, many are simply sandstone slabs with no inscription. Other graves are identifiable only by sunken areas the size and shape of a burial plot.

Marked graves reveal that at least four Confederate veterans, one veteran of the Spanish-American War and one World War II veteran are buried there.

Other marked graves include the family names of Anderson, Austin, Bandy, Bennet, Bussell, Christian, Hamilton, Maynard, Prentice, Smith, Whitehead and Williams.

The small group is attempting to reach out to the descendants of those interred.

"It really needs to be cleaned up because it's just terrible," Maynard said.

Ed Butler, 1st Lt. of the Dillard-Judd Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, will be leading the clean-up efforts along with the SCV.

"I just hate to see a cemetery grow up," Butler said.

At one point, cows were able to enter the cemetery where they knocked over headstones. An old barbed wire fence surrounds the property but Butler believes that the cows were able to break through to gain access to the cemetery.

"That's just wrong," Butler said.

The clean-up group is planning to make repairs to some of the toppled markers but some are so damaged by the elements that the inscriptions are nearly impossible to decipher. The group is also in need of a few volunteers experienced with the operation of chain saws and weed eaters with saw blades.

To get to the cemetery, take I-40 west to Silver Point exit. Turn left on Highway 56 toward Smithville. After crossing the railroad tracks, turn left on Old Baxter Road and travel approximately one-half mile to a double brick entryway with wrought iron gates with a white fence on either side. The cemetery is located in a large grove of trees approximately 25-yards inside the entrance.

For more information about the cemetery or the individuals interred there contact Joyce Maynard at 526-1558 or 979-5257.

Anyone interested in helping clean up the cemetery or memorial services at the cemetery can contact Ed Butler at 544-2002 for more information.

The clean up will take place Oct. 15.

"The SCV is always ready, willing and able ... to clean up old cemeteries," Butler said.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 18 September 2011