

## DECORATION DAY AT SMOELLAGE CEMETERY 25 May 2008

On a beautiful sunny Sunday morning people from all over gathered at the Smellage Cemetery to decorate the resting places of their families, relatives, friends and loved ones. Visitors were from the surrounding Putnam County areas of Tennessee and from out-of-state.



They arrived in cars loaded with flower arrangements and other decorations to place by the graves of their loved ones. The children seemed happy to walk around in the Smellage Cemetery and place flags and flowers at the memorial stones. The smell of honeysuckle filled the air as the crowd socialized and talked about the people in Smellage Cemetery that had passed away. The sound of the singing cicadas love song could be heard, which was a nature wonder as the next brood will not emerge till 2025. I wandered the grounds with camera and notebook in one hand and two books I had compiled on the people buried in Smellage in the other. I was hoping to find families that could tell me a little about the person they came to

honor. Maybe I could find out his parents or wife's names that I was missing in my research of Smellage Cemetery. I believe every person should be remembered and documented so that anyone looking for them in the future would know they were buried here.



At about 12:00 an announcement was made that the business meeting and memorial service was to begin in the Smellage Cemetery tabernacle. Chairman Fred W. Shanks Jr. led the proceedings. **(Pictured right, front row:** Linda Sue (Anderson) Collier, d/o Forrest Noble Anderson Sr. & Rubye Dean Huddleston, her grandson, Matthew



Collier, s/o Jeffery Allen Collier & Jina Rice and his grandfather, Billie Richmon Collier, s/o Buddy Haskel Collier & Clara Burton.



Bethelda (Jared) Bilbrey read the minutes of the Smellage Cemetery Committee's Report. **(pictured left).**

Betsye A. "Besty" (Prichard) Walker **(pictured right)** gave a speech on the history and meaning of Memorial Day and read off the names and service of the 74 known veterans buried in Smellage. These veterans were in the Civil War, WWI, WWII, Korean and



Vietnam Wars. Some veterans were in both the Korean and Vietnam wars.



Archie Whitefield gave a sermon on how people should love one another, help one another and take the time to console people who are in need of help and love. **Pictured left:** Archie Whitefield, h/o Joanna Oakes.

Audrey J. (Denny) Lambert gave a speech on the History of Smellage Cemetery, commenting that the founder of Smellage Cemetery was Jephthah "Jeptha" W. Smellage who donated land in 1909 so the community could have a public graveyard to be used by the people for the *purpose of burying the dead*. She noted that at last count approximately 1,066 known people are interred in Smellage Cemetery, 904 are

resting in the old section and 162 are resting in the new section called Memory Gardens. There are many memorial stones in the old and new sections of Smellage Cemetery with names of people still living, preparing the spot where will someday rest. **Pictured below,** sitting: Vennie Vadell (Carr) Shanks w/o Fred William Shanks. Standing, Audrey June (Denny) Lambert w/o Michael Henry Lambert.

Audrey mentioned that Margaret Elizabeth Hendley, born 6 March 1861, TN, died 3 July 1864, Boma, Putnam TN, daughter of Aden S. Hendley and Elizabeth Jane "Besty" Gentry was the first grave in Smellage Cemetery. Benton Sutton, born 15 October 1931, Putnam Co., TN, died 1 May 1982, Putnam Co., TN was the first grave in the new part called Memory Gardens. When the old section in Smellage Cemetery became full additional land was purchased and Memory Gardens was created for the expansion.

A beautiful covered tabernacle was built to be used for services and meetings. A restroom was built by Earl Ray & Gilbert B. Carr for the convenience of visitors. A flagpole was donated by Simon Prentice Anderson. The grounds are kept pristine by Ted Huddleston, his sons and other local residents.



Audrey explained that 14 Masons and 5 Eastern Star's were interred in Smellage Cemetery. Some of the oldest graves were Margaret Elizabeth Hendley (1861-1864), Jephthah W. "Jeptha" Smellage (1803-1965), his wife Nellie Elender (Garner) Smellage (1812-1877), Beech Carr (1876-1878) and Benjamine "B.F." Whitefield (1823-1882) just to mention a few. Causes of death resulted from wars (killed in action), automobile, motorcycle, railroad and farming accidents. One man died in a mining accident, a woman died getting a bean stuck in her windpipe and one man drowned in the Caney Fork River while trying to save the life of his girlfriend. There are four known people that died from homicides and a few died from self inflicted causes. Many causes of death included various diseases, most common was tuberculosis, typhoid fever, influenza, bald hives, heart disease, hemorrhaging, pneumonia, carcinoma, hypertension, scarlet fever and whooping cough. She informed the group that two doctors, Dr. Payton Vesta Whitefield Sr. and Dr. John "Johnnie" W. Whitehead were interred in Smellage Cemetery. Occupations were numerous from farmers, blacksmiths, carpenters, merchants to policemen. Thirty-two memorial stones had photos embedded in the markers and many epitaphs both old and new are engraved in the many memorial stones in Smellage Cemetery. At present fifty-eight tombstones and markers have marriage dates.

The time of 2:00 p.m. was announced for the dedication of a new cast aluminum sign installed across the road on Smellage property.



The meeting consisted of spiritual songs sung by the group, one song was *Amazing Grace* and a pray ended the meeting. The crowd went back to decorating, others visiting and having picnic lunches under the shade of a tree. Just like the past decoration days when paper flowers were used to decorate, silk flowers have taken their place, but still the tradition goes on in 2008.



