

## **JOHN BOYD CEMETERY**

Putnam Co., TN

On Rock Springs Road in Lower end of Putnam County near  
The head of Rock Springs Valley, on the hill across the road from the Dragstrip.  
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GPS Coordinates: 36.1733017, -85.7581024

### **Hattie Adaline “Addie” (Presley) Bandy**

b. 22 August 1885, Putnam Co., TN – d. 23 August 1944, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md **Thomas M. Bandy**, b. 21 April 1873, TN – d. 26 April 1940, TN, s/o **James C. Bandy** (1842-1921) & **Sarah M. Dowdy** (1843-1900). Thomas M. Bandy was md 1<sup>st</sup> 1894 to **Rinda Belle Ortner** (1867-1908). According to his grandson Bobby Fox, he was married 5 times, had children with 2 wives; Bobby Fox’s mother (Illa Mae (Bandy) Bean) was the youngest of 18 children. Hattie Adaline “Addie” (Presley) Bandy, d/o **Jacob B. “Jake” Presley** (1861-1950) & **Jennie Williams** (1869-1945), both buried in William V. Winchester Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. James C. Bandy is buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Ashland City, Cheatham Co., TN. Hattie Adaline “addie” (Presley) Bandy – unmarked grave.

### **Alexander Boyd**

b. 12 October 1821, Jackson Co., TN – d. 30 November 1910, md **Alethia (Evans) Boyd**, b. 1821, TN. Alexander Boyd, s/o **John Boyd** (1777-1837) & **Mary Elizabeth Leath** (1785-ca. 1882).

\*See John Boyd buried in John Boyd Cemetery.

### **Cornelius Edgar “Edd” Boyd**

b. 25 April 1877, Putnam Co., TN – d. 27 October 1946, Athens, McMinn Co., TN, md on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September 1899, Putnam Co., TN to **Cora Belle (Thompson) Boyd**, b. 4 July 1881, Putnam Co., TN – d. 13 March 1973, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **James Polk Thompson** & **Arabell Stokes**. Edgar “Edd” Boyd, s/o **William Pierce Boyd** (1852-1919) & **Elizabeth A. Butler** (1850-1921), both buried in Mocassin Bluff Cemetery, DeKalb Co., TN. Cora Belle (Thompson) Boyd is buried in Crest Lawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 12 – Edgar Boyd married 6 September 1899, Putnam Co., TN to Cora Thompson).

### Tennessee US Death Records (1908-1965)

<b>Name:</b>	Edd Boyd
<b>Gender:</b>	Male
<b>Race:</b>	White
<b>Age:</b>	68
<b>Birth Date:</b>	25 Apr 1877
<b>Birth Place:</b>	Putnam, USA
<b>Death Date:</b>	27 Mar 1946

**Death Place:** Athens, McMinn, Tennessee, USA

**Father:** [William Pierce Boyd](#)

**Mother:** [Betty Butler](#)

**Certificate Number:** 27812

### **Ernest B. Vernon Boyd**

b. 15 February 1912 – d. 28 July 1951, md on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September 1930, Putnam Co., TN to **Sarah Geneva (Whitehead) Boyd**, b. 23 October 1912, Smith Co., TN – d. 14 April 2003, d/o **James Bradley "Brad" Whitehead** (1892-1927) & **Arda "Artie" Gertrude Bellar** (1892-1975), she is buried in Bethlehem Cemetery, Wilson Co., TN. **James Bradley "Brad" Whitehead** is buried in Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN. Ernest B. Vernon Boyd, s/o **Oliver Boyd** (1881-1958) & **Martha Anderson** (1879-1943).

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 221 - Ernest Boyd married 24 September 1930, Putnam Co., TN, age 21, address: Rt. 1, Buffalo Valley, TN to Geneva Whitehead, age 18, Silver Point, Rt. 3, Putnam Co., TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: Artie Whitehead, Silver Point, Rt. 3, Putnam Co., TN).

