

## DOCTORS OF PUTNAM COUNTY AND SURROUNDING AREAS IN TENNESSEE

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#### **HEALTH & HEALTH CARE**

Putnam County Tennessee, 1850 - 1970

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The health of Putnam Countians was generally poor in 1890. Epidemics sometimes wiped out whole families; infant mortality was high; numerous women died in childbirth; and all their lives many residents suffered from malnutrition, and other chronic diseases, as well as the fatigue and mental depression which accompanied them.

Tennessee recorded no reliable vital statistics until 1913, but apparently tuberculosis, commonly known as “consumption,” was the number-one killer in the county. Many others died of typhoid fever, scarlet fever, dysentery, influenza, diphtheria, whooping cough, meningitis, pneumonia, measles, cancer, heart failure, and strokes.

Although smallpox vaccination had been used successfully in the United States since 1721, many Putnam Countians, either because of ignorance, superstition, carelessness, or inability to get to free clinics, failed to receive immunization. In the twentieth century, an incredibly late date, the county had two sieges of the dread disease which either killed its victims or left them hideously scarred for life.

In October of 1900 two prisoners in the country jail contracted what appeared to be smallpox. At the request of **Dr. Jeff F. Dyer**, the county health officer, a physician from the State Board of Health came from Nashville and confirmed that diagnosis. Even though the jail was placed under quarantine, eventually thirty-seven persons contracted the disease.

In response to the great alarm, public officials and the press became, defense. The Putnam County Board of Health prematurely issued a circular assuring citizens that the danger was over; a later bulletin stated that all cases were under quarantine and that the contagion was in control. The Board alleged that a prisoner taken in East Tennessee had spread the illness, and the *Press* charged that black railroad and mining hands who were infected with small pox had been shipped out of Cumberland and into Putnam County. It charged, “had it not been for this, Putnam would have been clean of smallpox. Cumberland county is doing nothing to stamp out the disease...and our people are getting tired of such infamous conduct.” Again in 1904 an epidemic struck and twenty person contracted smallpox.

The county employed a primitive means of controlling this and other epidemics. In cooperation with the Oddfellows it operated a house of quarantine known as the “pesthouse: two miles north of Cookeville. Here victims of dread diseases, particularly vagrants, the poor, and the black, who could not be isolated in private homes, were retained. Those who were thus incarcerated were doubly cursed. They were desperately ill, and conditions under which they recovered or died were horrible. Guards passed food and water to them through slots in the walls. Members of their families and friends were not permitted to visit them.

To most of the populace pregnancy was a “hush-hush,” shameful condition. Many expectant mothers had no prenatal care, rarely appeared in public, and thought it immodest to call in a male doctor. There were midwives, usually called “aunts,” in every little community who delivered most of the babies. Postnatal care for women and babies was the exception. Most mothers breast-fed their infants from nine months to a year. Then, because cow’s milk was not pasteurized and there was little knowledge of the dangers of bacteria, many babies died of the “milk sickness” during the first summer after they were weaned.

Old people were expected to die of “old age,” and often their families did not call in doctors until patients were in the terminal stages of their illness.

Many Putnam Countians sought medical advice from quacks, for men with no training could register with the county clerk and begin practice. J. G. Wiggington, a phrenologist, used electrical charges to cure paralysis and John A. Ridger advertised as an "Indian doctor" and convinced many that he had cured them. A number of local women were believed to have healing powers.

Other who were sick turned to folk remedies based on ignorance and superstition. For example, some believed that tying the foot of a mole around a baby's neck eased teething pain, that a buried dishrag removed warts, and that forcing chickens to run over children warded off chickenpox. A few of the home cures probably had some medicinal value. Housewives brewed sassafras tea to improve the blood, made poultices of slippery elm bark and dried calamus root for colic, applied yellowroot for sore mouths, and advised drinking blackberry juice for diarrhea.

