

## FARMER CEMETERY, PUTNAM CO., TN

Located East of Buffalo Valley Post Office and the Presbyterian Church alongside the railroad tracks.  
Recorded by Maurine E. Patton, 30 October 1987. \*married couples.

\***KERR, Robert Lee**, b. April 1866, TN – d. 4 February 1940, s/o James R. Kerr/Carr & Carolyn Allen

\***KERR, Philena Hixie Farmer**, b. June 1872, TN – d. January 1943, d/o Dr. William M. Farmer & Maranda A. Smellage.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 208: R. L. Kerr married 8 January 1893, Putnam Co., TN to Philena Farmer).

\***FARMER, Winfield Scott (Dr.)**, b. 17 May 1867, TN – d. 5 August 1938, s/o Dr. William M. Farmer & Maranda A. Smellage. Dr. Winfield Scott Farmer of Buffalo Valley moved to Nashville where he was the Director of Central State Hospital. Dr. Winfield Scott Farmer md Martha Frances Vaden on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March 1890.

\***FARMER, Martha Frances Vaden**, b. 24 July 1868, TN – d. 19 June 1930, d/o Henry Benjamin Clay Vaden, TN & Sina McCombs Trousdale, TN.

### Children of Winfield Scott Farmer & Martha Frances Vaden:

1. William Benjamin Clay Farmer, b. 16 June 1892 – d. 20 November 1978 md Gertrude Stewart on the 9 December 1920.
2. Jesse Douglas Farmer, b. 17 February 1898 – d. 2 October 1960 md Delia Guthrie on the 17 June 1920.
3. Estelle Farmer, b. 22 June 1906 md M. Frank Wooten, Jr., 18<sup>th</sup> of June 1934.

\*See Martha Frances (Vaden) Farmer Obt.

\*See Jesse Douglas Farmer Obt.

**FARMER, William Scott**, b. 7 August 1930 – d. 11 March 1931, s/o William Benjamin Clay Farmer & Gertrude Stewart. William Benjamin Clay Farmer, b. 16 June 1892 – d. 20 November 1978 & Gertrude Stewart Farmer, b. 13 August 1896 are both buried in the Crest Lawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. William Benjamin Clay Farmer md Gertrude Stewart on the 9 December 1920.

*'A Little time on earth he spent till God for him his angels sent'*

\***FARMER, William M. (Dr.)**, b. 30 October 1827, TN – d. 11 March 1908.

\***FARMER, Maranda A. Smellage**, b. 11 June 1841, TN – d. 5 February 1882 - d/o Jephthah "Jeptha" W. Smellage & Nellie Elender Garner, d/o William Garner & Nancy Davis. Jephthah "Jeptha" W. Smellage was the Founder of Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN.

**FARMER, Henry**, b. 3 July 1876, TN – d. 7 July 1876 – s/o William M. Farmer & Maranda A. Smellage

**FARMER, Reynard S.**, b. 21 January 1869, TN – d. 1 December 1870, s/o William M. Farmer & Maranda A. Smellage. \*See 1870 census 16<sup>th</sup> Dist., post office Laurel Hill, DeKalb Co., TN.

**FARMER, Missouri E.**, b. 21 August 1871, TN – d. 21 September 1875 - d/o William M. Farmer & Maranda A. Smellage.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

\***SMELLAGE, JEPHTHAH "JEPHTHA" W.** - b. 11 August 1803, Norfolk, VA -

d. 26 March 1865, Putnam Co., TN

BURIED: Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN

WIFE: Nellie Elender (Garner) Smellage

PARENTS:

"Founder of Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN"

(1850 census, 13th Dist., Jackson Co., TN - **Jephtha W. Smilage** is head of household, 46 yrs. old, NC md to **Elender**, 38 yrs. old, TN. Children: Hartwell, 11 yrs. old, **Maranda**, 9 yrs. old, Martela, 6 yrs. old & Phylina, 1 yr. old. All born in TN).

(1860 census, 13th Dist., Pekin, P.O., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 933 - **J. W. (Jephtha W.) Smellage** is head of household, 56 yrs. old, NC md to **Elender**, 49 yrs. old, TN. Children: Hartwell J., 22 yrs. old; **Maranda A.**, 19 yrs. old; Martelia C., 15 yrs. old; Philena J., 11 yrs. old; Loyd C., 9 yrs. old & Alvin L. Smellage, 4 yrs. old. All born in TN).