At 2:00 p.m. the dedication for the sign that was commissioned by Hendley Family Association started. William Haydon Hendley (*pictured below*) of Indiana told of the land that was sold to Smellage Cemetery for the purpose of a public hitching post area for horses to be used by visitors to hitch up their horses while they visited their loved ones in Smellage Cemetery. This land was

sold to J. W. Anderson, A. L. Smellage and J. Y. Shanks,



Smellage Cemetery Board members on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October 1911. A local woman named Connie (Lee) Gentry (*pictured left*) donated wood for the hitching post area. Locust wood



was used to construct the hitching post. Connie (Lee) Gentry's father was Winell Lee, founder and owner of Winell Lee Lumber Company. Putnam County Executive Kim (Burks) Baylock read the Hendley Family Association Proclamation dedicating the marker (*pictured above right, with Bill & Julie Hendley*). William Haydon Hendley presented certificates to the Smellage Cemetery Board consisting of Fred Shanks Jr., Bethelda Bilbrey,



Harold Ralph Maynard, James M. Maynard, Linda S. Collier, Freddy W. Shanks, Besty A. Walker and Ted Huddleston. Ted & Carolyn Huddleston were presented certificates for their steadfast effort over all the years to preserving Smellage Cemetery. (*pictured above right*).



Audrey J. Lambert was presented a certificate for her website consisting of family and historical information of local families of Putnam County and surrounding areas. (*pictured left*), L to R: William "Bill" Hendley, his wife Julia (Tappan) Hendley & Audrey J. Lambert.

Audrey J. Lambert took photos of several people that came to decorate the graves of their loved ones at Smellage Cemetery. This is but a few of many many people who came for decoration day on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2008.



**NELL (HALE) ALEXANDER** married **MELVIN ALEXANDER**. Nell (Hale) ALEXANDER was the only daughter of **ELBERT ROSCOE HALE**, born 11 February 1893, TN, died 19 January 1967, Rutherford, TN married **TINA SHANKS** on the 18<sup>th</sup> of January 1920, Putnam Co., TN. **TINA (SHANKS) HALE**, born 2 May 1897, TN, died 13 August 1981, TN. Elbert and Tina (Shanks) HALE are both buried in the Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN. Melvin & Nell (HALE) ALEXANDER had a daughter named **VIVIAN ALEXANDER** who married a Mr. **DORRIS**.

**Pictured:** L to R: Vivian (ALEXANDER) DORRIS, d/o Nell HALE & Melvin ALEXANDER; Debbie ZMIJEWSKI & Nell (HALE) ALEXANDER md Melvin ALEXANDER.

**BETHELDA (JARED) BILBREY** was born 4 August 1945, TN. She married **JAMES HAROLD BILBREY**, born 23 February 1945 (div). She is the daughter of **BETHEL HAY JARED**, born 16 July 1905, Putnam Co., TN, died 12 June 1988, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN & **ARTIE VELMA CARR**, born 8 September 1908, Putnam Co., TN, died 21 August 2000, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN. They were married on the 31 March 1935.

**Pictured:** Bethelda (Jared) Bilbrey md James Harold Bilbrey, (div). She is the d/o Bethel Hay Jared & Artie Velma Carr.



**JIMMY VANCE BURGESS**, born 5 October 1941, Putnam Co., TN married his distant cousin, **FLOSSIE MARIE RANDOLPH**, born 20 November 1945, Putnam Co., TN on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1960, Putnam Co., TN. She was the daughter of **PRESTON CLEO RANDOLPH** & **NOTA PANSY BUMBALOUGH**, daughter of **NANCY BURGESS BUMBALOUGH**. **JIMMY VANCE BURGESS** md 2<sup>nd</sup> **OPALINE "OPAL" RANDOLPH** on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September 1976, Putnam Co., TN. Jimmy works for McCords Co., Cookeville, TN. He is the son of **ARVIL VANCE BURGESS**, born 19 November 1919, Putnam Co., TN, died 24 April 1983, Putnam Co., TN & **GENNIE "JEAN" FRANCES OAKS**, born 6 April 1920, Putnam Co., TN, died 4 May 1985, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN, both buried in Smellage Cemetery. She is the





daughter of WILLIAM EARL OAKS (1879-1944) & FRONA "FRONIE" RACHEL ROBERTS (1883-1957), both buried in Smellage Cemetery. **Pictured:** Jimmy Vance BURGESS & his wife Opal (LONG) BURGESS.



**MARY BETTY (SULLINS) BURGESS**, born 28 November 1926, TN. She was the 2<sup>nd</sup> wife of BURNEST "BURN" LOVE BURGESS, born 3 January 1912, Putnam Co., TN, died 19 March 1989, Smith Co., Carthage, TN. Burnest married 1<sup>st</sup> on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December 1934, Putnam Co., TN, IVEY DELL WHITEHEAD, born 2 October 1915, died 5 April 1949, buried in the Elmore-Richardson Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. She was the daughter of JAMES L. & MARY A. WHITEHEAD. Mary Betty (Sullins) Burgess is the daughter of SAM DENTON SULLINS, born 6 November 1894, Putnam Co., TN, died 4 October 1984, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN & HATTIE MAE RUSSELL, born 23 June 1900, TN,

died 20 December 1985, Algood, TN. They were married on the 3 August 1919. They are both buried in the Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN. **Pictured:** Mary Betty (Sullins) BURGESS standing by her and her husband Burnest "Burn" Love Burgess' marker. The small marker with the teddybear is Patty Diane BURGESS, b. 7 March 1968, Smith Co., TN - d. 9 July 1968, buried in the Boyd-Russell Cemetery on the Luke Shanks Farm, Putnam Co., TN. She was later moved to Smellage Memory Gardens. She is the daughter of Burnest "Burn" LOVE and Mary Betty SULLINS.

**DOREEN HUDDLESTON CARR**, born 18 November 1931, Putnam Co., TN. She married Earl Ray CARR on the 18 August 1951. She is the daughter of Andrew Dow HUDDLESTON, born 23 January 1885, TN, died 17 January 1982 and Elizabeth Ann BAKER, born 30 July 1888, TN, died 10 December 1961, both buried in the Stone Seminary Church Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. Earl Ray CARR, born 7 April 1932, Putnam Co., TN, died 11 June 2006, Putnam Co. TN, son of Joseph Cordell "Joe" CARR, born 8 October 1907, died 19 October 1983 and Dorothy JULIAN, born 25 August 1906, TN, died 14 April 1986, Putnam Co., TN, both buried in Smellage Cemetery. Doreen and Earl lived in MI but came back to the Cookeville area where she grew up to retire.

