

DOWELL-DENNEY CEMETERY

New Middleton, Smith Co., TN
Coordinates: 36.15420, -86.01866

The Dowell-Denney Cemetery is located east of Alexandria Hwy (#53) at box #145. Turn up hill go to split in road and take right drive continue pass barn and follow road to cemetery. This cemetery was almost destroyed, with the stone buried when the late Paul Dowell Sr. lead a restoration effort. The stones were reset, a fence constructed, and the area mowed and maintained. When we visited this cemetery, our guides were John Waggoner Jr. & Retta Matthews.

Wiley Brown Denney

b. 19 September 1839, Smith Co., TN – d. 13 February 1922, Brush Creek, Smith Co., TN, md on the 7th of June 1893, Smith Co., TN to **Martha Ann (Fuller) Denney**, b. 25 June 1865, Smith Co., TN – d. 2 February 1928, Smith Co., TN, d/o **Malissa & James G. Fuller**. Wiley Brown Denney, s/o **Wiley "Willie" Denney** (abt. 1794, NC-Bef. 1869) & **Clara Enoch** (abt. 1800-4 May 1887). Wiley Brown Denney also md on the 18th of September 1864, Smith Co., TN to **Sarah Elizabeth "Bettie" (Waggoner) Denney**, b. 26 August 1846, Smith Co., TN – d. 9 September 1892, Smith Co., TN, d/o **Jacob Waggoner** (1805-1893) & **Cecelia Enoch** (1808-1878), both buried in Waggoner/Carter Cemetery, Smith Co., TN.

"Come ye Blessed" "To him we trust is given among the saints with Christin heaven, will meet to part no more".

(Sarah Elizabeth): "We will meet to part no more".

Wiley Brown Denney-Confederate soldier in the 2nd Calvary serving under Nathan B. Forrest.

Children of Wiley Brown Denney & Sarah Elizabeth Waggoner:

1. **Darthula Pauline "Pimer" Denney**, b. 9 June 1866, New Middleton, Smith Co., TN – d. 3 February 1883, Smith Co., TN, md on the 4th of January 1883, Middleton, Smith Co., TN to **Thomas E. House** (1859-1941), s/o **Andrew Jackson House** (1830-1900) & **Mahala Martha Ann Denny** (1835-1912), all buried in House Cemetery, Grant, Smith Co., TN. Darthula Pauline "Pimer" Denney is buried in McClanahan Manning Cemetery, Smith Co., TN.
2. **Amanda Tennessee "Mandy" Denny**, b. 1869, Smith Co., TN – d. 1947, Smith Co., TN, md on the 9th of April 1886, Smith Co., TN to **Lemuel Barnett Kent** (1863-1948), s/o **John J. Kent** (1837-1907) & **Keziah Barnett** (1842-1870). Lemuel & Amanda are both buried in Huffines Cemetery, Smith Co., TN.
3. Jonathan Denney, b. 3 August 1871, Smith Co., TN, md on the 16th of October 1886, Smith Co., TN to **Sarah Ann Watts** (1870-1954), d/o **John Milton Watts** (1847-1924) & **Elizabeth "Lizzie" Phillips** (1850-1921). Jonathan Denney & Sarah are both buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Lebanon, Wilson Co., TN.
4. **Leathy Ann "Leathy" Denney**, b. 13 May 1874, Smith Co., TN – d. 11 May 1955, Hendersonville, Sumner Co., TN, md on the 18th of February 1891, Smith Co., TN to **David Butler Frye** (1870-1911), s/o **Benjamin Smith Frye** (1833-1912) & **Mary Elizabeth Hunt** (1841-1872). Leathy & David are buried in Gordonsville Cemetery, Gordonsville, Smith Co., TN.
5. **Margie Elizabeth "Bettie" Denney**, b. 23 October 1878, Smith Co., TN – d. 10 July 1963, Near Brush Creek, Smith Co., TN, md on the 26th of December 1894, Smith Co., TN to

Allen Arnold Gore, b. 20 May 1869, Smith Co., TN – d. 10 July 1963, Near Brush Creek, Smith Co., TN, s/o **Charles Claiborn Gore Sr.** (1840-1912) & Elizabeth "Besty" Robinson (1840-1924). Margie & Allen are both buried Ridgewood Cemetery, Carthage, Smith Co., TN.