(1870 census 11th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 136 - **Elender Smellage** is head of household, 58 yrs. old, TN. Children: Loyd C., 18 yrs. old, TN & Alvin L. Smellage, 14 yrs. old, TN. Living in the household: S. E. Stuard, 21 yrs. old, dom. laborer, TN).

(**John Barlow Allison**, b. 29 March 1842, TN - d. 30 August 1901, Overton Co., TN, s/o (Joseph D. Allison & Mary "Polly" Barlow), md 12 July 1866, Putnam Co., TN, **Martelia Catherine Smellage**, b. 5 January 1845, TN - d. 21 May 1915, d/o Jephthah "Jephtha" W. Smellage & Elender Garner), both buried in the Winton Will Cemetery, Overton Co., TN. Children: Flora, Mollie, Ova & John Lansden Smellage, Co. A, 5th TN Cavalry).

(1870 census 10th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 35 - **John B. Allison** is head of household, 27 yrs. old, TN md to **Martela**, 25 yrs. old, TN. Children: Flora, 3 yrs. old, TN; Mary Allison, 1 yr. old, TN).

(1870 census 16<sup>th</sup> Dist., post office Laurel Hill, DeKalb Co., TN: Dwl: 126 Family: 129 - **William M. Farmer** is head of household, 42 yrs. old, TN, occupation: Farmer & Physician) md to **Maranda A.**, 29 yrs. old, TN. Children: Winfield S., 3 yrs. old, TN & Reynard S. Farmer, 1 yr. old, TN. Also living in the household: James G. Farmer, 21 yrs. old, TN, farmhand).

**Census Place: 1880 District 9, Putnam Co., Tennessee**

Source: FHL Film 1255275 National Archives Film T9-1275 Page 174C

Dwl: 237 Family: 252

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
<b>William FARMER</b>	Self	M	M	W	50	TN
Occ:	Physician	Fa: VA	Mo: VA			
<b>Maranda FARMER</b>	Wife	F	M	W	39	TN
Occ:	Keeping House	Fa: NC	Mo: TN			( <i>Maranda A. Smellage md Dr. William M. Farmer</i> )
Winfield FARMER	Son	M	S	W	13	TN
Occ:	At School	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
<i>(Dr. Winfield Scott Farmer md Martha Frances Vaden)</i>						
Ovy C. FARMER	Dau	F	S	W	9	TN
Occ:	At School	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Hixy FARMER	Dau	F	S	W	7	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
<i>(Philena Hixie Farmer md Robert Lee Carr/Kerr)</i>						
Leana FARMER	Dau	F	S	W	2	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
Eura FARMER	Dau	F	S	W	9M	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
<i>(Eura Helen "Ura" Farmer md John Armstrong Burch)</i>						
Nancy MAYNARD	Other	F		W	25	TN
Occ:	Servant	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Pleasant LEAGUE	Other	M		B	24	TN
Occ:	Laborer	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			

**Census Place: 1880 District 11, Dwl: 202, Overton Co., Tennessee**

Source: FHL Film 1255274 National Archives Film T9-1274 Page 359A

Dwl: 202 Family: 202

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
John B. ALLISON	Self	M	M	W	38	TN
	Occ: Farmer	Fa: NC	Mo: NC			
Martela C. ALLISON	Wife	F	M	W	35	TN
	Occ: Keeping House	Fa: NC	Mo: TN			
Flora A. ALLISON	Dau	F	S	W	12	TN
	Occ: Student	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Mary E. ALLISON	Dau	F	S	W	10	TN
	Occ: Student	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Ova A. ALLISON	Dau	F	S	W	8	TN
	Occ: At School	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
John L. ALLISON	Son	M	S	W	5	TN
	Occ: At Home	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			

(1900 census 11th Civil Dist., Overton Co., TN: Dwl: 135 - **John B. Allison** is head of household, 58 yrs. old, b. March 1842, TN, 34 yrs. md to **Martelia C.**, 55 yrs. old, b. January 1845, TN 4 children born, 2 children living. Children: Ova A., 28 yrs. old, b. July 1871, TN & John L. Allison, 25 yrs. old, b. November 1874, TN. Living in the household are; William Ledbetter, farmhand, 23 yrs. old, b. October 1876, TN).