### **Houston Savage Boyd**

b. 12 August 1851, Putnam Co., TN– d. 13 January 1881, Putnam Co., TN, md **Mary (Algood) Boyd**, b. 30 November 1857, TN – d. 28 June 1877, Putnam Co., TN, she is buried in Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **Joel Algood** (1808-1861) & **Nancy Wilson Moore** (1819-1897), both buried in Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. Houston Savage Boyd, s/o **Jefferson Wiseman Boyd** (1823-1891) & **Mary Ann "Polly" Jared** (1824-1907).

### **Infant Boyd**

Dates unknown

### **Jefferson Wiseman Boyd**

b. 1 December 1823, Jackson Co., TN – d. 28 April 1891, Putnam Co., TN, md **Mary Ann "Polly" (Jared) Boyd**, b. 13 August 1824, Jackson Co., TN – d. 23 October 1907, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **Moses Alexander Jared Sr.** (1794-1827) & **Malinda Byrne** (1800-1881). Jefferson Wiseman Boyd, s/o **John Boyd** (1777-1837) & **Mary Elizabeth Leath** (1785-ca.1882).

\*See Mary Ann (Jared) Boyd Obt.

### **Jerry Boyd**

b. 18 August 1948 – d. August 27, 1948, s/o **Ernest B. Vernon Boyd** (1912-1951) & **Sarah Geneva Whitehead** (1912-2003). Twin to Jackie.

### **John Boyd**

b. 9 December 1777, Orange Co., NC – d. 20 August 1837, Jackson Co., TN, md on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December 1801, Anderson Co., TN to **Mary Elizabeth (Leath) Boyd**, b. 29 August 1785, Shenandoah Co., VA – d. ca. 1882, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **Ephraim Leath**

(1755-1801) & **Nancy Ann Jones** (1757-1806). John Boyd, s/o **William Boyd** (1761-1847) & **Mary Wassom** (1763-1780). William Boyd is buried Smalley Cemetery five miles south of Kingston, TN. Mary Elizabeth (Leath) Boyd – unmarked grave.

\*See Mary Elizabeth (Leath) Boyd story.

John Boyd (Cpl. West TN Militia War 1812).

John Boyd was a veteran of the 1812 War under Capt. John Sutton's Company of Tennessee Militia and fought at New Orleans under General Andrew Jackson.

**Prof. John Jefferson Boyd Obt.**

b. 10 April 1866, Putnam Co., TN – d. 19 January 1952, Putnam Co., TN, s/o **Jefferson Wiseman Boyd** (1823-1891) & **Mary Ann "Polly" Jared** (1824-1907). Prof. John Jefferson Boyd -unmarked grave.

Prof. John Jefferson Boyd, 85, died Saturday morning at his home in Rock Springs Valley in the 11<sup>th</sup> district of this country, following an extended illness. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at the Pleasant Gove Methodist Church near Gentry of which he was a member with the Rev. David Hailey officiating. Burial was in the Boyd Cemetery in Rock Springs Valley.

Prof. Boyd died on the same farm on which he was born and reared. He was a son of the late Jefferson W. Boyd and Mary Jared Boyd and was the last surviving member of the family. Two of his brothers, the late Alvin W. and Houston S. Boyd were prominent lawyers of the Cookeville bar. Another brother Dr. W. M. Boyd of Madison died a few years ago.

In his young manhood Mr. Boyd was co-principal of the old Cookeville Collegiate Institute afterwards serving 14 years as principal of the Gentry High School near his home.

He served 36 years as justice of the peace from the 11<sup>th</sup> district. For the past several years he had been an invalid suffering with neuritis.

**Katherine "Kathy" Marie Boyd**

b. 30 May 1953, Carthage, Smith Co., TN – d. 8 August 1953, Carthage, Smith Co., TN, d/o **Hubert Fowler Boyd** (1930-2003) & **Mary Nell Kerr** (1932-1979), both buried in Rock Springs Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

**Linda Sue Boyd**

b. 1 April 1958, Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN – d. 1 April 1958, Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN, d/o **Hubert Fowler Boyd** (1930-2003) & **Mary Nell Kerr** (1932-1979), both buried in Rock Springs Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

**Lola Mai Boyd**

b. 31 May 1921, Putnam Co., TN – d. 4 June 1921, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **Arthur Hickman Boyd** (1888-1959) & **Vallie Wade Thompson** (1886-1978), both buried in Crest Lawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

Tennessee US Death Records (1908-1965)