**Pictured:** Doreen (HUDDLESTON) CARR, d/o Andre Dow HUDDLESTON & Elizabeth Ann BAKER. She md Earl Ray CARR.



**LINDA SUE (ANDERSON) COLLIER**, born 14 June 1941. She married BILLIE RICHMOND COLLIER on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January 1958. He was born 29 June 1937, Granville, TN, son of BUDDY HASKEL COLLIER (1898-1997) & CLARA BURTON (1904-1948), both buried in the Collier Family - Big Branch Cemetery, 5<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Jackson Co., TN. BUDDY HASKEL COLLIER, is the son of JOHN H. COLLIER & LELAR CLARK. CLARA BURTON, daughter of JEFFERSON DAVIS BURTON & ELIZABETH H. DOBBS. LINDA SUE (ANDERSON)

COLLIER is the daughter of FORREST NOBLE ANDERSON SR., born 16 December 1903, Putnam Co., TN, died 14 March 1983, Putnam Co., TN & RUBY DEAN "DEE" HUDDLESTON, born 27 April 1899, Putnam Co., TN, died 19 April 1985, Putnam Co., TN, both buried in the Smellage Cemetery. FORREST NOBLE ANDERSON SR., son of JAMES WADE ANDERSON (1869-1949) & MARGARET J. "MARGARET" MADDUX (1867-1947), both buried in Smellage Cemetery. In the picture LINDA SUE (ANDERSON) COLLIER is standing next to her brother **SIMON PRENTICE ANDERSON**, he was born 2 September 1938. He married WILMA JEAN GIBBS on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October 1962, div. They had a daughter named PENNY MICHELLE ANDERSON, b. 7 August 1967. He donated the flag pole that stands by the Tabernacle in Smellage Cemetery. **Pictured:** Linda Sue (ANDERSON) COLLIER and her brother Simon Prentice ANDERSON.



**JOSEPHINE SUSIE (AURILIO) FISHER**, born 23 July 1932, daughter of VINCENT AURILIO & MILDRED DEMARCO. She married FRANK "FRANKIE" DEE FISHER, born 29 March 1934, Putnam Co., TN, died 22 September 2007, Putnam Co., TN, buried in Memory Gardens, Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN. FRANK "FRANKIE" DEE FISHER, son of RALPH FISHER & ETHEL (BREWINGTON) FISHER LEE. Ethel married 1<sup>st</sup> RALPH FISHER – md 2<sup>nd</sup> VERNON C. LEE on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November 1957. He was born 21 April 1921, Putnam Co., TN, died 21 April 1981, Tullahoma, TN, son of SCOTT CAMILLUS LEE (1896-1988) & DAISY ETHEL CARR (1895-

1943), both buried in Smellage Cemetery. ETHEL (BREWINGTON) FISHER LEE was born 8 January 1915, Jackson Co., TN, died 18 July 2000, Davidson Co., Nashville, TN, daughter of PORTER BREWINGTON & SINA MCREYNOLDS. **Pictured:** Josephine Susie (AURILIO) FISHER. She married Frank Dee FISHER.

**JOHNIE T. (WALLACE) RAY GARRISON**, born 14 January 1921, TN. She married 1<sup>st</sup> HOWARD KEITH RAY in 1947 and married 2<sup>nd</sup> L. B. GARRISON in 1997. Johnie T. is the daughter of AZRO/ASRO WILLIAM WALLACE, born 11 September 1889, TN, died 29 May 1957, Putnam Co., TN & NETTIE LEFTWICH, born 29 July 1888, TN, died 2 February 1987, Putnam Co., TN. Azro/Asro William Wallace was the son of JOEL WHITTEN L. WALLACE (1861-1930) & TENNESSEE "TENNIE" DUNHAM (1865-1929), both buried in Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN. **Pictured:** L to R: Doris (GILBERT) GARRISON, daughter of L. B. GARRISON and Sarah Elizabeth FORD & her step-mother, Johnie T. (WALLACE) RAY GARRISON, 2<sup>nd</sup> wife of L. B. GARRISON.





**EULAH JEAN (BURGESS) GENTRY**, born 1 August 1955, Putnam Co., TN. She married her cousin on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August 1973, Putnam Co., TN, **JOHN VANCE GENTRY JR.**, born 1 March 1953, son of



**JOHN VANCE GENTRY SR.**, born 13 August 1973, Putnam Co., TN & **LILLIAN "PAT" MAE BAILEY**, born 10 March 1922, died 27 August 1988, Maxwell Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. **JOHN V. GENTRY SR.** was the son of **MONROE "ROE" GENTRY** (1884-1956) & **OLLIE FRANCES BURGESS** (1889-1969) both buried in the Maxwell Cemetery near the Baxter-Gainesboro exit on I-40, Putnam Co., TN. **EULAH JEAN (BURGESS) GENTRY**, is the daughter of **ARVIL VANCE BURGESS**, born 19 November 1919, Putnam Co., TN, died 24 April 1983, Putnam Co., TN & **GENNIE "JEAN" FRANCES OAKS**, born 6 April 1920, Putnam Co., TN, died 4 May 1985, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN, both buried in Smellage Cemetery. She is the daughter of **WILLIAM EARL OAKS** (1879-1944)

& **FRONA "FRONIE" RACHEL ROBERTS** (1883-1957), both buried in Smellage Cemetery. **JOHN VANCE GENTRY JR.** served as country executive of Putnam Co., TN. **Pictured:** L to R: John Vance GENTRY JR., his wife Eulah Jean (BURGESS) GENTRY & her brother Jimmy Vance BURGESS.