**John Lansden Allison**, b. 14 November 1874, TN - d. 2 April 1965, buried in the Green Hill Cemetery, Overton Co., TN.

(1900 census 9th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 195 - **John A. Burch** is head of household, 29 yrs. old, b. September 1870, GA md 4 yrs. to **Ura "Eura"**, 19 yrs. old, b. August 1880, TN, 1 child born, 1 child living. Child: Pauline Burch, 2 yrs. old, b. August 1897, TN. Living in the household: Emma Burch, sister, 22 yrs. old, b. April 1878, GA, occupation: school teacher. Parent both born in GA).

(1900 census 9th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 195 - **William M. Farmer** is head of household, 71 yrs. old, b. October 1827, TN md 19 yrs. to **Belle**, 55 yrs. old, b. December 1844, TN, no children. Living in the household: Cordilia Carr, dau. 29 yrs. old, b. September 1870 md 0 yrs. to Joel W. Carr, son-in-law, 40 yrs. old, b. February 1860, TN, occupation: Stock trader. Also living in the household are: Byrtie New, servant, black, 18 yrs. old, b. January 1882, TN; Henry Lankster, servant, black, 26 yrs. old, b. January 1874 & Marshall Burton, servant, black, 17 yrs. old, b. May 1883, TN).

(Jeptha Smellage has a new marker by his old tombstone)

'FOUNDER OF SMELLAGE CEMETERY'

\***SMELLAGE, NELLIE ELENDER GARNER** - b. 29 January 1812, TN -

d. 24 September 1877, Putnam Co., TN

BURIED: Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN

HUSBAND: Jephthah "Jeptha" W. Smellage

PARENTS: William Garner & Nancy Davis

(1870 census 11th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 136 - **Elender Smellage** is head of household, 58 yrs. old, TN. Children: Loyd C., 18 yrs. old, TN & Alvin L. Smellage, 14 yrs. old, TN. Living in the household: S. E. Stuard, 21 yrs. old, dom. laborer, TN).

(Elender Smellage has a new marker by her old tombstone)

(1870 census, 13th Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 3 Family: 3 - **J.(ames) R. Carr** is head of household, 59 yrs. old, TN md to **Caroline**, 44 yrs. old, TN. Children: Winfield S., 21 yrs. old; **Albert A.**, 19 yrs. old; Jesse H., 17 yrs. old; Laura, 14 yrs. old; Stephen, 12 yrs. old; James H., 7 yrs. old; **Robert**, 5 yrs. old & Sidney F. Carr, 2 yrs. old. All born in TN).

**Sidney F. Carr**, b. 12 June 1868, TN - d. 30 April 1931 md **Laura Ann B.**, b. 20 January 1865 - d. 13 November 1952, both buried in the Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

**Albert A. Carr**, b. 8 June 1897, TN - d. 26 May 1955, buried in the Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. Tenn Pvt. 146 Aero Sq WWI.

**Laura Ann Carr**, d/o James R. Carr & Caroline Allen md **Jesse Clinton Nichols**, s/o David Henry Douglas Nichols & Elizabeth "Besty" Ann Jared.

**Census Place: 1880 District 13, Putnam Co., Tennessee**

Source: FHL Film 1255275 National Archives Film T9-1275 Page 176C

Dwl: 270 Family: 287

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
<b>Caroline MADDUX</b>	Self	F	M	W	57	TN
Occ:	Tailor	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
<i>(Carolyn Allen md 1st James R. Kerr/Carr)</i>						
<b>Robert CARR</b>	Son	M	S	W	15	TN
Occ:	Works On Farm	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
<i>(Robert Lee Carr/Kerr md Philena Farmer)</i>						
Sidney CARR	Son	M	S	W	12	TN
Occ:	Works On Farm	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Louverna CARR	Dau	L F	W	W	22	TN
Occ:	Keeps House	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Albert CARR	Gson	M	S	W	2	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				

(1900 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 451 Family: 461 – **Robert L. Kerr** is head of household, 35 yrs. old, b. April 1865, TN md 7 yrs. to **Phelena H.** 27 yrs. old, b. June 1872, TN, 1 child born, 1 child living. Clarence Kerr, 6 yrs. old, b. May 1894, TN).

