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late

Judge Ernest Houston Boyd Sr.

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This book is dedicated to Cookeville Attorney, Ernest Huston Boyd, son of Judge Boyd, because of his interest in making these articles and other material, written by his father, available for inclusion in this book in order that it might be compiled, indexed, and made available to all people interested in the history of Putnam County, Tennessee.

Judge Ernest Houston Boyd Sr.

b. 1 October 1879, Putnam Co., TN – d. 27 December 1956

son of Alvin Whitten Boyd, prominent pioneer Cookeville lawyer and State Senator,
and Mary Goodpasture Boyd.

Cane Creek Baptist Church, Putnam Co., TN: pgs. 23 & 24:

Cane Creek Baptist Church, Eighty-two years ago, Silas W. Gentry and wife Margaret Gentry, by warranty deed, gave the land on which the Cane Creek Baptist Church is located, the deed, executed on September 4, 1871, appears of record in Deed Book "A" at pages 246 and 247, in the office of the County Register. The consideration for which the deed of gift was executed by Silas W. Gentry is recited by him in said deed as follows: "for the love that I have for the Cause of Christ."

The Cane Creek Church was organized originally in 1868 as a Christian Baptist Church and until 1897 it was affiliated with the Christian Baptist denomination. In 1897, the Western Division of the Stone Association of the Christian Baptist Church, with which the Cane Creek Church was affiliated, united with the Free Will Baptist denomination, to which denomination the Cane Creek Church belonged until 1918. Since 1918, the Cane Creek Church has been affiliated with the regular or larger denomination of Baptists, as an affiliate of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Throughout its history, the Cane Creek Church has been one of the most active Baptist congregations in Putnam County.

The late F. M. Gentry (*Francis Marion Gentry, s/o William Henry "Billy" Gentry & Lucinda Conway*) served for 55 years, and until his death, as Clerk of this church. His daughter, Miss Bessie Gentry, succeeded her father as Clerk of the Church, in which position she has served for ten years.

A LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE CANE CREEK CHRISTIAN BAPTIST CHURCH
December the 10th 1881
State of Tennessee, Putnam Co., TN Church Book and
List of Names
of the Christian Baptist Church convened together at Cane Creek.
Organized in the Year of our Lord 1868 with
James A. Moyers, Pastor.
Upper Cumberland Genealogical Association
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LIST OF MALE MEMBERS:

1. James A. Meyers: Deceased 9 May 1885
2. **Louis P. Gentry**: Deceased 6 April 1916,
s/o William Henry "Billy" Gentry & Lucinda Conway: Chapter 7.
3. William W. Ellis: Deceased 3 June 1917
4. Robbert Gentry: Deceased
5. Jaby T. Stewart: Deceased 17 April 1882
6. **Joel Henley**, *s/o John Henley/Hendley*
7. Robert Judd: Dismissed by letter
8. Jessey P. Stewart
9. Wesley Judd: Excluded himself
10. Nathan Taylor: Deceased
11. Buchanon Brown: Gone to Bloomington
12. Sayphayett Gentry: Died 12 March 1883
13. B.F. Patton: Dismissed by letter
14. Warren Jackson: Dismissed by letter
15. George Bullington: Deceased
16. William P. Stone: Died 16 March 1883
17. John W. Stone: Deceased 1907
18. F. M. Gentry: Excluded himself, *Francis Marion Gentry,*
s/o William Henry "Billy" Gentry & Lucinda Conway: Chapter 7.
19. William Judd: Dismissed by letter
20. Mathias Judd: Dismissed by letter
21. Nathan Judd
22. Peter Rewark?: Deceased 188?
23. James McCoy: Dismissed by letter
24. John S. Welch: Dismissed by letter
25. Eulas Maxwell
26. John Mills: Name off by request
27. **William Gentry: Deceased 189?**
28. Hiram Stone: Deceased 16 August 1891
29. Jesse bell: Deceased
30. John Bray
31. Bird Brown: Gone to Bloomington
32. John W. Stewart: Dismissed by letter
33. David Maxwell
34. **Thomas M. Gentry**
35. Samuel P. Stewart: Died 3 June 1910
36. Robbert S. Gentry: Dismissed by letter
37. Matison Gentry: Gone to Antioch
38. S. S. Shoemake: Gone to Antioch
39. Newton Bussell
40. Joseph McCaleb