**DORIS GEAN (GARRISON) GILBERT**, born 12 September 1943, Putnam Co., TN. She married **HAROLD RAYMOND GILBERT** on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 1961. He was born 1 September 1942. Doris Gean (Garrison) Glibert is the daughter of **L. B. GARRISON**, born 10 March 1920, Dry Hollow, Putnam Co., TN, died 21 March 1999, Davidson Co., Nashville, TN. He married 1<sup>st</sup> **SARAH ELIZABETH FORD**, born 4 September 1922, DeKalb Co., TN, died 25<sup>th</sup> of August 1993. He married 2<sup>nd</sup> **JOHNIE T. WALLACE**, born 14 January 1921, TN. Johnie was married 1<sup>st</sup> to **HOWARD KEITH RAY** in 1947. He is buried in Arkansas. Doris is the daughter of **L. B. GARRISON & SARAH ELIZABETH FORD**. **Pictured:** L to R: Johnie (WALLACE) RAY GARRISON, Audrey June (DENNY) LAMBERT & Doris Gean (GARRISON) GILBERT.



**ARTHUR L. HANCOCK**, born 28 May 1947, Boma, Putnam Co., TN. He married 1<sup>st</sup> WILLIE MCKEE.



To that union was born, LEONARD HANCOCK & TIMOTHY HANCOCK. Arthur married 2<sup>nd</sup> **REBA FAYE (SULLINS) ROBERTS**. She was married 1<sup>st</sup> to HERBERT FRANKLIN ROBERTS, born 6 October 1929, TN, died 5 May 1997, Upper Bottom, Mine Lick Creek, Putnam Co., TN. He died from a large tree falling on him. He married REBA FAYE SULLINS on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March 1953. She is the daughter of SAM DENTON SULLINS, born 6 November 1894, Putnam Co., TN, died 4 October 1984, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN & HATTIE MAE RUSSELL, born 23 June 1900, TN, died 20 December 1985, Algood, TN. They were married on the 3 August 1919. They are both buried in the Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN. HERBERT FRANKLIN ROBERTS & REBA FAY SULLINS had 3 sons named DANNY KAY ROBERTS, born 15 April 1954; JIMMY RAY ROBERTS, born 25 December 1956 and RONALD "RONNIE" ROBERTS, born 16 January 1959, died 26 February 1983 from a mining accident. Ronald married on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January 1983 KATHEY L.

AUTREY, born 20 June 1961.

**Pictured:** Arthur L. HANCOCK.

**HOWARD HARRIS**, born 15 November 1946. Howard lives in Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. He is the son of WILLIAM STERLING "BILL" HARRIS SR., born 25 May 1900, Putnam Co., TN, died 16 July 1991, DeKalb Co., TN & NORMA LEE (MONTGOMERY) HARRIS, born 18 January 1909, Fentress Co., TN, died 13 August 1988, Smithville, TN, both buried in Smellage Cemetery. They were married on the 16 September 1928. WILLIAM STERLING HARRIS SR., is the son of HARMON Y. HARRIS (1854-1906) & PHEBE "FEBY" ANN RICHARDSON. Harmon Y. Harris is buried in the Harris-Richardson Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. The names of William Sterling HARRIS SR. & Norma Lee (Montgomery) HARRIS are engraved on the back of their tombstone: Maymie Louise Maynard, Mildred Wine, Jenell Parker, Pat Harris, Peggy Youmans, William Sterling Jr., Otis, LeRoy "Roy", Howard & Jim Harris. **Pictured:** Howard HARRIS, son of William Sterling "Bill" HARRIS SR. & Norma Lee (MONTGOMERY) HARRIS.



**AUDREY JUNE (DENNY) LAMBERT**, born 28 March 1953, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN. She married (1) Dennis Patrick CASE, married (2) Michael Henry LAMBERT. She is the daughter of Tim DENNY, born 25 May 1923, Buffalo Valley, TN, died 1 August 2001, Clinton Twp., Macomb Co., MI married Geraldine LOFTIS, born 25 October 1930, Double Springs, TN, died 17 January 2002, Clinton Twp., both buried in the Cadillac Memorial Gardens East Cemetery, Clinton Twp., MI. Tim DENNY, son of Virgil Timothy DENNY (1884-1949) and Audra Camilla ANDERSON (1899-1990), daughter of Lewis Monroe ANDERSON and Matilda WALLACE. Virgil Timothy DENNY, son of Timothy DENNY & Elizabeth Hettie PAUL. **HAROLD RALPH MAYNARD**, born 3 January 1960 married Sheri Diann SCOTT, born 4 August 1963. Harold R. MAYNARD, son of Harold Lloyd MAYNARD, son of Floyd MAYNARD (1914-1979) & Edith BROWN (1918-1934) and Caroline June BRUCE. Harold Lloyd MAYNARD & Caroline June BRUCE were married on the 18 September 1958. Caroline was the daughter of Woodrow

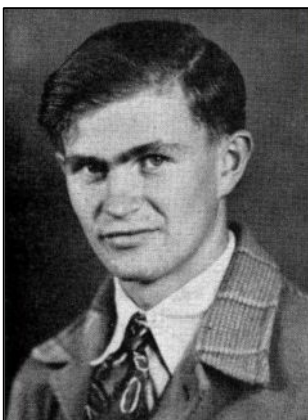


Wilson BRUCE and Mary Evelyn BUSH. **NAOMI CAROLYN (SHANKS) HUDDLESTON**, born 28 March 1931, Buffalo Valley, TN. She married Milton Theodore "Ted" HUDDLESTON on the 26 December 1948, Rossville, GA. Carolyn (SHANKS) HUDDLESTON is the daughter of Luther Alexander "Luke" SHANKS, born 17 June 1890, Putnam Co., TN, died 10 April 1980, Cookeville, TN and Dona Florence BOYD, born 30 August 1889, Putnam Co., TN, died 9 February 1977, Putnam Co., TN, both buried in Smellage Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. Luther A. SHANKS was the son of Robert Fain SHANKS (1853-1936) and Anna "Annie" Anderson (1851-1919). Dona F. (BOYD) SHANKS was the daughter of George Washington Boyd (1859-1924) and Naomi Tennessee "Tennie" Kerr/Carr (1855-1929). **ANN MIRIAM (SHANKS) GWALTNEY**, born 16 June 1927, Buffalo Valley, TN married William "Bill" Ivy Gwaltney Sr. on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July 1948 in Rossville, GA. William "Bill" GWALTNEY, born 29 December 1927, Smith Co., Gordonsville, TN, son of Oliver Wendell Gwaltney & Gladys Inez Williams. Ann Miriam (SHANKS) GWALTNEY is the sister of Naomi Carolyn (SHANKS) HUDDLESTON. **Pictured:** L to R: Audrey June (DENNY) LAMBERT, Harold Ralph MAYNARD, Carolyn (SHANKS) HUDDLESTON & Miriam (SHANKS) GWALTNEY.



b. 30 July 1916 - d. 2 June 1988). **RUBY L. (CLEMONS) WALLACE**, is buried in the Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN. **Pictured:** Gerline (WALLACE) LEFTWICH.