Many people relied on patent medicines. Unregulated in any way before the passage of the United States Pure Food and Drug Act in 1906 and the Tennessee Pure Food and Drug Act in 1907, over-the-counter remedies, such as Pe-Ru-Na, Lydia Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and Wine of Cardui were heavily laced with alcohol. While they made some patients feel better temporarily, they created as many ailments as they "cured." In the 1890's Z. T. Hinds, a Cookeville druggist, formulated Hind's Little Liver Pills and advertised and distributed them in Middle Tennessee.

Unfortunately, many trained doctors were inadequately prepared to diagnose and cure. Medical schools, many of them poor, had multiplied without regulation in the 1880's, and diplomas from many of them had little value. The Tennessee Medical Society and later the Tennessee State Medical Association handled licensing as best they could. Well-meaning doctors, not only in Putnam County but throughout the nation, did not know the causes of numerous illnesses, and many of their remedies were primitive. The use of purgatives accompanied by starvation diets was the standard treatment for most ailments. Doctors prescribed large doses of castor oil, calomel, and Epsom salts to open the bowels and "stir up torpid liver." Many also ordered the drinking of turpentine and whiskey.

Struggling against these hardships, a number of physicians spent their lives trying to cure the sick. Cookeville doctors in the 1890's included **John B. S. Martin, Henry C. Martin, Lemuel R. McClain, Jeff F. Dyer, and G. W. Whitney**, Drs. **Claude P. Martin, Zebedee L. Shipley, Lex Dyer, L. D. Ensor, W. Scott Farmer, William H. Ragland, and William A. Howard** began practice somewhat later. Farmer eventually moved to Nashville and served as superintendent of Central State Hospital some thirty years.

From 1890 to 1920 **J. Thomas Moore and J. A. Butler** practiced medicine in Algood and **Robert L. Ray, W. C. Officer, C. A. Collins, Alvah Johnson, and T. Morrison Crain** were Monterey physicians. **Drs. Samuel Denton, W. E. Sypert, Shelia Davis, Ned Burton, William F. Sewell, J. M. Wheeler, Thomas Jefferson Smith, and Luther M. Freeman** served the western part of the county.<sup>17</sup>

**R. L. Duval, G. N. Guthrie, W. D. Ferrell, J. Peyton Terry, and S. H. Baird** were some of the Putnam County's leading dentists.

In his charming and informative book, *Dr. Tom*, **J. Thomas Moore** described his medical practice in Algood in the early 1900's. He received few patients at his office, at first a hotel room; instead, often riding miles into the country, he made hundreds of home calls a year. In summer he traveled on horseback or in a buggy, and on snowy winter days he fitted runners made of wagon tires under his buggy and turned it into a sleigh. He charged one dollar for a house call within two miles of his office and five dollars to deliver a baby. "**Dr. Tom**" pulled teeth, practiced surgery with **Dr. William A. Howard**, and treated all the common diseases without the benefits of penicillin or antibiotics. Once, on a kitchen table dragged outside under a tree, he removed a bullet from the liver of a shooting victim. Such a large crowd gathered to observe the surgery that the constable was called to restrain the crowd!

**Dr. Moore** and other Putnam County physicians made efforts to stay abreast of their profession. For years he, **Dr. Howard**, and Cookeville dentist **Terry** went for a week's training at Mayo's Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. Many Putnam County physicians were active in the Upper Cumberland Medical Society, a

group of doctors from some fifteen counties who met annually to discuss problems and share information. In 1900 Moore helped organize a Putnam County Medical Society, but the association was not chartered until 1922 and did not meet regularly until the 1930's.

Moore, like other local doctors, felt that improved education was essential to rid the county of reliance on medical "witchcraft" and to control epidemics. He helped promote the Algood High School and served on the County Board of Education some twenty years. In 1951 the Tennessee Medical Association named him "Doctor of the Year."

The Episcopal Church operated a valuable health service in Monterey. In 1914 the Tennessee Diocese bought the Cumberland Hotel building and opened Saint Raphael's, a school for missionaries, social workers, and postulants, in the rambling building. The directors soon had an infirmary and visiting nurse service functioning under the direction of **Rose Orwell, Dr. Alexander C. Killeffer**, his wife Mary, and their family arrived in the mountain community in 1918. Under the leadership of Killeffer, who was to head the mission until 1931, the facility reached its zenith. Monterey physicians **Officer** and **Johnson** performed surgery operation. In addition to medical aid, the mission held Sunday School classes and worship services, opened a library, and provided the mountain people with clothes from missionary barrels. Killeffer organized a Boy Scout troop, probably the first affiliated with the national organization, in Putnam County.