6. **Lena "Linnie" Denney**, b. 15 January 1881, Smith Co., TN – d. 3 May 1918, Smith Co., TN, md on the 2nd of January 1898, Smith Co., TN to **Louis Franklin "Frank" Agee** (1881-1980), both buried in Brush Creek Cemetery, Brush Creek, Smith Co., TN.
7. **Mary Etta Denney**, b. 1883, Smith Co., TN – d. 1959, md on the 27th of August 1899, Smith Co., TN to **John Frankin Thomas** (1878-1947), s/o **George G. Thomas** (1849-1906) & **Mary Elizabeth Ashley** (1851-1917). Mary & John both buried in Wilson County Memorial Park, Lebanon, Wilson Co., TN.
8. **Laura Green Denney**, b. 15 November 1885, Smith Co., TN – d. 4 June 1909, Smith Co., TN, md **Henry Cornelius Kent** (1885-1961), s/o **John William Kent** (1862-1940) & **Emaline Frances "Emma" Woodson** (1862-1944). 8. Laura Green (Denney) Kent is buried in New Middleton Cemetery, New Middleton, Smith Co., TN. Henry Cornelius Kent is buried in Wilson County Memorial Park, Lebanon, Wilson Co., TN.

Children of Wiley Brown Denney & Martha Ann Fuller:

1. **Grover Denney**, b. 26 January 1895, Smith Co., TN – d. 15 January 1909, Smith Co., TN.
2. **Rossie Denney**, b. 17 September 1898, Smith Co., TN – d. 13 January 1972, Brush Creek, Smith Co., TN, md 1920 to **Cecil C. Nixon** (1888-1953), s/o **George Washington Nixon** (1858-1922) & **Malissa Atlade "Attie" Oakley** (1860-1940). Rossie & Cecil are buried in Brush Creek Cemetery, Brush Creek, Smith Co., TN.
3. **Vergie Lee Denney**, b. 22 August 1902, Smith Co., TN – d. 13 October 1918, Smith Co., TN.

Martha Ann (Fuller) Denney

b. 25 June 1865, Smith Co., TN – d. 2 February 1928, Smith Co., TN, md on the 7th of June 1893, Smith Co., TN to **Wiley Brown Denney**, b. 19 September 1839, Smith Co., TN – d. 13 February 1922, Brush Creek, Smith Co., TN.

"She was a kind and affectionate wife a fond mother and a good friend to all".

*See Wiley Brown Denney buried in Dowell-Denney Cemetery.

Sarah Elizabeth "Bettie" (Waggoner) Denney

b. 26 August 1846, Smith Co., TN – d. 9 September 1892, Smith Co., TN, md on the 18th of September 1864, Smith Co., TN to **Wiley Brown Denney**, b. 19 September 1839, Smith Co., TN – d. 13 February 1922, Brush Creek, Smith Co., TN.

*See Wiley Brown Denney buried in Dowell-Denney Cemetery.

Vergie Lee Denney

b. 22 August 1902 – d. 13 October 1918, d/o **Wiley Brown Denney** (1839-1922) & **Martha Ann Fuller** (1865-1928).

"Sleep on sweet babe and take they rest. God called thee home, he thought it best"

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Grover Denney

b. 26 January 1895, Smith Co., TN – d. 15 January 1909, Smith Co., TN, s/o **Wiley Brown Denney** (1839-1922) & **Martha Ann Fuller** (1865-1928).

“Resting in hope of a glorious resurrection”.

*See Wiley Brown Denney buried in Dowell-Denney Cemetery.

Nehemiah Dowell Jr.

b. 13 November 1773, Fauquier Co., VA – d. 27 September 1842, Smith Co., TN, md on the 28th of March 1793, Fauquier County, VA to **Elizabeth “Betsy” Dearing (Dowell) Denney**, b. 3 October 1772, Prince William County, VA – d. 5 April 1850, New Middleton, Smith Co., TN, d/o **John Elbert Dearing & Nancy Ann Jett**. Nehemiah Dowell Jr., s/o **Nehemiah Dowell Sr.** (1733-1806) & **Elizabeth Ricca/Rixey** (1733-1803), buried details unknown.

NEHEMIAH DOWELL, JR., son of Nehemiah DOWELL, SR. and Elizabeth RICCIA. Nehemiah married Elizabeth "Betsy" DEARING on March 28, 1793 in Fauquier County, Virginia.

Nehemiah and Betsy Dowell had ten children: John Dearing, William Milton, Elias M., James O., Willis F., Elisha Lee, Presley, Francis G. and Franklin Robert Dowell. They had one daughter, Mary Adelaide "Polly" Dowell Harris-Rollins.