**GERLINE (WALLACE) LEFTWICH**, born 14 July 1934. She married EUGENE LEFTWICH, born 11 April 1930. He is the son of JOE & VELMA LEFTWICH. Gerline is the daughter of EARL LOUIS WALLACE, born 1 July 1910, Putnam Co., TN, died 24 March 1999, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN & RUBY L. CLEMONS, born 22 July 1914, Putnam Co., TN, died 15 March 1936, Putnam Co., TN. Ruby is the daughter of COLUMBUS R., born ca. 1892, TN & ALLIE HELEN CLEMONS, born 13 September 1886, TN, died 22 January 1986 is buried in the Carlen Cemetery located on Clemmons Road on Doss Medley Ridge, Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN. Buried next to her is her son EVERETT W. CLEMONS,



**ESTEL GORE LOWE** was born 18 January 1929 at Boma, Putnam Co., TN. He is the son of Jonney Tampa LOWE and Katherine Grace GORE. He married Berta Mae "Bert" MADDUX on the 24 of November 1949 at Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN. She was born 28 April 1932 at Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. She is the daughter of Ridley Fain MADDUX and Maud Mae MARCUM.

**Pictured:** Estel Gore Lowe, 1946 Senior, Highlander Yearbook, Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. "Hand me down my walking cane."

JONNEY TAMPA LOWE was born 13 March 1898 at Boma, Putnam Co., TN. He was the son of Jasper David Lowe and Margaret Ellen Conway. Jonney died 3 September 1941, Boma, Putnam Co., TN and was buried in the Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN. He married 1<sup>st</sup> EFFIE M. WALLER, born 21 January 1899, TN – d. 23 October 1924, Putnam Co., TN. She was the daughter of Richard Jefferson “Jeff” Waller and Amanda “Mandy” L. William. Effie M. (Waller) Lowe is buried in the Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN. Jonney Tampa Lowe married 2<sup>nd</sup> KATHERINE GRACIE GORE on the 17 October 1926 at Sparta, TN. She was born 8 February 1913, Groton, Tompkins, NY. She was the daughter of Rev. Charles W. Gore and Frances A’Adelle Field. Katherine died 22 January 1975 at Detroit, Wayne Co., MI and was buried in the Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN.

**The children of Jonney Tampa LOWE and Katheine Grace GORE are:**

JOSEPH PHILLIP LOWE, born 17 May 1927 at Boma, Putnam Co., TN, died 9 June 1927 at Boma, Putnam Co., TN and was buried in Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN.

**ESTEL GORE LOWE**, born 18 January 1929 at Boma, Putnam Co., TN. He married Berta Mae “Bert” MADDUX on the 24 November 1949. Ridley Fain Maddux was born 3 September 1901 at Bloomington Spgs, Putnam Co., TN. He was the son of R. FAIN JULIAN and ELIZABETH ANN MADDUX. Ridley died 29 August 1966 at Baxter, Putnam Co, TN and was buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. He married MAUD MAE MARCUM on the 25<sup>th</sup> of December 1921. She was born 2 February 1903. She was the daughter of William Marcum and Mary Ellen Webb. Maud died 18 September 1948 at Baxter, Putnam Co., TN and was buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. **Pictured:** Estel Gore LOWE.



CHARLES RICHARD LOWE, born 18 November 1930 at Boma, Putnam Co., TN, died 15 November 1931 at Boma, Putnam Co., TN, and was buried in Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN.

HELEN FRANCIS LOWE, born 13 January 1932, Boma, Putnam Co., TN. She married 1<sup>st</sup> ERNEST DIXON TEMPLE on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September 1948 at Boma, Putnam Co., TN. He was born 21 July 1923 at Nashville, Davidson Co., TN. Ernest died 22 September 1992 at Troy Beaumont, Troy, MI and was buried at Christian Memorial, Rochester Hills, Oakland Co., MI.

ELEANOR MARJORIE LOWE, born 14 April 1935 at Boma, Putnam Co., TN, died 11 June 1993 at Rochester Hills, Oakland Co., MI and was buried at White Chapel, Troy, Oakland Co., MI. She married ROBERT ARTHUR KAPHENGST on the 18<sup>th</sup> of August at Pontiac, Oakland Co., MI. He was born 12 May 1934 at Pontiac, Oakland Co., MI.

MARY KATHERINE LOWE, born 19 May 1940 at Boma, Putnam Co., TN, died 19 May 1940 at Boma, Putnam Co., TN and was buried in Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN. **MILLS,**





**VALLIE MILLS**, born ca. 1915, TN – died ca. 1969, buried in Smellage Cemetery. Vallie MILLS had a son named James MILLS, born 20 June 1941. He was raised by Eliga "Lige" & Fannie (GROGAN) HANCOCK. I talked to James MILLS at decoration day on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2008 and he told me that he did not know the name of his father or the names of his mother's family. James MILLS went by the name of James MILLS HANCOCK. Eliga & Fannie GROGAN are buried in Smellage Cemetery.



