



John Bell Denny Obituary  
 b. 29 June 1861, Putnam Co., Rock Springs, TN  
 d. 23 November 1943, Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN  
 and Eliza Jane Barnes

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Funeral Services Held Today at Denny's Seminary For John Bell Denny

Funeral services were held today at Denny's Seminary in the 11<sup>th</sup> District for John Bell Denny, 81, who died at his home near Buffalo Valley early Tuesday morning of a heart attack. Rev. J. A. Harries was in charge. Burial was in the Smellage Cemetery.

Mr. Denny was a progressive farmer and had lived his entire life in the Buffalo Valley community. He was an active member of the family of the late Jonathan Denny, pioneer – citizen of this section of Putnam County and was a brother of the late Judge T. L. Denny and Silas Denny of Cookeville.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Eliza Barnes Denny and several nephews and nieces.

John Bell Denny – b. 29 June 1861, Putnam Co., Rock Springs, TN - d. 23 November 1943, Boma, Putnam Co., TN  
 s/o Jonathan Denny & Agnes Thompson Winfree/Winfrey  
*Died Tuesday morning, at his home, of a heart attack.*  
 and Eliza Jane Barnes - b. 28 December 1868 – d. October 1949, TN  
*They had no children of her own but reared Ethel L. Jared and Charles Johnson nephews of John Bell's. The family of Doris (Gillem) and Robert Shanks own the John Bell farm today, as of year 2000. Shown in the 1910 US Census as living in the 11 Civil Dist. – Putnam Co., TN. Charles Johnson, 23 is shown living with John Bell in the 1910 US Census with his wife, Mand, 22 & daughter, Allie Johnson, 2.*  
 Both Buried: + Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN  
*'Their toils are past, their work is done, They fought the fight the victory won'*

Certificate of Death: John Bell Denny,  
 date of death: November 23, 1943; county, Putnam; city or town, Silver Point, TN (rural).

**CERTIFICATE OF DEATH** 28657  
 DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH, STATE OF TENNESSEE, BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS, BUREAU OF THE CENSUS  
 COOPERATING WITH DEPT. OF COMMERCE

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 1. FULL NAME: John Bell Denny  
 2. DATE OF DEATH: Nov. 23, 1943  
 3. PLACE OF DEATH: Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN  
 4. COUNTY: Putnam  
 5. CITY OR TOWN: Silver Point  
 6. LEGAL RESIDENCE: Putnam Co., TN  
 7. AGE: 82  
 8. SEX: Male  
 9. DATE OF BIRTH: June 29, 1861  
 10. PLACE OF BIRTH: Rock Springs, Putnam Co., TN  
 11. MARRIAGE: Married  
 12. MARRIAGE DATE: 1888  
 13. MARRIAGE PLACE: Putnam Co., TN  
 14. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS: Farmer  
 15. FULL NAME: Jonathan Denny  
 16. MAIDEN NAME: Agnes Winfree  
 17. INFORMATION: Charles Johnson  
 18. UNDERTAKER: [Name]

14. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS: Farming  
 15. FULL NAME: Jonathan Denny  
 16. MAIDEN NAME: Agnes Winfree  
 17. INFORMATION: Charles Johnson

Parents of John Bell Denny: Jonathan Denny & Agnes "Aggie" Winfree.

Certificate of Death: #28657 – State of Tennessee, Putnam Co., Silver Point  
Name: **John Bell Denney**: White, Male  
Birth: 29 June 1861, Putnam Co., TN  
Death: 23 November 1943  
Residence: Rt. 1, Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN  
Occupation: Farmer  
Wife: **Eliza Barnes**  
Father: **Jonathan Denny**, born in TN  
Mother: **Aggie Winfree**, born in TN  
Informant: Charlie Johnson of Rt.1, Silver Point, TN  
Undertaker: Bass Funeral Home, Gordonsville, TN  
Burial: Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN  
Cause of Death: Heart Attack