41. H.T. Sparks: Dismissed by letter
42. E. W. Stone
- 43. W. B. Gentry**
44. G. W. White: Died July 1919
45. A. F. Bullington
46. J. M. Judd: Dismissed by letter
47. W. M. Mills
48. W. L. Bray
49. W. R. Bray: Deceased 23 June 1916
50. William Frankling: Dismissed by letter
51. M. W. White
52. J. W. Stone
53. J. H. Carr
54. J. S. Myers
55. W. s. Grimes
56. D. B. Stone
57. G.G. Grimes
58. W.M. Bray
59. J. M. Bradford
60. G.W. Jackson: Dismissed by letter
61. J. T. Judd: Died 4 August 1890
62. J. S. Sparks: Dismissed by letter
63. Jim Campbell
64. J. W. Sparks: Dismissed by letter
- 65. J. W. Henley: Dismissed by letter**
66. W. T. Stewart
67. J. N. Stone
68. R.C.? Ray
69. W.B. Ray
70. G.W. Stone
71. J. T. Stone
72. J. H. Myatt
73. A. R. Massa: Deceased 31 January 1915
74. J. S. Randolph
75. George Weste: Deceased 14 May 189?
76. W. Ashburn: Dismissed by letter
77. H. F. Sparks
78. J. P. Rollins: Gone to Christian Church
79. J.H. Wr____?

LIST OF MALE MEMBERS:

1. Nancy M. Moyers: Deceased 1 June 1883
2. Martha W. Gentry: Deceased 1 March 1919
3. Elizabeth E. Ellis: Deceased 6 December 1900
4. Nancy M. Maxwell: Deceased March 1911
5. Sarah M. Maxwell: Dismissed by letter
6. Lucretia Jane Mills
7. Margret E. Patton: Dismissed by letter
8. Martha Taylor: Dismissed by letter
- 9. Manerva Stone**
10. Nancy E. Stewart: Deceased 2 April 1909
11. Sorina Judd: Deceased
- 12. Harret Henley**
13. Margret Stone: Deceased June 1920
14. Leitha Judd: Deceased August 27, 1900
15. Almarida Carter

16. Emeline Bowman: Deceased August 1892
17. Arminta D. Stewart: Deceased 24 October 1900
18. Sarah A. Mahan: 4 August 1889, Deceased
19. Nancy Slagal: Dismissed by letter, 10 April 1886
20. Susan Ann Taylor
21. Frances Brown: Gone to Bloomington
22. Sarah Maguire: Dismissed by letter
23. **Julia Gentry**
24. Lewis? Judd: Gone to Pleasant Ridge
25. Mary Judd: Excluded herself by leaving us
26. Susan Gentry: Deceased March 1903
27. Margret Gentry: Deceased April 1888
28. Julia Bradford
29. Judy Ann Ellis
30. Mary Judd: Dismissed by letter
31. Jane Jackson: Dismissed by letter
32. Louisa Judd: Dismissed by letter
33. Nancy Hutson
34. Catherine Jackson
35. Margret E. Moyers, Deceased 23 January 1884
36. Lucinda H. Gentry: Deceased 1881
37. Sarra W. Gentry: Deceased 20 October 1908
38. Lucinda Gentry: Deceased March 1891
39. Elizabeth Welch: Dismissed by letter
40. Frances J. Welch: Dismissed by letter
41. Name skipped
42. Mary Brown: Gone to Bloomington
43. Rhoda Brown: Gone to Bloomington
44. Elizabeth Franklin: Deceased 25 June 1910
45. Nancy Franklin Long
46. Milca Jane Stone: Deceased November 1915
47. Naoma Stone: Deceased 21 August 1884
48. Lucinda Bell: Deceased November 1909
49. Mary F. Gentry Bussell: Deceased March 1929
50. Allis Stone
51. Milah A. Stewart: Deceased 20 may 1884?
52. Sarah E. Stewart
53. S.S. Gentry: Excluded herself by leaving us
54. M.A. Gentry
55. Polina F. Gentry: Died February 1890
56. Leona Dyre
57. Mary Ann Bray: Dismissed by letter
58. M S. Gentry
59. Susan S. Gentry: Died August 1883
60. M. W. Steward: Deceased
61. Nancy J. Stewart: Deceased
62. Luanar A. Stewart
63. Lizey I. Stewart
64. **Jane Gentry: Dismissed by letter**
65. Adaline Putty: Dismissed by letter
66. Mary J. Stewart: Dismissed by letter
67. Josey Shumake: Gone to Antioch
68. Ma??randy West: Dismissed by letter
69. Mary F. Moyers
70. E.J. Bray Whitehead
71. C. L. Stone

