

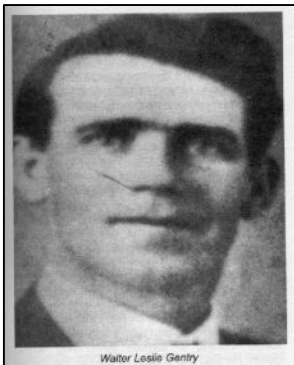
WALTER LESLIE GENTRY OBT.

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I never knew my grandfather. He died in an auto accident 10 years before I was born. Here is his obituary from the *Putnam County Herald*, Thursday July 16, 1931, Cookeville, TN.

Pedestrian Killed While On Way To See Sick Father:

Walter Gentry, 40, struck by auto on Highway No. 24 Saturday night. While walking to Baxter, Walter Gentry, 40, of Cleveland, TN, was instantly killed at 10:30 Saturday night when he was struck by a car driven by Roy McCawley, 20 year old son of John L. McCawley, of Gainesboro, on Highway No. 24 two miles west of Cookeville. Gentry was on his way to see his **father, Cy (Silas Henry Gentry)**, who is believed dying. Gentry had come to Cookeville from Cleveland, and stopped at John Cornwell's filling station near the Cookeville city limit before continuing his journey. He had walked about a mile from the filling station when he met his death. McCawley with Braxton, Sadl___ of Jellico, on his way to Gainesboro and it was said that lights of an approaching car blinded him and he never saw Gentry.



Gentry's left leg was torn off just below the knee and his skull was crushed. Funeral services were held at the Maxwell cemetery, Sunday afternoon, Rev. B. M. Harness officiating. Gentry is survived by his wife and a number of children and his parents.

I found Walter and Margaret Anne in the 1920 census of Smith County, TN 9th district, living with five of their children, working as a farm laborer. Then in 1930 census, Bradley County, TN, Cleveland Ward 3, they were living on Wilson Ave. Walter was working as a grinder in a stove foundry. I believe this to be Hardwick's Stove Co. as my father and two of his brothers also worked at Hardwick's
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*See Chapter 7 & Gentry files at: <http://www.ajlambert.com>

Silas Henry "Si" Gentry

b. October 30, 1857

d. January 11, 1932

Father: **William Newton "Esq. Bill" Gentry**

Mother: **Elizabeth "Eliza" Ann Taylor**

Buried: Maxwell Cemetery N. I-40, Baxter, TN

Wife: **Mary Robertson Maxwell**

b. September 07, 1859

d. January 18, 1947

Father: **Pickney C. Maxwell**

Mother: **Jane Conway**

Buried: Maxwell Cemetery N. I-40, Baxter, TN

Walter Leslie Gentry

b. October 05, 1883

d. July 11, 1931, Putnam Co., TN

Father: **Silas Henry "Si" Gentry**

Mother: **Mary Robertson Maxwell**

Buried: Maxwell Cemetery N. I-40, Baxter, TN

(1860 census 7th Dist., post office Double Springs, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 720 – **W. N. Gentry** is head of household, 24 yrs. old, TN md to **Eliza A.**, 23 yrs. old, TN. Children: Mary J, 4 yrs. old; Silas H., 3 yrs. old & John W. Gentry, 2/12 yrs. old. All born in TN).

(1870 census 10th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 34 – **W. N. Gentry** is head of household, 34 yrs. old, TN md to **Eliza**, 33 yrs. old, TN. Children: Mary, 14 yrs. old; **Silas**, 12 yrs. old, John, 10 yrs. old, Robert, 5 yrs. old; Martha, 3 yrs. old & Alice Gentry, 1 yr. old. All born in TN).

Census Place: 1880 District 17, Putnam Co., Tennessee

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Dwl: 207

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Silas H. GENTRY	Self	M	M	W	22	TN
Occ:	Farming	Fa: TN	Mo: VA			
Mary R. GENTRY	Wife	F	M	W	20	TN
Occ:	Keeping House	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Corea E. GENTRY	Dau	F	S	W	2	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
Ewing R. GENTRY	Son	M	S	W	10M	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				

(1900 census 16th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 101 – **Silas H. Gentry** is head of household, 42 yrs. old, b. October 1857, TN md 23 yrs. to **Mary R.**, 40 yrs. old, b. September 1859, TN, 11 children born, 10 children living. Children: Cory E., 22 yrs. old, b. April 1878; Liucilous C., dau., 18 yrs. old, b. February 1882; **Walter L.**, 16 yrs. old, b. October 1883; Sally A., 14 yrs. old, b. September 1885; Mary Lou, 10 yrs. old, b. December 1889; Bezza D., 8 yrs. old, b. July 1891; Elifelett G., dau, 7 yrs. old., b. January 1893; Letetha, 5 yrs. old, b. December 1894 & Albert L., Gentry, 1 yr. old, b. April 1898. All born in TN).

(1910 census 20th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 105 – **Silas H. Gentry** is head of household, 52 yrs. old, TN md 33 yrs. to **Mary R.**, 50 yrs. old, TN, 13 children born, 19 children living. Children: Cora E., 32 yrs. old; Sallie A., 24 yrs., old; Mary L., 20 yrs. old; Bezzie D., 18 yrs. old; Gillan E., 17 yrs. old, Lela O., 15 yrs. old & Albert L. Gentry, 11 yrs. old. All born in TN).

(1910 census 20th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 132 – **Walter Gentry** is head of household, 26 yrs. old, TN md 7 yrs. to **Maggie N.**, 23 yrs old, 3 children born, 3 children living. Children: Evert L., 5 yrs. old; Mary V., 3 yrs. old & Hubert E. Gentry, 16/12 yrs. old. All born in TN).

(1920 census 9th Civil Dist., Smith Co., TN: Dwl: 10 – **Walter L. Gentry** is head of household, 36 yrs. old, TN md to **Maggie N.**, 33 yrs. old, TN. Children: Everett Lee, 15 yrs old; Mar., 13 yrs. old; Herbert E. 10 yrs. old; dau. (sp) Pearl, 8 yrs. old & Mona E., Gentry, 6 yrs. old. All born in TN).

(1920 census 20th Civil Dist., Cookeville Rd., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 206 – **Silas H. Gentry** is head of household, 62 yrs. old, TN md to **Mary R.**, 60 yrs. old, TN. Children: Bessie D. Gentry, dau., 28 yrs. old, TN; Lenva (sp), granddaughter, 17 yrs. old, TN; Era, 9 yrs. old, granddaughter & Ermmie R. Gentry, granddaughter, 6 yrs. old. All born in TN)

(1930 census Civil Dist #4 (part) Cleveland Ward 3, Wilson Ave., Bradley Co., TN: Dwl: 674 – 706 – **Walter Gentry** is head of household, 46 yrs. old, TN (19 yrs. old 1st marriage): Occupation: Grinder Stove Factory: md to **Anne**, 43 yrs. old, TN (16 yrs. old 1st marriage). Children: Hurbert, 21 yrs. old; Mona, 16 yrs. old, Occupation: Textile Worker, Woolen Mills; Katherine, 10 yrs. old & Roy Gentry, 7 yrs. old. All born in TN).