

## Gentry Obituaries

Minerva Evaline "Nevie" McCaleb  
md 1<sup>st</sup> Wiley Gentry & md 2<sup>nd</sup> Thomas D. Stone  
Herald Newspaper, Cookeville, TN  
26 May 1927, Thursday: pg. 4

### A Noted Mother Passed Away:

The sudden death of Mrs. M. E. Stone (more commonly known as "Aunt Minerva") at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Henry Sparks last Thursday afternoon removed one of the most beloved and noted mothers in this section, from our midst.

She was born January 5, 1841, died May 19, 1927, age 86 years and 5 months. She lived to see the fifth generation. Many Upper Cumberland News readers will recall the picture in its pages last summer of her, her daughter, grand-daughter, great grandson and great great grandson, all together. Another unusual fact was that she was the mother of 3 Baptist preachers while the youngest son, G. W. was an ordained Deacon. She was twice married, and is survived by 7 children: Rev. W. B. Gentry of Cookeville; Mrs. John Bray, Cookeville, R-2, by her first marriage, and four sons and one daughter by her second marriage as follows: Rev. J. W. Stone, Bloomington Springs; Rev. E. W. Stone, Nashville; Dillard Stone, Checotah, Okla.; G. W. Stone, Sparta, R-4, and Mrs. Henry Sparks, Cookeville, R-2. Also by 41 grandchildren; 72 great grandchildren and 4 great great grandchildren.

Although she had been ill not long ago, she apparently recovered and remained active and mentally alert to the end, walking about and greeting friends not 30 minutes before her death. Her son E. W. and wife of Nashville were with her at the time of her death.

She was a member of Cane Creek Baptist church and loved it dearly as shown by her every act and generous donations to the church she loved so dearly. She will be greatly missed by the whole church who feel that truly a "mother in Israel" is gone.

While the loss of her encouragement and wise counsel will be keenly felt by her children, neighbors and friends, yet she lives on in the lives of her minister sons who are proclaiming the gospel of the Savior she taught them to love.

Card of Thanks: We wish to thank all our friends and neighbors for every act of kindness shown us in our recent bereavement in the sudden death of our mother. May God's richest blessings rest on each of you who helped in anyway to make the burden lighter, is our prayer.

Mrs. Henry Sparks, and Brothers and Sisters.

Walter Robinson Anderson  
Putnam County Herald Newspaper, TN  
19 April 1928, pg. 6  
and Thurmalia Tucker, Mary Lucinda Leftwich  
&  
Margaret Elizabeth Gentry,  
d/o Meredith Jurdan Gentry & Frances Ann Shanks  
Margaret Elizabeth Gentry later and James E. Dodson

Walter R.(obinson), better known by his friends and neighbors as “Uncle Walt” was born in Buffalo Valley August 22, 1844, died at Bloomington Springs April 12, 1928 after an illness of 4 months, lived 83 years, 7 months, 20 days.

Mr. Anderson was married 3 times and in addition to his last wife, M.E. Gentry Dodson Anderson (Aunt Bet) is survived by 1 sister, Mrs. Sam Leftwich, Silver Point, Rt. 3, of a family of 13, having never raised any children of his own. Uncle Walt spent his entire life in Putnam County and was known by most everyone in the community west of Cookeville, having lived the last 15 years at Bloomington Springs. He was a member of the Baptist church for more than 69 years. His friends were all who knew him. Never had a harsh word with a neighbor in his life, was a good husband, and friendly to the poor. His remains were laid to rest in the Smellage graveyard near Boma, TN, April 13. Funeral services were conducted by the brothers, J. D., Alonzo Harries, and J. W. Stone.

Emmitt Clifton Gentry  
Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN  
19 December 1935

E.C. Gentry Dies At Triune, Kansas

Emmitt Clifton Gentry died December 16, 1935. He lived in Triune, Kansas for 30 years. He was the son of Silas Pittman Gentry and Mary Frances Taylor Gentry, native of Putnam County, TN. He is survived by wife, Lillie Johnson Gentry and two sons, Oren Gentry of Triune, Oloney Gentry of Cookeville; three sisters, Mrs. Irene Maynard of Silver Point, Mrs. W. M. Wahler, Baxter, Mrs. Andrew Burgess of Baxter, and three brothers, Rev. O.P. Gentry of Monterey, Wade Gentry of Oklahoma, and Allie Burch Gentry of Baxter, TN.