Certificate of Death: # 49-23023  
Name: **Eliza Jane Denney**: White, Female, Widowed  
Birth: 28 December 1868  
Death: 23 October 1949  
Residence: Civil Dist. 11, Silver Point, Rt. 1, Putnam Co., TN  
Occupation: House Keeping  
Father: **George Barnes**  
Mother: **Clementine Parson**  
Informant: Tamer Denney of Buffalo Valley, TN  
Cause of Death: Myocardial Degeneration, Coronary Sclerosis  
Physician: E.D. Gross, Chestnut Mound, TN  
Undertaker: J.L. Bass Funeral Home, Gordonsville, TN  
Burial: Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN

*They had no children of her own but reared **Ethel Lorenzo Jared** nephew of John Bell's. And they raised **Charles Johnson**, s/o Bowden Johnson, Putnam Co., TN & Mattie Julian, Jackson Co., TN.*

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(John Bell & Eliza (Barnes) Denny had no children of their own but reared John Bell Denny's nephew, Ethel Lorenzo Jared, s/o Moses Simon Jared, s/o (Moses Alexander Jared & Marinda Jane Price) & Lucy A. Denny, d/o (Jonathan Denny & Agnes "Aggie" T. Winfree) who died giving birth to her son Ethel Lorenzo Jared. John Bell & Eliza Jane Barnes Denny also reared Charles Johnson who md Maud B. Judd both buried in Smellage Cemetery).

**BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED**  
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Mr. John Bell Denny celebrated his 60th birthday at his elegant country home near Buffalo Valley, on June 29th, by entertaining more than fifty of his friends and relatives with a most bounteous and beautifully served dinner. The occasion was a most enjoyable one and will long be remembered as such by those who attended. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. P. Y. Jared, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. DuBois and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Denny, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Johnson and family, Mrs. Hettie Denny, Mrs. Minnie Denny, W. G. Travis, John Denny, Mrs. Lessie Maddux and son, Mrs. Dora Maddux, Paulins Maddux, Mrs. Lem Brown and baby, Miss Jewel Shanks, Mrs. Sis Jared, Mrs. Alice Jared, Mrs. Gradye Maddux, and Mrs. Haywood Maddux, all of Buffalo Valley; Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Jared, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Denny and son, Mrs. O. K. Holladay and family, S. D. Denny, Mrs. S. L. Dillard and daughter, Ryman Robbins of Cookeville; Mrs. Minnie Jared and daughters of Nashville, and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Conger of Smithville.