**FRANCES ELENE (SMELLAGE) NEAL**, was born 18 October 1926. She married ROBERT "BOB" BRUCE NEAL, born 30 October 1923. She is the daughter of JOHN BARLOW SMELLAGE was born 21 August 1900, Putnam Co., TN. He is the son of ALVIN L. SMELLAGE, born on 22 January 1856, Putnam Co., TN, died 7 September 1927, Lebanon, Wilson Co., TN and  
**CATHERINE HUGHES MAXWELL**,

born 10 December 1860, TN, died 10 July 1926, 5<sup>th</sup> Dist., Wilson Co., TN. John Barlow Smellage md 1<sup>st</sup> on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September 1924, OTA THERESA ANDERSON, born on 14 August 1904, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN., died 21 October 1947, Putnam Co., TN. She was the daughter of WILLIAM THOMAS ANDERSON (1874-1926) & NOTA "NOTIE" FLORENCE KINNAIRD (1883-1973), both buried in Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN. John Barlow Smellage md 2<sup>nd</sup> IDA ALMEDA ENSOR, born on 31 May 1904, Putnam Co., TN, died 7 November 1995, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN. She was the daughter of JONATHAN LASLEY ENSOR (1847-1930) & RHONDA ALMEDA BRYANT (1867-1954) both buried in the Joe Bob Allison Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. Frances Elene (SMELLAGE) NEAL was a 1944 Baxter Seminary graduate. **Pictured:** L to R: Frances Elene (SMELLAGE) NEAL and Miriam (SHANKS) GWALTNEY.





**JAMES MADDUX "PETE" NICHOLS**, born 10 June 1923, Putnam Co., TN married on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May 1953, IMOGENE CARR, born 1 December 1916, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN, died 4 August 2002, Lutz, FL. She was the daughter of WILLIAM MATTHEW "BILLY" CARR, born 27 August 1872, Putnam Co., TN, died 2 December 1946, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN & 2<sup>nd</sup> wife MARGARET FRANCES "SID" GENTRY, born 4 December 1882, TN, died 31 May 1971, both buried in Smellage Cemetery. WILLIAM M. CARR was married 1<sup>st</sup> on the 10 March 1895 to RETTIE PRICHARD, born 9 September 1877, died 14 July 1897, buried in Smellage Cemetery. JAMES MADDUX "PETE" NICHOLS is the son of

JAMES "JAMIE" GRIMES NICHOLS, b. 13 January 1897, TN, died 28 October 1928 & EDITH MABEL MADDUX, born 21 December 1900, died 25 April 1989, both buried in the Nichols Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. IMOGENE CARR was married 1<sup>st</sup> to JAMES EDWIN BUCKNER, born 14 August 1915, TN, died 27 January 1942, Putnam Co., TN, son of HENRY EDWARD BUCKNER & RETTIE KELLY LEFTWICH. James E. BUCKNER is buried in the Leftwich Family Graveyard, Putnam Co., TN.  
**Pictured:** James Maddux "Pete" NICHOLS.

**HENRY DAVID "HANK" NICHOLS**, born April 1953 & **WILLIAM NICHOLS**, born September 1959 are sons of THOMAS DAVID NICHOLS, born 5 January 1931, died 6 May 1999 & MAGGIE FRANCES "FRAN" BUCKNER. Thomas David NICHOLS is the son of LECIL DAVID NICHOLS (1902-1991) & KATHLEEN MILLAN FORD (1905-1993), both buried in the Nichols Family Graveyard, Putnam Co., TN.



William and Henry are sons of Thomas David NICHOLS & Frances "Fran" BUCKNER, d/o Henry Edward BUCKNER & Rettie Kelly LEFTWICH. Henry David NICHOLS, b. April 1953 & William NICHOLS, b. September 1959.

**Pictured:** L to R: William NICHOLS and his brother Henry David "Hank" NICHOLS.



**KENNETH RAY ROBERTS**, born 1 June 1933. He is the son of William Mansfield "Pencil" ROBERTS, born 3 November 1886, and died 17 April 1948 in Putnam Co., TN. He married Eulah Solona LINDSEY on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April 1915 in Putnam Co., TN. She is the daughter of John Sr. & Mary LEE. Eulah Solona (LINDSEY) ROBERTS was born 3 September 1892 in DeKalb Co., TN, and died 17 June 1960 in Putnam Co., TN. William Mansfield ROBERTS & his wife Eulah Solona (LINDSEY) ROBERTS are both buried in the Roberts Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. KENNETH RAY ROBERTS married 1<sup>st</sup> Mildred Ladell SAYLORS on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June 1951, daughter of Joseph SAYLORS & Allie MAXWELL. She was born 26 September 1930, and died 9 April 1983. He married 2<sup>nd</sup> Betty Ruth DAVIS on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February 1984, daughter of Charlie DYER and Mattie ALLEN. She was born on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April 1936. They had a son named Danny Wayne ROBERTS, born 11 January 1953. **Pictured:** Kenneth Ray ROBERTS.



**BETTY JANE (ROBERTS) ROBINSON**, was born 7 March 1930. She married Charles Edward "Jigs" ROBINSON on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December 1947, son of Lawrence ROBINSON and Florence MAYNARD. He died 26 February 1995. Charles Edward ROBINSON is buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. Children of Charles and Betty Jane ROBINSON: Tommy Clark ROBINSON, born 28 April 1950 and Brenda Carol ROBINSON, b. 12 May 1956.