Joe Gentry  
Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN  
14 March 1940, Thursday

Joe Gentry died in Texas last Thursday. Wife, Amanda Allison; three sons, Hubert, Herbert and Sears Allison; three sisters, Mrs. Joe A. Leftwich and Mrs. Hick Maxwell of Baxter, and Mrs. John Duke of Nashville, TN; four brothers, Elmore of Monterey, Robert Gentry of Cookeville, TN, John Gentry of Baxter, TN and W. Sterling Gentry of McEwen.

Margaret Elizabeth Gentry Dodson Anderson  
Herald Newspaper, TN  
28 March 1940, Thursday, Front Page  
and James Dodson & Walter Robinson Anderson  
d/o Meredith Jurdan Gentry & Frances Ann Shanks

Funeral Services Held March 21 For Mrs. Margaret E. Anderson of Bloomington, TN.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Margaret E. Anderson 89, who died at her home in Bloomington Springs, March 20 after a short illness, were conducted March 21 at the Bloomington Springs Presbyterian Church, by the Rev. J. D. Harris and the Rev. J. W. Stone. Burial was in the Bloomington Springs Cemetery.

She was a daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. Meredith Gentry. She was born in Putnam County and lived in this county throughout her life. Her husband W. R. Anderson, a farmer, died 12 years ago.

Elihu Whitley Stone  
Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN  
19 April 1951, Thursday, Front Page:

Rev. Whitley Stone Dies in Nashville

The Rev. E. W. (hitley) Stone, 79, died Tuesday morning at his home in Nashville following a long illness.

Funeral services were held in Nashville, Wednesday morning at Edgefield Baptist Church with the pastor, the Rev. William Claud Kirk, officiating after which the body was taken to the Baxter Methodist Church where services were conducted by Dr. H. L. Upperman. Interment was in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

A native of the Cane Creek community, the Rev. Stone was ordained as a Baptist minister more than 50 years ago. He served as Moderator of Stone Association first in 1902 and has served as pastor of most all the churches of this association.

He has also engaged in the mercantile business in Baxter for a number of years but moved to Nashville a few years ago to accept the pastorate of the Mt. Juliet Baptist Church which he served until he retired. Following his retirement, he was teacher of the Men's Bible Class at Edgefield as long as health permitted.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Susan Harris Stone; 2 sons, L. T. Stone, Cookeville; W. C. Stone, Nashville; 1 daughter, Mrs. J. K. Martin, Nashville; 3 grandchildren, 1 great grand child; 1 brother, G. W. Stone, Sparta. Acting pallbearers, the deacons of Edgefield Baptist Church. Hon. Pallbearers, the Caleb Class of Edgefield Baptist Church.

Robert "Bob" Oscar Gentry  
Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN  
16 August 1951

Thursday Services Held for Bob Oscar Gentry:

Funeral service were held on Monday afternoon for Bob Oscar Gentry, 87, on the chapel of Carver Funeral Home. The Rev. A.M. Senter and the Rev. Andrew Albert officiated. Interment was in the Judd Cemetery.

Mr. Gentry died Saturday night following a long illness at his home on the Buffalo Valley Road. He was a son of William and Eliza Taylor Gentry. A native of Putnam County, he was a retired carpenter and cabinet maker.

Practically all his life was spent in and around Cookeville. For some years he was a merchant at Baxter. He later owned a stores in Cookeville and at various times owned much of the land now covered by Southwest Cookeville.

For four years he served as a U.S. Deputy Marshall for the Cookeville area. As a carpenter and contractor, he built what is still known as the Herald Building on the Southwest corner of the square in Cookeville.

Survivors include three daughters, Miss Kate Gentry, Cookeville, TN; Mrs. Ida Cornwell, Cleveland, OH; and Mrs. Maud Self, of California. Five sons, Eugene Gentry, Detroit, MI; Ralph Gentry, Wyoming; Hubert Gentry, Murfreesboro, TN; Charles and Ruper Gentry, Cookeville, TN. Two brothers, Elmore Gentry, Monterey, TN; and Sterling Gentry, McEwen. A sister, Mrs. Alice Leftwich of Baxter, TN; 14 grandchildren and 11 great great grandchildren.

Susan F. "Susie" Harris Stone  
October 1963

Mrs. Stone, Widow of Minister, Dies:

Mrs. Susie Stone, 91, widow of Rev. Elihu Whitley Stone, died at 12:45 p.m. yesterday in Edgefield Nursing Home after a long illness.