72. Martha Bray
73. S. B. Bray: Deceased 2 March 1892
74. S.G. Stone
75. J. D. Gentry: Deceased 26 September 1909
76. S. D. White
77. O.A. Stone
78. C. A. Moyers
79. N. A. Gentry
80. S. A. Stone
81. M. s. Judd: Dismissed by letter
82. R. W. Mills: Dismissed by letter
83. S. J. Bray: Deceased 1912
84. M. E. White
85. S. E. Mills
86. Mary W.
87. M. E. Mills: Dismissed by letter
88. S. F. Bussell Ellis
89. M. F. Bussell
90. M. T. Grimes: Deceased 7 April 1899
91. M.F. Stewart: Gone to Pleasant Hill
92. M. A. Stewart: Died 19 January 1907
93. C.P. Jackson
94. D. C. Franklin
95. R. D. Sparks: Dismissed by letter
96. N . M. Ashburn: Dismissed by letter
97. S. C. Cambell
98. Missouri Carr
99. R. S. Judd: Dismissed by letter
100. Emey Gentry: Deceased 20 September 1902
101. Sarah Molindy Grant: Dismissed by letter
102. S. J. Grimes: Deceased 8 September 1905
103. M. S. or L. Myatt Randolph
104. M. S. Henley: Dismissed by letter
105. M. C. Sparks: Dismissed by letter
106. Ales Nash: Deceased
107. Morenda Myatt: Deceased
108. Elizabeth Massa: Deceased 18 April 1909
109. J. A. Randolph
110. Liza Weste?: Dismissed by letter
111. R. C. Gentry
112. W. C. Myatt
113. Y. A. Gentry
114. S. V. Rollins
115. S. A. Worley
116. N. A. Gentry Sparks
117. Elizabeth Weste: Deceased December 1918
118. L. A. Pendergrass
119. A. T. Weste
120. E. A. Rollins: Deceased June 1908
121. M. W. Gentry: Deceased 3 November
122. C. B. Rollins: Deceased March 1901
123. M. M. Campbell
124. W. E. Worley
125. M. E. Stewart: Deceased
126. Elizabeth Myatt: Deceased June 1903
127. Catherine Lee: Deceased 11 August 1916

128. M. A. Allinson: Deceased 30 September 1908
129. S. J. Myatt: Deceased March 1910
130. M. J. Ellis
131. M. F. Ellis: Deceased 26 May 1898
132. F. E. Montgomery
133. L. V. Allison
134. J. E. Moyers
135. S. E. Bray: Deceased
136. M. A. Myatt
137. J. A. Ellis: Died 20 October 1897
138. S. M. Burgess: Died October 1901
139. M. A. Bray: Dismissed by letter
140. E. E. Maxwell: Deceased March 1910
141. C. A. Worley
142. C. Bussell
143. W. F. Gentry: Deceased 10 October 1907
144. M. J. Stone
145. S. W. Bussell
146. M. A. Bussell
147. M. O. Bussell: Deceased June 1918
148. America Burgess: Deceased August 1900
149. S. M. McCaleb
150. M. D. Worley
151. E. C. Carr Mackey: Died 17 November 1901
152. D. McBride
153. Rosa McBride
154. M. C. McCaleb
155. M. F. Carr
156. T. M. Gentry
157. L. M. Mills
158. Perley A. Stewart
159. Molley Bray: Deceased 13 February 1908
160. Ma?? M. Gentry
161. Marget E. Worley
162. A. M. Worley: Deceased uly 1907
163. Tennie Mills
164. Delar Burgess

John L. Welch was Pastor for the church for the years 1881 and 1882. F. M. Gentry, Clerk; R. L Gentry was Pastor of the church in 1883. Brother B. Haney was Pastor in 1890.

I have found that an S and L were made much the same. So it was very hard to distinguish between the two. So please keep this in mind when searching for a relative.

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