

DENNY-CURTIS
Cookeville Press Newspaper,
Thursday, 22 August 1901

Sunday morning at half past seven at the home of the bride, in the presence of relatives and a few friends, **Miss Mary Curtis & Walter C. Denny were pronounced man and wife.** The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. H. Gilbert, and the attendants were Miss Margaret Denny and O. K. Holladay.

The bride looked lovely in a bridal costume of Paris muslim over white silk. She is the **oldest daughter of Capt. Curtis** and is a young lady of high attainments and great popularity. The groom is a young man of sterling worth and steady ability. After the ceremony they drove to the home of **Jonathan Denny** at Buffalo Valley where a sumptuous dinner was served. They were accompanied by Mr. & Mrs. Haskel Jared, Miss Margaret Denny & Messrs. O.K. Holladay, Ed Denny & David Pincus.

1900 census 1st Civil Dist. Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 428 Family: 438

Curtis, James H. Head 58 M W January 1842 (md 26 yrs.) Merchant TN NC TN

Curtis, Nancy R. Wife 38 F W October 1861 (md 26 yrs.) (3 children born, 3 children living) TN TN TN

Curtis, Albert B. Son 24 M W September 1875 Single School Teacher TN TN TN

Curtis Mary F. Dau 20 F W May 1880 Single TN TN TN

(*Mary F. Curtis md Walter C. Denny, s/o Silas Denny & "Mollie" Mary Ann Essex*)

Curtis, Ella J. Dau 10 F W October 1889 Single At School TN TN TN

1900 census 1st Civil Dist. Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 436 – Family: 446

Denny, Silas D. Head W M December 1854 – 45 Married (md 21 yrs.) Carpenter TN TN TN

(*Silas Dean Denny, s/o Jonathan Denny Agnes "Aggie" Thompson Winfree*)

Denny, Mary Ann Wife W F December 1854 – 45 Married (md 21 yrs.) (3 children born, 3 living)

TN TN TN (*"Mollie" Mary Ann Essex*)

Denny, Walter Son W M August 1879 – 20 Single Clerk TN TN TN

(*Walter C. Denny md Mary F. Curtis, d/o James H. Curtis & Nancy R. McDaniel*)

Denny, Edgar C. Son W M July 1882 – 17 Single Groceryman TN TN TN

Denny, Agnes G. Dau. W F September 1884 – 15 Single TN TN TN

1910 Dist. 1 – Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 252 Family: 266

Denny, Silas D. Head M W 55 M1 (# of years married, 31) Carpenter at Home TN TN TN

Denny, Mary A. Wife F W 56 M1 (# of years married, 31) 3-2 (3 children born, 2 living) TN TN TN

Denny, Gurtrude Dau. F W 25 Single Saleslady Dry Goods TN TN TN

1910 census Tarrant Co., 8-WD Fort Worth, N. Magnolia St., TX

Street: 704 – No. of Visitation: 58 – No. of Family: 71

Denny, Walter C. Head MW 30 M1 (# of years married, 8) Merchant – Produce TN TN TN

Denny, Mary F. Wife F W 28 M1 (# of years married, 8) (1 child born, 1 child living) TN TN TN

Denny, Holland Son M W 4 Single TX TN TN

1920 census –Civil Dist. 1 – Putnam Co., TN

Line: 55 Dwl: 96 Family: 114 – Oak Street – 1920 Dist. 1

Denny, Silas Head W M 68 Widow Carpenter at House TN TN TN

Dillard, Gertrude Dau. F W 36 Widow TN TN TN

Dillard, Mary Kay Granddaughter 2 7/12 F W Single TN TN TN

1930 census –Civil Dist. 1 – Putnam Co., TN

Line: 58 Dwl: 130 Family: 153 – Hickory Street

Denny, Walter B. (C.) Head Rent M W 40 Married Occupation None TN TN TN

(Walter C. Denny, s/o Silas Dean Denny & “Mollie” Mary Ann Essex)

Denny, Mary F. Wife F W 39 Married City Clerk City Hall TN TN TN

(Mary F. Curtis, d/o James H. Curtis & Nancy R. McDaniel)

Denny, Holland D. Son M W 14 Single TN TN TN

(Holland Dean Denny md Gladys Moody. Gladys Moody Denny later md Rupert Denny – s/o Leslie Luther Denny & Nallie Naoma Trousdale, their son was Bill Lee Denny)..

1930 census, Putnam Co., TN

Line: 45 Dwl: 199 Family: 209

Denny, Mary F. Head F W 48 Widow (20 yrs. old 1st marriage) Bookkeeper Law Office TN TN TN

Mary F. Denny: pg. 167- Political Development, 1890-1920 – Putnam County Tennessee 1850-1970 by Mary Jean DeLozier:

Though many community leaders now urged women to exercise the franchise, there was considerable apprehension over women holding political offices. The Herald Newspaper carried letters, reprints from other newspapers, and editorials reflecting this fear. **Mary F. Denny** was the first announced as candidate for the Democratic nomination for Putnam County trustee. Mrs. Denny had held clerical and secretarial positions in the postal service, Cookeville town government, and at TPI; but in her campaign she found it necessary to explain that she needed the public office because she was the sole support of her invalid husband and son and to deny a rumor that her husband received a pension. She asked, “Is there any reason why I should be defeated just because I am a woman? I am asking for this office in order that I can better care for a man who cannot care for himself.” Mrs. Denny won the nomination and the election and served two terms as trustee.²⁶

²⁶Herald Newspaper , 25 August 1921, p. 1 – Cookeville, TN.

Putnam County Tennessee Cemeteries by Maurine Ensor Patton

pg. 122:

Nancy R. McDaniel Curtis, b. 3 October 1851, TN – d. 8 February 1902

(Nancy R. McDaniel md James H. Curtis. They are the parents of Mary F. Curtis who md Walter C. Denny, s/o Silas Denny & “Mollie” Mary Ann Essex)

pg. 152:

Silas Dean Denny, b. 1 December 1854, TN – d. 30 December 1934, TN

Mary Ann (Essex) Denny, b. 27 December 1854, TN – d. 30 April 1919

Walter C. Denny, b. 26 August 1879, TN – d. 12 February 1929

Mary F. (Curtis) Denny, b. 25 May 1877, TN – d. 13 August 1942

Holland D. Denny, b. 23 July 1905, TN – d. 11 September 1949

(Tennessee Pfc 3529 Ord Medium Maint. Co WWI. Holland D. Denny, s/o Walter C. Denny & Mary F. Curtis)

*See Denny files at:

<http://www.ajlambert.com>