In the early years of the twentieth century a number of factors brought some improvement in health practices in Putnam County. Informed persons throughout the United States began to realize the implications of the germ theory and to demand better sanitation. New discoveries in medical science gained increased respect for the medical profession. In 1901 the Tennessee General Assembly tightened standards for state medical schools, and in 1916 that body required examinations of all physicians who wished to practice in Tennessee. The Putnam County Quarterly Court elected a health officer who led immunization drives and sanitation projects, hired a county nurse, and paid partial expenses for care of mentally ill at Central State Hospital in Nashville. The Tennessee Public Health Department examined water supplies.

After World War I the Red Cross provided workers who investigated the health needs of county families and arranged for care with local physicians. The chapter likewise scheduled classes in home nursing.

County doctors introduced new techniques. They abandoned their emphasis on purgatives, emphasized immunization, and began employing x-rays for diagnosis. **Dr. Moore** introduced the use of aspirin to relieve pain.

In spite of improved sanitation and preventative measures, epidemics continued to hit the area. While smallpox and typhoid fever were on the wane, diphtheria and scarlet fever still claimed many victims, and in 1918 a terrible influenza epidemic hit the United States and Putnam County. Beginning in September of 1918, the disease spread rapidly throughout the county. It struck whole families and many, especially the elderly, babies, and those who refused bed rest, died. Stores ran out of coffins and families had to make their own. Schools and theaters closed, and clubs discontinued meetings.

Nevertheless, Putnam had made progress in health care from 1890 to 1920. While many of its citizens still relied on folk cures, many others called in physicians, now better trained to treat their illnesses. In 1923 Putnam County had 116 practicing physicians and ranked 22 in the number of doctors among the 95 counties of Tennessee.

For many of the starry-eyed young Cookeville High School students who received their diplomas in May of 1893, who debated, recited, painted, and played, who faced the future with naïve optimism, the ensuing decades had been rewarding ones. Hatfield had improved Putnam County schools significantly. Holladay had helped write the bill establishing TPI. Whitney, active in several literary and civic organizations, had stimulated women to think. The graduates had brought lyceums, concerts, and libraries to Putnam County. They had subscribed to newspapers, worked in civic clubs, and supported improvements in public health. And they had had a lot of fun.

<sup>17</sup>This list, compiled primarily from accounts of medical meetings in area newspapers, is not a complete roster of the physicians of Putnam County from 1890 to 1920. Although during these years medical doctors were required to register their licenses in the county court clerk's office, these registrations cannot presently be located by that office. Dr. and Mrs. **Thurman Shipley** and others were helpful in checking the list compiled by the writer.



This picture of local Cookeville doctors was taken in 1965 at the home of Dr. J. T. DeBerry on North Washington Avenue. Pictured from left to right are (seated on the floor), Dr. Katherine Crawford Wolfe; (on the sofa) Dr. W. A. Howard, Dr. William A. Hensley, Dr. Jack Clark, Dr. Thurman Shipley, and Dr. Tom Moore; (standing) Dr. William S. Taylor, Dr. Jere Lowe, Dr. Claude Williams, Dr. Fred Terry, Dr. Robert Larrick, Dr. Clarence L. Jones, Dr. J. T. DeBerry, and Dr. Kenneth L. Haile. The other two Cookeville doctors who were on duty at the hospital were Dr. Jack Moore and Dr. Bill Francis. Picture courtesy of Dr. John Limbacker.  
**Source:** Images of America Cookeville and Putnam County Tennessee by the Cookeville History Museum, Cookeville, TN.