The family migrated from Fauquier County, Virginia to the Brush Creek, Smith County, Tennessee area where Nehemiah ran a large plantation and property.

Elizabeth “Betsy” Dearing Dowell

b. 3 October 1772, Prince William County, VA – d. 5 April 1850, New Middleton, Smith Co., TN, md on the 28th of March 1793, Fauquier County, VA to **Nehemiah Dowell Jr.**, b. 13 November 1773, Fauquier Co., VA – d. 27 September 1842, Smith Co., TN. Elizabeth “Betsy” Dearing (Dowell) Denney, d/o **John Elbert Dearing & Nancy Ann Jett**.

*See Nehemiah Dowell Jr. buried in Dowell-Denney Cemetery.

Presley Dowell

b. 6 October 1810, Fauquier County, VA – d. 1838, Smith Co., TN, s/o **Nehemiah Dowell Jr.** (1773-1842) & **Elizabeth “Betsy” Dearing Dowell** (1772-1850).

*See Nehemiah Dowell Jr. buried in Dowell-Denney Cemetery.

Mary Adelaide “Polly” (Dowell) Harris Rollins

b. 1811, Fauquier County, VA – d. September 1851, Wilson Co., TN, md 1821 to **Dawson B. Harris**, b. December 1800, Va – d. 12 September 1878, IL, s/o **Thomas Harris**. *Father of 12 children*. He is buried in Horse Creek Cemetery, Pawnee, Sangamon Co., IL. Dawson B. Harris also md 1849 to **Evalina (Rollins) Harris**, b. 1810, Fauquier County, VA – d. October 1896, New Middleton, Smith Co., TN. She also md 1832 to **Benjamin Denney**, b. 26 December 1810, NC – d. 5 September 1844, Smith Co., TN. Mary Adelaide “Polly” (Dowell) Harris Rollins, d/o **Nehemiah Dowell Jr.** (1773-1842) & **Elizabeth “Betsy” Dearing Dowell** (1772-1850).

*See Nehemiah Dowell Jr. buried in Dowell-Denney Cemetery.

HARRIS, EVALINA: New Middleton -- Mrs. Evalina Harris mother of Wyatt B. Denney, died near here last Friday night, aged 87 years. (Smith County) [Date 10/29/1896, Vol. IX, No. 2, Page 6]

Jack Rollins

b. 18 October 1913 – d. 2 September 1976, Smith Co., TN, md **Ruby Alena “Lena” (Agree) Rollins**, b. 17 August 1915, Smith Co., TN – d. 27 February 2000, TN, she is buried in Brush Creek Cemetery, Brush Creek, Smith Co., TN, d/o **Louis Franklin “Frank” Agree** (1881-1966) & **Lena “Linnie” Denney** (1881-1966), both buried in Brush Creek Cemetery, Brush Creek, Smith Co., TN. Jack Rollins, s/o **Matt Rollins**. Matt Rollins was a son of **Ammon Rollins & Agnes Minton**. **Lena “Linnie” Denney**, d/o **Wiley Brown Denney** (1839-1922) & **Sarah Elizabeth “Bettie” Waggoner** (1846-1892).

Willard Dew Woodard

b. 22 February 1916, Smtih Co., TN – d. 12 July 1922, Smith Co., TN, s/o **Artar Jordan Woodard** (1884-1946) & **Cora Almeda Allen** (1891-1948), both buried in Ridgewood Cemetery, Carthage, Smith Co., TN.

Notes: **Sarah Elizabeth “Bettie” (Waggoner) Denney** (1846-1892) was the daughter of **Jacob & Celia Waggoner**. She md **Wiley Brown Denney** (1839-1922), s/o **Wiley Denney & Clara Enoch**. Wiley Brown and Elizabeth had several daughters one of which was **Margie Elizabeth (Denney) Gore**, b. 23 October 1878, Smith Co., TN – d. 10 July 1963, Smith Co., TN, md 1895 to **Allen Arnold Gore**, b. 20 May 1869, Carthage, Smith Co., TN – d. 3 March 1956, Smith Co., TN. They were the parents of **US Senator Albert Gore Sr.**, b. 26 December 1907, Granville, Jackson Co., TN – d. 5 December 1998, Carthage, Smith Co., TN md 1937 to **Pauline LaFon** (1912-1937). They were the parents of **US Vice President Albert Gore Jr.**, b. 31 March 1948, md 1970 to **Mary Elizabeth “Tipper” Aitcheson**, b. 19 August 1948.

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