(1910 census 9<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 16 Family: 18 – **Robert L. Kerr** is head of household, 45 yrs. old, TN md 18 yrs. to **Hixie P.**, 37 yrs. old, TN, 1 child born, 1 child living. Clarence F. Kerr, 15 yrs. old, TN).

(1920 census 9<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 1 Family: 1 – **Robert L. Kerr** is head of household, 53 yrs. old, TN md to **Hixie**, 42 yrs. old, TN).



Believed to be one of the first automobiles in Putnam County, this car was owned by Dr. Winfield Scott Farmer of the Rock Springs Community near Buffalo Valley. Dr. Farmer is shown in the back seat on the left. He hired another man to do the driving. Others in the automobile are: a Mr. Sadler, and Dr. Farmer's children, William Benjamin Clay Farmer, Estelle Farmer Wooten and Jesse Douglas Farmer. Photo courtesy of Richard and Ellen Fahey.



Chapter 7: Some Old Houses: Pictorial History of Putnam County Tennessee by 1<sup>st</sup> American Bank, Cookeville, TN: pg. 183

This house is possibly the oldest one in Putnam County and is believed to have been built prior to 1780, probably in 1769, by **Matthew Cowan or Cowen** born March 18, 1777 in Tennessee and died March 21, 1865 in Putnam County, TN who married **Catherine Trousdale** March 8, 1800 in Smith County, TN. It is located in the Rock Springs Community near Buffalo Valley and remained in the hands of the family for over two hundred years. It was first owned by Matthew and his wife and next by their daughter, **Elizabeth McCombs Cowan**, who married **John Trousdale, Jr.** It was next owned by **Sina McCombs Trousdale** and husband **Clay Vaden**, then by **Martha Frances Vaden** and husband, **Dr. Winfield Scott Farmer**, and in 1938 it was given to **William Benjamin Clay Farmer** and wife, **Gertrude Stewart Farmer**. In 1977, it was finally sold out of the family to **Richard and Ellen Fahey** who have lovingly restored the house and grounds and cherish its long history.

\*See Tombstones of Farmer Cemetery at Virtual Cemetery:

**Philena Hixie (Farmer) Kerr Obt.**

Mrs. R. L. Kerr Dies at Buffalo Valley. She was 70 years old. Burial in Farmer Cemetery. She has 2 sisters, Mrs. W. W. Jared and Mrs. J. A. Burch of OK, and 2 grandson.

Herald, Cookeville, TN: 14 January 1942.

**Robert Lee Kerr**

DC Certificate Number: 4330  
Deceased Name: **Robert Lee Kerr**  
Date of Birth: 6 Apr 1874  
Place of Birth: TN  
Date of Death: 4 Feb 1940  
Father: **Kerr**  
Place of Birth: TN  
Mother: **Allen**

Place of Birth: TN  
Spouse: **Mrs. R. L. Kerr**  
Cemetery: Farmer

**Martha Frances (Vaden) Farmer**

DC Certificate Number: 13064, Dist. 2, Davidson Co., Nashville, TN, Central State Hospital  
Deceased Name: **Martha Frances (Vaden) Farmer**  
Cause of Death: Perforation from gastric ulcer  
Attended by: H. B. Braken, M. D., Nashville, TN  
Date of Birth: 24 July 1868  
Place of Birth: TN  
Date of Death: 19 June 1930  
Father: **H. B. C. Vaden**  
Place of Birth: TN  
Mother: **Sina M. Trousdale**  
Place of Birth: TN  
True: Mrs. Willie Elrod, Murfreesboro, TN  
Undertaker: Wilkerson & Company, Nashville, TN  
Burial: Buffalo Valley, TN on 21 June 1930

**Martha Frances (Vaden) Farmer Obt.**

Mrs. W. S. Farmer Dies At Nashville:

Friends of Mrs. Martha Frances Vaden Farmer, wife of Dr. W. S. Farmer, were grieved at news of her death at her home in Nashville last Thursday afternoon, following an illness of some months duration. Burial took place at the family graveyard at Buffalo Valley, in this county, where she was born and reared. Rev. Sam Edwards, pastor of the Cookeville Baptist Church, in charge, Saturday morning.