Services will be at 10:00 today at Eastland Funeral Home. Another service will be at 2:00 at Baxter Funeral Home, Baxter, TN. Burial will be in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Baxter.

Mrs. Stone, the former Susie Harris, was a native of Putnam Co., daughter of Larkin and Ann Gentry Harris. She had lived in Davidson Co., TN since 1920. Her husband held a number of pastorates in the county, including the Edgefield Baptist Church. He died in 1951. Mrs. Stone was a member of the Edgefield Baptist Church.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. J. K. Martin, Nashville; a son, W. C. Stone, Hartsville; 3 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren, 5 great great grandchildren.

*Smaller obt. shows grandchildren as Mrs. Joe Greenwood, Cookeville, Miss Annie Laurie Martin and Harris Martin of Nashville, TN.*

Cordelia Gentry Bray  
Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN  
13 January 1985, Sunday, pg. 3

COOKEVILLE - Funeral services for Mrs. Cordelia B. Gentry, 94, will be held Monday at 11:00 in the Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston Funeral Home with Rev. Jack Gentry and Rev. Carson Whitaker officiating.

Mrs. Gentry died Friday January 11, 1985 at Master's Health Care Center. She was a native of Putnam Co., the wife of the late Herbert Gentry and daughter of John and Fannie Gentry Bray.

Her family includes 3 sons, Alphus Gentry of Cookeville, J. D. Gentry of Ocala, FL, and Truman Gentry of Detroit, MI; 2 daughters, Mrs. Gladys Carter of Cookeville and Mrs. Sue Ward of Chattanooga; brother, Wade Bray; 11 grandchildren and several great and great great grandchildren.

Pallbearers, Roy Carter, Allon Gentry, Dilmon Carter, Buddy Pitts, Eddie Jared and Hershel Bush.

Burial will be in the Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

Kate Gentry  
Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN  
14 February 1991

COOKEVILLE – Funeral services for Kate Gentry Lee, 81, of Cookeville will be held Friday, February 15, at 1 p.m. in the chapel of Whitson Funeral Home. Burial will be in the West Cemetery.

Mrs. Lee died Tuesday (February 12, 1991) in Cookeville General Hospital.

Born January 27, 1910 in Putnam County, she was the daughter of the late Robert Oscar and Eliza Carr Gentry.

Mrs. Lee was a homemaker and a charter member of Stevens Street Baptist Church.

Her family includes six nephews, Bobby and Galen Gentry, both of Cookeville, Buddy Gentry of Chattanooga, Jimmy B. Huddleston of Indianapolis, Indiana, Gary D. Gentry of Atlanta, Georgia, and Douglas Gray Gentry of Brentwood; one niece, Patricia Faye Huddleston of Hermitage, and one brother, Hubert Gentry of Hendersonville.

Mrs. Lee was preceded in death by her husband, Everett T. Lee.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home after 3 p.m. today.

Brother Henry Roberson will officiate at the services.

W.B. Gentry

Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN  
31 October 1993 – Review of past times...

Services for W.B. Gentry, 77, were this week. He'd been a Free Will Baptist minister since his ordination in 1877. He preached widely throughout Putnam and the surrounding counties. He died in his sleep at home this week. (October 31, 1940).

Carthage Record: April 7, 1887, Cookeville, TN

Mary Gentry, wife of Byrd Gentry of the 16<sup>th</sup> district, died last week of consumption.

Robert Byrd "Burt" Gentry – b. 25 September 1863. Putnam Co., TN –

d. 25 October 1944, Lawton Comanche, OK –

*Super. of Schools in Lawton, OK.*

md 1<sup>st</sup> about 1884, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN, Mary Lowe –

b. 11 May 1867, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN –

d/o I. Alfred Lowe & Mary Clark –

md 2<sup>nd</sup> 13 November 1887, Putnam Co., TN, Ruth Frances Ensor-

b. 19 April 1873, Putnam Co., TN – d. 10 September 1930, OK

d/o Jonathan Lasley Ensor & Sarah Frances Evans

William Newton "Esq. Bill" Gentry

Death Certificate:

Reel: 70, 1917

William N. Gentry: b. 11 November 1832 – d. 23 (20) September 1917 of nephritis, age 81, married: 1<sup>st</sup> Dist. of Cookeville, TN. Survivor, father, Silas Gentry, born NC, mother, Jane Lindsey, born TN. Dr. Lex Dyer. Buried Maxwell Graveyard, Putnam Co., TN.

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