**Name:** Lola Mai Boyd  
**Gender:** Female  
**Race:** White  
**Age:** 0  
**Birth Date:** 31 May 1921  
**Birth Place:** Putnam, USA  
**Death Date:** 4 Jun 1921  
**Death Place:** Putnam, Tennessee, USA  
**Father:** [Hick Boyd](#)  
**Mother:** [Vallie Thompson](#)

**Certificate Number:** 62

**Malinda Jared Boyd Obt.**

b. 9 December 1848, Putnam Co., TN – d. 1 May 1930, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **Jefferson Wiseman Boyd** (1823-1891) & **Mary Ann "Polly" Jared** (1824-1907). Malinda Jared Boyd – unmarked grave.

Miss Malinda Jared Boyd, age 80, died Thursday morning at the home of her brother, Esq John J Boyd, in Rock Springs Valley, in the 11th civil district of this county.

She lived and died in the house in which she was born and in which her father was born and died.

She had been a devoted member of the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church near her home.

She is survived by two brothers, Esq. John J Boyd of this county and Dr. W. M. Boyd of Jackson County. Two other brothers, the late Alvin W. Boyd and Houston S. Boyd, both of whom were well known attorneys of the Cookeville Bar, each died several years ago.

Funeral services were conducted Friday at the Boyd Family graveyard in Rock Springs Valley.

**Mary Ann (Jared) Boyd Obt.**

b. 13 August 1824, Jackson Co., TN – d. 23 October 1907, Putnam Co., TN, md **Jefferson Wiseman Boyd**, b. 1 December 1823, Jackson Co., TN – d. 28 April 1891, Putnam Co., TN, s/o **John Boyd** (1777-1837) & **Mary Elizabeth Leath** (1785-ca.1882). Mary Ann (Jared) Boyd, **Moses Alexander Jared Sr.** (1794-1827) & **Malinda Byrne** (1800-1881). Mary Ann (Jared) Boyd – unmarked grave.

\*See Jefferson Wiseman Boyd buried in John Boyd Cemetery.

BOYD, MARY: Mrs. Mary Boyd, widow of Jefferson Boyd, and one of the oldest and most highly esteemed ladies of this county, died on the night of Oct. 22, 1907, at her home in the Eleventh district, of paralysis. She was 83 years old and had been a devoted member of the Southern Methodist church for 75 years, and was greatly beloved by all who knew her. Her remains were interred Wednesday afternoon in the Boyd graveyard in Rock Spring valley, her funeral begin attended by a large number of relatives and friends. She leaves four children, A. W. Boyd of this city, Dr. W. M. Boyd of Jackson county, Prof. J. J. Boyd and Miss Malinda Boyd of Gentry. She was an aunt of P. Y. Jared, Mrs. J. W. Puckett, O. K. Holladay, and H. M. Jared of this city. [Date 10/31/1907, Vol. V, No. 35, Page 1]

**Mary Elizabeth (Leath) Boyd**

b. 29 August 1785, Shenandoah Co., VA – d. ca. 1882, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December 1801, Anderson Co., TN to John Boyd, b. 9 December 1777, Orange Co., NC – d. 20 August 1837, Jackson Co., TN, s/o **William Boyd** (1761-1847) & **Mary Wassom** (1763-1780). William Boyd is buried Smalley Cemetery five miles south of Kingston, TN. Mary Elizabeth (Leath) Boyd, d/o **Ephraim Leath** (1755-1801) & **Nancy Ann Jones** (1757-1806). Mary Elizabeth (Leath) Boyd – unmarked grave.

\*See John Boyd buried in John Boyd Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

Even A Yankee general knew not to mess with a woman who knew God personally.  
By Dale Welch, Putnam County historian.

Elizabeth Leath Boyd was a praying woman. Strong in faith, she put wheels under those prayers and God honored them.

Mrs. Boyd was born on Aug. 29, 1785, in Virginia, to Ephraim and Nancy Jones Leath. She married John Boyd, eight years her senior, in Anderson County, TN, on Dec. 16, 1801. The couple moved to the Rock Springs Valley, in what is now the western part of Putnam County.