Honorary pallbearers were Capt. Richard H. Lyle, Dr. W. D. Haggard, Dr. W. O. Floyd, Dr. Carl Cutchfield, Dr. Joe Alford, Dr. Hillard Wood, Dr. R. E., Lee Smith of Knoxville, Dr. W. H. Witt, Dr. J. P. Gilbert, Dr. W. Carl Williams of Franklin, Dr. Chas. Hill, Dr. Howard King, Dr. W. F. Law, Allen a. Meadors, C. C. Mensier, A. M. Foster, Dr. Robert Morehead, Dr. W. J. Sugg, Dr. Z. L. Shipley of Cookeville, Dr. J. T. Moore of Algood, Dr. Sam Denton of Buffalo Valley, Dr. A. H. King of Chestnut Mound, Dr. L. M. Freeman of Granville, Dr. W. A. Howard and Dr. Lex Dyer of Cookeville.

Active pallbearers were Dr. H. B. Bracken, Dr. L. S. Love, Austin W. Smith, Arthur Johnson, C. M. Gadsey, D. E. Slagle, J. V. Elrod, Howard Vaden and Harvey W. Clark.

Mrs. Farmer was born and reared in this county, a daughter of the late H. B. C. Vaden, member of the State Legislature from 1890-94 and for many years prominent in business circles in Putnam County. When 17 years old, she became a member of the Cookeville Baptist Church and retained her affiliation with that church throughout her life. Outside of church work her interests centered about her family and friends. She assisted her husband in his practice as a physician. During the last fourteen years, her home had been at Nashville and she was widely known.

For almost two years she had been an invalid, but her condition was not regarded as critical until two weeks ago.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. W. S. Farmer, two sons, William Clay Farmer of Buffalo Valley and Douglas Farmer of Nashville; a daughter, Miss Estelle Farmer of Nashville; a sister, Mrs. J. C. Elrod of Murfreesboro; a brother, Ben Vaden of Elmwood, TN, and a granddaughter, Anna France Farmer of Buffalo Valley.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 26 June 1930

**Jessee Douglas Farmer Obt.**

b. 17 February 1898, TN – d. 2 October 1960, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN, md **Delia (Guthrie) Farmer**, b. ? – d. 21 March 1995, d/o **Robert J. Guthrie** (1855-1937) & **Lillie Lacy** (1859-1934), both buried in Mimosa Cemetery. Jesse Douglas Farmer, s/o **William Scott Farmer** (1867-1938) & **Martha Frances Vaden** (1868-1930)

J. Douglas Farmer, 62, Buffalo Valley Dies

Funeral services for J. Douglas Farmer, 62, were held Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock at the Buffalo Valley Presbyterian church with a former pastor, Rev. Ralph C. Arbaugh of Donelson, officiating. Burial was in the Mimosa cemetery in Lawrenceburg, TN.

Mr. Farmer died Sunday of a heart attack which he suffered at his home in Buffalo Valley. His parents were the late Dr. W. S. and France Vaden Farmer. He attended the Putnam county schools, Jefferson Academy in Mississippi, and West Point Military Academy, New York. Studied engineering at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Later he accepted a position with the State highway department with which he was connected for 20 years.

Survivors include his wife, Delia Guthrie Farmer, a sister, Mrs. M. Frank Wooten Jr. of Orlando, FL; a brother, W. C. Farmer of Buffalo Valley, route 1. Three aunts, Mrs. W. W. Jared, Buffalo Valley, Mrs. J. C. Elrod, Murfreesboro, Mrs. Eura Burch, Plaqua, OK, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Hooper and Huddleston funeral home in charge.

The Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 4 October 1960.

Services Tuesday at 9:30 at the Buffalo Valley Presbyterian Church. Rev. Ralph Arbaugh of Donelson officiated. **Burial was in Mimosa Cemetery in Lawrenceburg.** He died Sunday of a heart attack at home. His parents were Dr. W. S. and Frances Vaden Farmer. He attended West Point. Survivors are his wife, Delia Guthrie Farmer, a sister, Mrs. M. Frank Wooten of Orlando, FL, a brother, W. C. Farmer of Buffalo Valley, Rt. 1, three aunts, Mrs. W. W. Jared of Buffalo Valley, Mrs. J. C. Elrod of Murfreesboro, TN, Mrs. Burch.

Hooper-Huddleston Funeral Home.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: 4 October 1960.