1. John Bell Denny, s/o Jonathan Denny & Agnes T. Winfree. John Bell Denny md Eliza Jane Barnes, d/o George Barnes & Clementine Parson.
2. Mr. & Mrs. J. P. Nichols = Joseph Petway Nichols, s/o James Petway Nichols & Harriet Lewis Grimes. He md Goldie Myrtle Jared, d/o Christopher Columbus Jared & Montecello Lemiza "Sis" Braswell.
3. Mr. & Mrs. P. Y. Jared = Peter Young Jared, s/o Moses A. Jared & Marinda Jane Price. He md Sally Burton.
4. Mr & Mrs. E. M. DuBois = Elijah "Lecil" Mannon DuBois & Lois Vida Jared.
5. Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Denny = Virgil Timothy Denny & Audra Camilla Anderson, d/o Lewis Monroe Anderson & Matilda Isabelle Wallace. Virgil Timothy Denny, s/o Timothy Denny & Elizabeth "Hettie" Paul.
6. Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Johnson = Charles & Maud. Johnson. Charles Johnson was raised by John Bell Denny & Eliza Jane Barnes.
7. Mrs. Hettie Denny, w/o Timothy Denny and mother of Virgil Timothy Denny & Minnie Myrtle Denny.
8. Mrs. Minnie Denny, she md Bethel B. Apple and was later divorced. Minnie Denny, d/o Timothy Denny & Elizabeth "Hettie" Paul.
9. W. G. Travis = Hallie Joe Jared, d/o Joseph Haywood Jared & Laura Shields. She md W. G. Travis. Children: Bennett Jared, killed in WWII and Nancy Neal Jared md W. R. Jarrell.
10. John Denny = possibly John Rankin Denny, s/o John Smith Denny & Nancy Henrietta Carlen.
11. Mrs. Lessie (*Lassie*) Maddux & son = Should be Lassie (McDonald) Maddux, w/o Lemuel "Lem" Maddux. Children: Enon Maddux md Verna Kinnaird; Alden Maddux & 2 more sons names unknown. Lived in Buffalo Valley before moving to California.
12. Mrs. Dora Maddux = Eudora "Dora" Maddux, w/o James Nelson Maddux. She was the d/o Josiah Jared & Frances Woodbury Bennett.
13. Paulins Maddux = Pauline Maddux, d/o Charlie Burton Maddux & Martha D. Jones.
14. Mrs. Lem Brown & baby = Lemuel "Lem" Dow Brown, s/o John Brown & Amanda Jared. He md Effie Shanks, d/o Frank Shanks & Edie Camron. Lemuel D. Brown, s/o John Brown & Amanda C. Jared. Baby = Daughter of Lemuel "Lem" Dow Brown & Effie Shanks, Edith Brown who md Floyd Maynard, grandfather of Harold Ralph Maynard who md Sheri Diann Scott.
15. Miss Jewel Shanks = Maud Jewel Shanks, d/o Craven Frank Shanks & Eda Cameron. Craven Frank Shanks, s/o Craven M. Shanks & Nancy C. Henley, d/o Aden S. Henley/Hendley & Elizabeth Jane "Besty" Gentry. Maud Jewel Shanks md Scott Farmer Robinson, s/o Edward Robinson & Mary Jane Brown.
16. Mrs. Sis Jared = Christopher Columbus Jared, s/o John Jared & Eliza Carr. Christopher C. Jared md Montecello Lemiza "Sis" Braswell. Their sons Walter and William Wirt Jared always lived in Buffalo Valley, TN.
17. Mrs. Alice Jared = Mildred Alice Adams Jared md William Wade Jared, s/o Moses Alexander Jared & Marinda Jane Price.
18. Mrs. Grady Maddux = Henry Grady Maddux, s/o James Nelson Maddux & Eudora "Dora" Maddux. He md Vada Mai Carr.  
Mrs. Haywood Maddux = Ernest Haywood Maddux, s/o James Nelson Maddux & Eudora "Dora" Maddux. He md Elmo Lewis Grimes Nichols, d/o James Petway Nichols & Harriet Lewis Grimes.
19. Mr. & Mrs. S. N. Jared = possibly Samuel Nichols Jared, s/o Moses Alexander Jared & Marinda Jane Price. Samuel N. Jared md Ellen Rector.
20. Mr. & Mrs. Walter Denny and son = Walter C. Denny, s/o Silas Dean Denny & Mary Ann Essex. He md Mary F. Curtis.
21. Mrs. O. K. Holladay and family = Judge Oscar K. Holladay, s/o William Holladay & Martha Jane Jared. He md Marguerite "Maggie" Black Denny, d/o Thompson Luther Denny & Frances "Fannie" Jane Ford.
22. S. D. Denny = Silas Dean Denny, h/o "Mollie" Mary Ann Essex. Silas Dean Denny, s/o Jonathan Denny & Agnes "Aggie" Thompson Winfree.
23. Mrs. S. L. Dillard and daughter = Agnes Gertrude Denny, d/o Silas Dean Denny & Mary Ann Essex. She md Steven Levent Dillard.

24. Ryman Robbins =
25. Mrs. Minnie Jared and daughters = Minnie Belle (Denny) Jared, d/o Thompson Luther Denny & Frances "Fannie" Jane Ford. Minnie md 1<sup>st</sup> Hasker Michael Jared - md 2<sup>nd</sup> George E. Snyder. Her daughters: Ellen Frances Jared md John E. McCluen & Henrietta Pauline Jared md Clifford T. Massa.
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27. Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Conger = Clara Lucy Denny, d/o Thompson Luther Denny "T. L. "Tobe" & Frances "Fannie" Jane Ford. She md Dr. Elisha A. "Lish" Conger.

\*See Chapter 5 at:

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