**Pictured:** Betty Jane (ROBERTS) ROBINSON.

**BILLY RAY SHANKS**, was born 15 October 1937. He is the son of VIRGIL CRAVEN SHANKS, born



11 December 1901, Putnam Co., TN, died 22 December 1970 & DOROTHY ETTA WHITEHEAD, born 5 April 1903, Putnam Co., TN, died 3 July 1988, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, both buried in Smellage Cemetery. VIRGIL CRAVEN SHANKS, son of VAN EVERETT SHANKS (1884-1953) & ELLEN DENTON MAYNARD (1880- 1965). BILLY RAY SHANKS married LANA FAYE HERD in 1958. She is the daughter of WOODROW HERD, born 26 February 1914, died 5 November 1978 & CLIMMIE OAKS, born 20 May 1914, Holly Palmer Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. In the picture with BILLY RAY SHANKS is ANN MIRIAM (SHANKS) GWALTNEY, born 16 June 1927, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co.,

TN, daughter of LUTHER "LUKE" ALEXANDER SHANKS, born 17 June 1890, TN, died 10 April 1980, Putnam Co., TN, son of ROBERT FAIN SHANKS (1853-1936) & ANNA "ANNIE" ANDERSON (1851-1919) & DONA FLORENCE BOYD, born 30 August 1889, Putnam Co., TN, died 9 February 1977, Putnam Co., TN, daughter of GEORGE WASHINGTON BOYD (1859-1924) & NAOMI TENNESSEE "TENNIE" (KERR/CARR) BOYD (1855-1929). LUKE & DONA (BOYD) SHANKS are buried in the Smellage Cemetery. **Pictured:** L to R: Miriam (SHANKS) GWALTNEY & Billy Ray SHANKS.

**VENNIE VADELL (CARR) SHANKS**, was born 2 August 1918, TN. She married FRED WILLIAM SHANKS on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 1945. He was born 28 January 1918, Baxter, TN, died 6 June 1948. He was Cpl. U. S. Army, Receiving Clerk, Oak Ridge, TN WWII. FRED WILLIAM SHANKS was the son of VAN EVERETT SHANKS, born 8 May 1884, Putnam Co., TN, died 19 November 1953, Lebanon, Wilson Co., TN & ELLEN DENTON MAYNARD, born August 1880, TN, died 16 July 1965, TN, both buried in Smellage Cemetery. They were married on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1900, Putnam Co., TN. VINNIE VADELL (CARR) SHANKS was the daughter of JOHN BYRD "PETE" CARR, born 8 August 1877, Putnam Co., TN, died 29 December 1956, Silver Point, TN & LUCINDA WEBB, born 22 June 1879, TN, died 16 March 1936, Silver Point, TN, both buried in the Carr Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN located on Pete Carr Ridge near Silver Point. JOHN BYRD "PETE" CARR was the s/o JOHN BYRD CARR SR. & MARY E. LEE. LUCINDA WEBB was the daughter of DARTHULIA WEBB.



**Pictured:** Vennie Vadell (CARR) SHANKS & Audrey June (DENNY) LAMBERT.

VENNIE VADELL (CARR) SHANKS married 2<sup>nd</sup> BERLEY RHEA GENTRY, born 13 December 1922 – d. 11 April 1975. A son by previous marriage named FRED SHANKS JR., born 14 October 1946. DEBORAH JEAN GENTRY, born 15 December 1951 & ALAN RHEA GENTRY, born 25 January 1956.



**PEGGY (THORNE) SIMPSON**, was born 12 May 1938, Lebanon, TN. She married **DONALD DAVIS SIMPSON**, born 11 December 1934, son of ROY SIMPSON & IRENE DAVIS. Peggy (THORNE) SIMPSON is the daughter of HOMER LUSTER THORNE (1900-1973) & VERA JOSEPHINE SMELLAGE (1902-1992). Vera Josephine SMELLAGE is the daughter of ALVIN L. SMELLAGE (1856-1927) & CATHERINE HUGHES MAXWELL (1860-1926), both buried in Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN.

**Pictured:** L to R: Donald Davis SIMPSON & his wife Peggy (THORNE) SIMPSON.





**DR. BILLIE M. STARNES,**

(Pictured left, 1948 Senior, Baxter Seminary, Putnam Co., TN) is the son of Robert Davis STARNES Sr., born 5 June 1894, DeKalb Co., TN, died 23 May 1969, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN & Dollie CARR, born 12 June 1898, Putnam Co., TN, died 7 September 1975, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN, both buried in Smellage Cemetery. Robert D. DAVIS Sr., son of William STARNES and Fannie HOLLY.



**Pictured:** L to R: Mary Sue (Starnes) Young, Rosemary (Tarwater) Starnes, Rev. Billy M. Starnes, Larry Corn & Jobie Ann (Starnes) Corn; Mary Sue (Starnes) Young & her brother Dr. Bill M. Starnes md 15 September 1949 Rosemary Tarwater

Dollie CARR, daughter of Wade Solon CARR (1875-1945) and Sarah PALMER. Dr. Billie M. STARNES married on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September 1949 **Rosemary TARWATER**. They live in Pulaski, TN. **Jobie Ann STARNES** married **Larry CORN**. Mary Sue STARNES married Mr. YOUNG. **Robbie Lou STARNES** married Thomas SELLS. **Mary Sue STARNES** married Mr. Young. They are all daughters of Robert Davis STARNES Sr. & Dollie CARR. **Pictured** above: Mary Sue (Starnes) YOUNG, Rosemary (Tarwater) STARNES, wife of Dr. Billy M. STARNES, Larry CORN & his wife Jobie Ann (STARNES) CORN; Dr. Bill M. STARNES and his sister Mary Sue (STARNES) YOUNG. Dr. Bill M. STARNES is shown pictured from his 1948 senior photo, Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co. TN. **Pictured:**



**WANDA JUNE (SMELLAGE) STEWART**, was born 13 May 1934. She married **ALBERT BUEL STEWART** on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April 1953. He was born on the 21 September 1934, son of **JOHN STEWART** (1908-1982) & **ELLA FRANKLIN** (1913). **WANDA JUNE SMELLAGE** is the daughter of **JOHN BARLOW SMELLAGE**, born 21 August 1900, Putnam Co., TN, died 16

June 1898, Putnam Co., TN and Ota Theresa ANDERSON, born 14 August 1904, Putnam Co., TN, d. 21 October 1947, Putnam Co., TN, both buried in the Smellage Cemetery. **Pictured** left: Wanda June (Smellage) STEWART, 1953 Senior, Baxter Seminary, Putnam Co., TN.