**Ollie (McGinness) Farmer Obt.**

Farmer Rites Held Monday

Funeral services for **Mrs. Ollie McGinness Farmer**, 86, **widow of Dr. W. S. Farmer**, were conducted at the Carthage Methodist Church Monday afternoon by the pastor, Dr. J. W. L. Matlock, assisted by the Rev. Herbert Leslie, minister of the Christian Church. **Burial was in Ridgewood Cemetery.**

Mrs. Farmer died in Smith County Hospital Sunday shortly after noon from a stroke she suffered in February.

She was born and reared in Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN, a **daughter of the late Felix P. and Victoria Jared McGinness.**

**She was married to Dr. Farmer** who for many years was superintendent of Central State Hospital in 1936. Dr. Farmer, who had previously practiced medicine in Cookeville, died 1940. She had lived here since his death.

She was a member of the Carthage Methodist Church, being very active in various women's organizations of the church and in numerous church activities, in all of which she had an interest and pride.

Survivors are three brothers, **H. B. and Roscoe McGinness**, Carthage, and **Dewitt McGinness**, Carthage; two nieces, Mrs. J. B. Gore, Carthage; Mrs. Kenneth Robinson, Atlanta; and one nephew, Houston McGinness, Los Angeles.

Sanderson Funeral Home was in charge.

Carthage Courier Carthage Newspaper, TN: Thursday, 18 April 1963.

### **HEAD OF THE CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL DIES**

Born and Reared in This County, And Practiced Medicine Here For a Number of Years

**Dr. W. (Winfield) Scott Farmer**, who for twenty-two years was superintendent of Tennessee's Central State Hospital for the Insane, died Friday after a long illness.

Three months ago he gave up active work at the hospital because of failing health and had been confined to Vanderbilt Hospital, Nashville, since July 1.

Dr. Farmer was a former resident of Cookeville, where he practiced medicine for a number of years.

He devoted a great amount of his time and energy to the improvement of the Central Hospital for the Insane. Through his efforts a building for the criminally insane was secured for the institution. He was widely known as a psychiatrist, having participated in a nation-wide study of legal psychiatry with nineteen other outstanding specialist several years ago. He aided in formulating the policies of the American Psychiatrist Association on legal psychiatry. While head of the state institution Dr. Farmer was called in on more than 700 criminal cases as an authority. His work with the courts was done without added expense to the state.

He gave freely of his time, volunteering his services without remuneration.

Dr. Farmer served as an instructor in psychiatry for many years on the Vanderbilt University faculty. He conducted clinics for Vanderbilt medical students and students of psychology in the academic school. Students from Peabody, colleges in Middle Tennessee, and high schools in Nashville and surrounding area attended his clinics.

After graduating from Vanderbilt Dr. Farmer began the practice of medicine in his native county. When he went to Nashville he joined the McKendree Methodist Church, the Nashville Council of Social Service Agencies, and the Exchange Club.

He was a member of the American Medical Association; a fellow of the American psychiatrists' Association; a charter member of the Middle Tennessee Medical Association, of which he was past president; a member of the Tennessee State Medical Association, the Upper Cumberland Medical Society, and the Nashville Academy of Medicine; and was elected last year to honorary membership in the Tennessee-Mississippi Peace Officers' Association.

Funeral services were held in the chapel of the Central State Hospital at 3 p.m. Saturday, conducted by Dr. King Vivion, pastor of McKendree Methodist Church, assisted by the Rev. Pickens Johnson, pastor of the Arlington Methodist Church.

Dr. Farmer is survived by **his wife, Mrs. Ollie McGinness Farmer**; one daughter, Mrs. Frank Wooten, of Nashville; two sons, Clay Farmer of Buffalo Valley, and Douglas Farmer of Nashville; three sisters, Mrs.



R. L. Kerr, and Mrs. W. W. Jared of Buffalo Valley, and Mrs. Emma Burch of Prague, Okla., and several nieces and nephews.

**His first marriage was to Miss Fannie Vaden.**

**Dr. Farmer was the son of the late Wm. Scott Farmer and Mrs. Amanda Smellage Farmer.** He was born and reared in Putnam County.

Burial was at Buffalo Valley, his former home.

Putnam County Herald Newspaper, Cookeville, TN: 11 August 1938, front page.

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