The Boyd's built a two-story log house that was weather boarded with handmade lumber all through the house. It was there that they raised seven boys and seven girls.

John joined Capt. John Sutton's Company, of Tennessee Militia, during the War of 1812 and fought alongside Gen. Andrew Jackson all the way to New Orleans. After his discharge, Boyd returned to Elizabeth and their children. John died when he was 60 years old. Elizabeth lived for 45 years more, dying at age 97.

Elizabeth was the prayer warrior of the family. It was said that she devoted every Friday to prayer and fasting. She was an active member of the Pleasant Grove Church for over 80 years.

When the Civil War broke out, she had sons and grandsons join the Confederate Army. Some of them were wounded and some died of disease. When friends, neighbors and family needed her help, she was quick to respond. When people had trouble with

Yankees taking everything or one of their sons taken prisoner, she was on the spot. Mrs. Boyd, age 76 at the start of the war, made several trips to Carthage, where Union Col. William B. Stokes, of the 5th Tennessee Cavalry, had his headquarters at the time. Stokes had been a U.S. congressman before the war (and after). She was his cousin and wouldn't take no for an answer. She nearly always got what she wanted. Stokes knew his battles were on the battlefield and not with a relative who was a personal friend of God.

Mary Elizabeth Leath Boyd died in 1882 and is buried in an unmarked grave at the John Boyd Cemetery. From family to Yankee colonels, the lesson learned is to never mess with a praying mother.

After the War Between the States, she applied for a military pension based on the service of John Boyd in the War of 1812. One of the questions on that application asked (and I'm paraphrasing because I don't have it at my fingertips) whether she or her family had supported the effort of the Confederacy—which she most certainly had. She replied "No," apparently realizing that it would affect her pension status. A smart woman, she was granted a pension on John Boyd's service. Posted by James Turner.

### **Melinda Boyd**

b. 10 December 1816, Jackson Co., TN – d. Jackson Co., TN, d/o **John Boyd** (1777-1837) & **Mary Elizabeth Leath** (1785-ca. 1882).

### **Oliver Boyd**

b. 21 September 1881, Putnam Co., TN – d. 27 January 1958, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August 1902, Putnam Co., TN to **Martha (Anderson) Boyd**, b. August 1879 – d. 20 April 1943, d/o **Paul Anderson** (1845-1915) & **Sarah Elizabeth "Bettie" Carr** (1852-19290, both buried in Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN. Oliver Boyd, s/o **William Pierce Boyd** (1852-19190 & **Elizabeth A. Butler** (1850-1921), she is buried in Mocassin Bluff, DeKalb Co., TN. William Pierce Boyd is buried in John Boyd Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. Oliver Boyd also md on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March 1951, Putnam Co., TN to **Lou Ada (Willeford) Bilbrey Boyd**, b. 12 January 1877, TN – d. 9 March 1958, TN, she is buried in Dodson Chapel Cemetery, Overton Co., TN, d/o **William Anderson Willeford** (1848-1928) & **Leann Poston** (1847-1901), both buried in Dodson Branch Cemetery, Overton Co., TN.

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 133 – Oliver Boyd married 10 August 1902, Putnam Co., TN to Martha Anderson).

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Smith Co., TN, pg. 123 – Joe Bilbrey married 20 September 1925, Smith Co., TN to Ada Willeford).

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 360 – Oliver Boyd married 29 March 1951, Putnam Co., TN, age 69, b. 21 September 1881, (*sic*), address: Cookeville, TN to Lou Ada Bilbrey, age 74, b. 12 January 1877, address: Algood, Putnam Co., TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: William Willeford (deceased). Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of male: Pierce Boyd, (deceased).

**Ruby Nell Boyd**

b. & d. 12 March 1945, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **Robert Toy Boyd** (1904-1976) & **Grady Horton** (1904-1978), both buried in Rock Springs Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

**Lemuel Arthur Bush**

b. 5 April 1892, TN – d. 23 October 1928, Putnam Co., TN, (TN Pvt ICL 52<sup>nd</sup> Inf. 6 Div. WWI, 36 yrs. 6 mos), s/o **Matthew Trousdale Bush** (1856-1896) & **Mary Catherine Dunavin** (1861-1926).