**CHARLES GREGORY SULLIVAN**, was born 15 February 1965, TN. He is the son of CHARLES A. SULLIVAN & WANDA UNEDA MOODY. He married on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May 1993, VIRGINIA "GINNY" ANNE (LOWE) HOWELL, born 24 January 1959, Fort Knox, KY, daughter of MARVIN SOLON "PESKY" LOWE, born 29 September 1911, Putnam Co., TN, died 10 February 2000, DeKalb Co., TN & ANNA DEE (CARR) LOWE, born 6 May 1922, Boma, Putnam Co., TN, died 9 June 2003, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, both buried in Smellage Cemetery. Virginia Anne was married 1<sup>st</sup> to JESSE WAYNE HOWELL. Virginia had one daughter named Courtney.



**Pictured:** L to R: Virginia "Ginny" Anne (LOWE) HOWELL & her husband Charles Gregory SULLIVAN.

**KEEBLE (PHILLIPS) TUCKER**, only child of WILLIAM CALVIN "BILL" PHILLIPS, born 10 November 1885, died 22 January 1976 & VENNIE WEBB, (2<sup>nd</sup> wife of Wm. Calvin Phillips). CATHERINE HERD, born 22 February 1888, TN, died 31 December 1922 (1<sup>st</sup> wife of Wm. Calvin Phillips) is the daughter of ARMSTRONG HERD & LUCINDA "VENNIE" WEST.



**Pictured:** Keeble (PHILLIPS) TUCKER, 1947 Highlander Yearbook, Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN.

WILLIAM CALVIN PHILLIPS married 2<sup>nd</sup> VENNIE WEBB, born 6 November 1859, died 3 March 1955, buried next to WM. CALVIN PHILLIPS in the Holly-Palmer Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. KEEBLE (PHILLIPS) TUCKER married ERNEST BOYD TUCKER. Keeble (Phillips) Tucker is standing by the tombstone of her brother ELBERT M. "MACK" PHILLIPS, born 5 November 1919, Putnam Co., TN, died 20 December 2004, Algood, TN, Pvt. U. S. Army WWII. He married IMOGENE (ROBERTS) PHILLIPS on the 20<sup>th</sup> of August 1938. She was born 15 September 1920, Putnam Co., TN, died 17 April 1956, Peru, IN.

**BETSYE A. "BESTY" (PRICHARD) WALKER** married Ron WALKER, of Silver Point, TN. She is the daughter of Willie Neal Everett PRICHARD, born 25 February 1911, Putnam Co., TN, died 5 July 2001, Cookeville, TN and Flossie SUTTON, born 25 September 1920, TN, died 6 May 1995, daughter of William S. & Margarite E. "Maggie" SUTTON. Willie Neal Everett PRICHARD, son of William "Willie"





Benjamin PRICHARD (1872-1935) and Nancy Elizabeth "Bettie" SHANKS (1878-1963), both buried in Smellage Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. **Pictured:** Bestsye A. "Besty" (PRICARD) WALKER.



**William Byrd WELLS**, born 21 February 1844, Monroe Co., KY – died 31 January 1914, Putnam Co., TN. He is the son of Gideon WELLS & Alizabeth RINCHELOW. William Byrd WELLS married Lucretia Matelia "Creese" HENLEY/HENDLEY, born 13 September 1839, TN – died 7 June 1915, Putnam Co., TN, daughter of Aden HENDLEY & Elizabeth Jane "Besty" GENTRY.

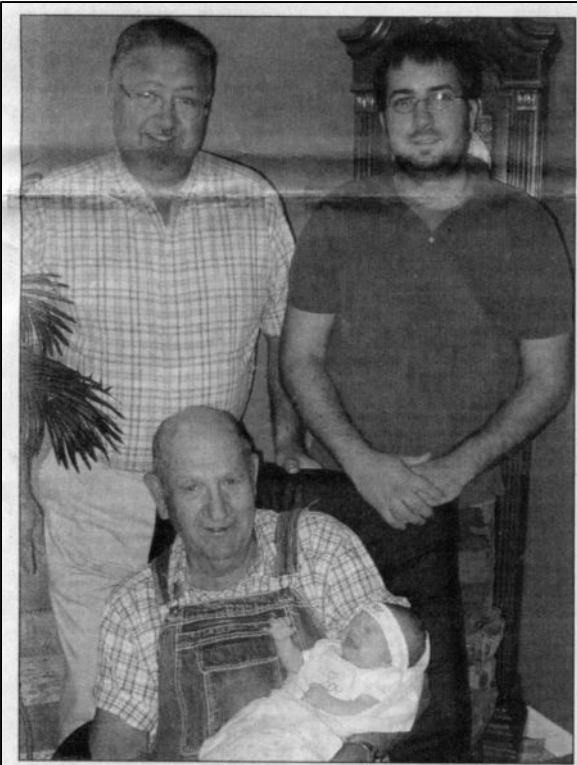
William Byrd WELLS sold property to the Smellage Cemetery trustees for the purpose of making a public hitching ground for horses: 27 October 1911.

**Pictured:** William Byrd WELLS & his wife Lucretia Matelia "Creese" (HENLEY/HENDLEY) WELLS.



Jephtha W. SMELLAGE  
b. 11 August 1803, Norfolk, VA  
d. 26 March 1865  
Wife: Elender Garner  
Buried: Smellage Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN  
Founder of Smellage Cemetery

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### Four generations

Family members of Kenneth Roberts came together for a "Four Generations" photo. Sitting is Roberts holding Alli Beth Roberts, his great-granddaughter, and standing from left are Danny Roberts, Kenneth Roberts' son, and Dustin Roberts, Kenneth Roberts' grandson.



### SMELLAGE CEMETERY DECORATION DAY – 2009

A new flag, donated by Woodmen of the World representative Sari Brown, is flying above Smellage Cemetery. From left, Jean Bartlett, Ted Huddleston, Linda Collier and Hilda Anderson are preparing for Decoration Day on Sunday, May 24. The cemetery was established 144 years ago in 1865, and Decoration Day has been held since 1900.