

PLUNKET FAMILY GRAVEYARD

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John B. Plunket

b. November 1863, TN – d. 1939, md **Josephine “Josie” (Love) Plunket**, b. January 1872/4, TN – d. 1949. John B. Plunket, s/o **Reuben & Nancy Adaline Plunkett**.

*See Lemuel “Lem” Plunket Obt.

Census Place: 1880 District 9, Putnam Co., TN

Source: FHL Film 1255275 National Archives Film T9-1275 Page 171A

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Rubin PLUNKET	Self	M	M	W	47	TN
Occ:	Farmer	Fa: VA	Mo: GA			
Nancy A. PLUNKET	Wife	F	M	W	45	TN
Occ:	Keeping House	Fa: NC	Mo: NC			
Robert O. PLUNKET	Son	M	S	W	19	TN
Occ:	Works On Farm	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
John PLUNKET	Son	M	S	W	17	TN
Occ:	Works On Farm	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			

(1900 census 9th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 183 - **John B. Plunkett** is head of household, 36 yrs. old, b. November 1863, TN, md 9 yrs. to **Josie**, 26 yrs. old, b. January 1874, TN, 4 children born, 3 children living. Children: Willie L., 6 yrs. old, b. March 1894; Walter L., 4 yrs. old, b. January 1896 & Rube Plunket, 2 yrs. old, b. February 1898. All born in TN. Also living in the household: Nancy A. Plunket, mother, 64 yrs. old, b. January 1836, 3 children born, 1 children living, widow).

(1910 census 9th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 8 - **John B. Plunkett** is head of household, 47 yrs. old, TN, md 19 yrs. to **Josephine**, 37 yrs. old, TN. Children: Willie L., 16 yrs. old.; **Lemuel W.**, 14 yrs. old.; Rubin, 12 yrs. old. All born in TN. Also living in the household: **Nancy A. Plunkett, mother**, 74 yrs. old, TN, widow).

(1920 census 9th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 5 - **John B. Plunkett** is head of household, 56 yrs. old, TN, dm to **Josie**, 48 yrs. old, TN. Children: **Lem W.**, 24 yrs. old; Rube, 21 yrs. old, son, md to Eunice Plunkett, daughter-in-law, 16 yrs. old. All born in TN).

(1930 census 9th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 7 - **John B. Plunkett** is head of household, 66 yrs. old, TN, md to **Josie**, 57 yrs. old, TN. Children: Bern Plunkett, son, 34 yrs. old, TN, single).

(1930 census 9th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 8 - **Rube Plunkett** is head of household, 32 yrs. old, TN, md to **Erma**, 27 yrs. old, TN. Children: Ruby Plunkett, 5 yrs. old, TN).

Lemuel “Lem” W. Plunket Obt.

b. 6 January 1896, Putnam Co., TN – d. 13 February 1944, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN, md **Lena (Whitaker) Plunket**, b. 4 July 1899, Putnam Co., TN – d. 16 December 2002, TN, d/o **James Lawrence Whiteaker** (1867-1950) & **Geneva Lousetta Robinson** (1863-1953). **Lena (Whitaker) Plunket** is buried in the Cookeville City Cemetery. Lem W. Plunket, s/o **John B. Plunket & Josephine “Josie” Love**.

*See John B. Plunket buried in Plunket Family Graveyard.

*See Lena (Whiteaker) Plunkett Kestner Obt. buried in Cookeville City Cemetery.

Funeral Services Tuesday At Home For Lem Plunkett:

Funeral services were held for Lem Plunkett at the home near Buffalo Valley Tuesday afternoon with the Rev. J. A. Harris and Rev. D. A. Ensor in charge. Burial was in the family cemetery near him home. Mr. Plunkett died Sunday morning at St. Thomas hospital in Nashville. He was brought in the City hospital in

Cookeville for an operation, where he remained for two weeks. Due to complicated he was carried to Nashville where he was under the care of a specialist for about two weeks prior to his death.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lena Whitaker Plunkett, his mother, Mrs. Josephine Plunkett, his mother, one brother, Rube Plunkett, both of Buffalo Valley, and one sister, Mrs. Willie Helm, of San Fernando, CA.

Mr. Plunkett served for some time as secretary of the Putnam County Agricultural Adjustment Administration, resigning about two years ago to devote his entire time to his farming and livestock interest. He was a member of the Cookeville Post of the American Legion.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: 17 February 1944.

[Tennessee, Deaths and Burials Index, 1874-1955](#) about Lem W Plunkett

Name: Lem W Plunkett
Birth Date: 6 Jan 1896
Birth Place: Putnam Tennessee
Age: 48
Death Date: 13 Feb 1944
Death Place: Nashville, Davidson, Tennessee
Burial Date: 15 Feb 1944
Burial Place: Putnam County
Cemetery Name: Family
Gender: Male
Race: White
Marital Status: Married
Residence Place: Cookeville, Putnam, Tennessee
Occupation: Farmer
Father's Name: John B Plunkett
Father's Birth Place: Putnam Tenn
Mother's name: Josie Love
Mother's Birth Place: Dekalb Tenn
Spouse's Name: Lena Whitaker Plunkett
FHL Film Number: 2137344

Lena (Whiteaker) Plunkett Kestner Obt.

b. 4 July 1899, Putnam Co., TN – d. 16 December 2002, TN, md **Lem Plunkett**, md on the 18th of September 1981, Putnam Co., TN to **Robert Edgar Kestner**. Lena (Whiteaker) Plunkett Kestner, d/o **James Lawrence Whiteaker** (1867-1950) & **Geneva Lousetta Robinson** (1863-1953), both buried in the Leige Whiteaker Graveyard, Putnam Co., TN.

*See Ernest C. Whitaker Obt.

*See Sallie Frances Whitaker Obt.

*See Mattie (Whiteaker) Maddux Obt.

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 78: Robert Edgar Kestner married 18 September 1981, Putnam Co., TN, age 90, b. 11 November 1891, address: 2145 Armistead Rd., Tallahassee, FL to Lena Whitaker Plunkett, age 82, b. 4 July 1899, address: 135 E. 3rd St., Cookeville, TN, name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: Beatrice Craighead, sister, 139 E. Third St., Cookeville, TN).

COOKEVILLE -- Funeral services for Lena Kestner, 103, of Cookeville will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 18, from the Cookeville chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Burial will be in Cookeville City Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 9 a.m. until time of services on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Kestner died on Monday, Dec. 16, 2002, at NHC Healthcare of Cookeville.

She was born on July 4, 1899, in Putnam County to the late James Lawrence and Geneva Lousetta Robinson Whitaker.



Mrs. Kestner was a retired school teacher with more than 50 years of service. She taught at Baxter Seminary and Baxter Elementary. She was a charter member and charter treasurer of the Putnam County Retired Teacher's Association and charter member of Putnam County Democratic Women's Club.

Her family includes a niece, Helen Spicer of Cookeville, and three nephews, Kenneth Whitaker of Montgomery, Ala., Howard Whitaker of Athens and Dr. Robert (Bob) Craighead of Cookeville.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two husbands, Lem Plunkett and R.E. Kestner; three sisters, Sally Whitaker, Mattie Maddux and Beatrice Craighead; and two brothers, Clarence and Ernest Whitaker.

Pallbearers will be Jim Hicks, Gleason Pebley, Kenneth Huddleston, Bob Winchester, James Bush and Bill Brown.

Memorial donations may be made to the Baxter Seminary Alumni Scholarship Fund by contacting the funeral home.

Dr. Bill Starnes will officiate at the services.

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*See Virtual Cemetery at: <http://www.ajlambert.com>