US Death Records (1908-1965)

**Name:** Lemuel Arthur Bush  
**Gender:** Male  
**Race:** White  
**Age:** 36  
**Birth Date:** 5 Apr 1892  
**Birth Place:** USA  
**Death Date:** 23 Oct 1928  
**Death Place:** Putnam, Tennessee, USA  
**Father:** [Matt T Bush](#)  
**Mother:** [Mary Catherine Dunavin](#)

Certificate Number: 24457

**There are two slate rock markers in the Bush plot**

**Matthew Trousdale "M. T." Bush**

b. 26 December 1856, TN – d. 25 February 1896, md on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October 1879, Putnam Co., TN to **Mary Katherine (Dunavin) Bush**, b. 14 September 1861, TN – d. 17 October 1926. Matthew Trousdale "M. T." Bush, s/o **Francis Asbury Bush** & **Matilda W. Simpson**.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 121 – Mathew T. Bush married 12 October 1879, Putnam Co., TN to Mary Dunavin).

**Billy Leneal Dickens**

B, 23 November 1938, Putnam Co., TN – d. 3 November 1940, Putnam Co., TN, s/o **Albert Dickens** (1911-1981) & **Stocie Boyd** (1914-1991), both buried in North Lawn Cemetery, Northampton, OH.

**Ephraim H. "Yates" Dunavin**

b. 1821, TN – d. March 1896, TN, md on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November 1881, Putnam Co., TN to **Amerricus Elizabeth (Roland) Bruce Dunavin**, b. 1847, TN – d. 1887, md 1<sup>st</sup> to **Rufus S. Bruce** (1837- 16 January 1878), s/o **Robert Bruce** & **Elender "Eleanor" Green**. Ephraim H. "Yates" Dunavin, s/o **Silas Dunavin** & **Sarah Shanks**. **Amerricus Elizabeth (Roland) Bruce Dunavin**, d/o **William "Buck" Roland** (1818-1899) & **Julia Gentry** (1814-1856). Ephraim H. "Yates" Dunavin - unmarked grave.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 387, #47– E. H. Dunvin married 29 November 1881, Putnam Co., TN to Americus Bruce).

**Alta (Flatt) Upchurch**

b. 1875, TN- d. 1927, md on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February 1898, Jackson Co., TN to **William “Bill” Alfred Upchurch**, b. January 1876, Jackson Co., TN – d. 21 November 1960, Putnam Co., TN, he is buried in Rock Springs Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Jackson Co., TN, pg. 423 - William Upchurch married 20 February 1898, Jackson Co., TN to Alta Flatt).

(1910 census 11<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 103 – **William Upchurch** is head of household, 34 yrs. old, TN md 12 yrs. to **Altie A.**, 25 yrs. old, TN, 7 children born, 5 children living. Children: Martha E., 10 yrs. old; Willie C., 8 yrs. old; Hershel B., 6 yrs. old; Louella, 4 yrs. old & Solon J. Upchurch, 17/12 yrs. old. All born in TN).

(1920 census 11<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 186 – **William Upchurch** is head of household, 44 yrs. old, TN md 12 yrs. to **Altie**, 36 yrs. old, TN. Children: **Willie**, 18 yrs. old; Hershel, 16 yrs. old; Louella, 12 yrs. old; Clarence, 3+ yrs. old & Virginia Upchurch, 1 6/12 yrs. old. All born in TN).

(1930 census 9<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 71 – **Bill Upchurch** is head of household, 29 yrs. old, TN, (18 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) md to **Clara Bell**, 29 yrs. old, TN, (15 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage). Child: Sam Upchurch, 1+ yrs. old, TN. Also living in the household: **Betty Sullens, mother-in-law**, 61 yrs. old, TN).

(1940 census 9<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 19 - **Will C. Upchurch** is head of household, 38 yrs. old, TN, md to **Clara Bell**, 37 yrs. old, TN. Children: Sam, 10 yrs. old, TN; Elvet Joel, 7 yrs. old, TN. Also living in the household: **Betty Sullens, mother-in-law**, 71 yrs. old, TN, widow).

**Lucy Vaughn**

b. September

\*See other cemeteries in Putnam Co., & surrounding areas at:

<http://www.ajlambert.com>