Members of the Upper Cumberland Medical Society. Back row, from left: Drs. Jack Clark, Tom Wilson, Jere Lowe, Thayer Wilson and Kenneth Haile. Front row, from left: Drs. William Howard, J. T. Moore Sr., L. M. Freeman, L. T. Reeves, and C. C. Howard of Glasgow, KY.

**Source:** The People's Hospital – A History of Cookeville Regional Medical Center 1950-2010 by Laura E. Clemons, pg. 23.

**DR. CLAUDE P. MARTIN**, b. 14 March 1877, TN – d. 19 June 1963, s/o **John Ballard Springs Martin** (1848-1926) & **Lillie Dale Crutcher** (1857-1927). He md on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March 1902, Warren Co., TN to **Lyda (Faulkner) Martin**, b. 1881 – d. 19 September 1927, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **William Faulkner & Matte Walding**.

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Warren Co., TN, pg. 269: C. P. Martin married 17 March 1902, Warren Co., TN to Miss Lyda Faulkner).

Name: Lyda Faulkner Martin  
Death Date: 19 Sep 1927  
Death Place: Putnam, Tennessee  
Gender: Female  
Marital Status: Married  
Race or Color: White  
Age: 46  
Estimated Birth Year: 1881  
Birth Place: Tenn  
Father: William Faulkner  
Father's Birth Place: Tenn  
Mother: Matte Walding  
Mother's Birth Place: Tenn  
Occupation: Housework  
Cemetery: City Cemetery  
Burial Date: 20 Sep 1927  
Collection: Tennessee, Death Records, 1914-1955

(1900 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 489 – **John B. S. Martin** is head of household, 52 yrs. old, b. March 1848, TN, occupation: Physician, md 24 yrs. to **Lillie D.**, 43 yrs. old, b. May 1857, 9 children born, 5 children living. Children: **Claud P.**, 22 yrs. old, b. October 1877; Daisy M., 18 yrs. old, b. March 1882; Joseph H., 14 yrs. old, b. July 1885; Henry C., 11 yrs. old, b. July 1888 & John C. Martin, 10 yrs. old, b. August 1889. All born in TN).

(1910 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Maple Street, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 99 – **Claude P. Martin** is head of household, 33 yrs. old, TN, Occupation: Physician General Practice, md 8 yrs. to **Lyda**, 29 yrs. old, TN, 1 child born, 0 living).

(1930 census, 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Cookeville Town, east of Walnut, Maple Street: Dwl: #201 – 178 – 185 – **Dr. Claude Martin** is head of household, 52 yrs. old, TN, widow (25 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage). Occupation: Physician Medical).

**DR. HENRY CLAY MARTIN**, b. 9 July 1853, Van Buren Co., TN – d. 5 June 1946, Putnam Co., TN, s/o **Dr. John Preston Martin & Parmelia W. Price**. Dr. Henry Clay Martin md 1<sup>st</sup> on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September 1877, DeKalb Co., TN to **Lucy “Lou” E. Shields** – md 2<sup>nd</sup> **Hettie E. Simms**. Lucy “Lou” E. (Shields) Martin, b. 17 March 1860 – d. 7 July 1911. Dr. Henry Clay Martin & Lucy “Lou” E. (Shields) Martin both buried in the Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, DeKalb Co., TN, pg. 314, #90: H. C. Martin married 22 September 1877, DeKalb Co., TN to Lucy Shields).

Rites Set Today For Dr. Henry C. Martin, 92:

Funeral services for Dr. Henry C. Martin, 92, Putnam County's oldest physician who died at 9 o'clock yesterday morning at his home on Broad Street, will be conducted at 3 o'clock this afternoon at the Cookeville Church of Christ. Kirk Blankenship will officiate and burial will be in the City Cemetery.

Dr. Martin had been ill only a few days. He would have been 93 years old July 8, having been born in Spencer in 1853.

At the age of 20, Dr. Martin moved to Cookeville with his parents, the late Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Martin. He was a brother of Dr. John B. S. Martin, Cookeville, who died several years ago.

A graduate of the Vanderbilt University Medical School, Dr. Martin began his practice here in 1874. He continued an active practice until about 15 years ago.

Dr. Martin could, at the time of his illness, recall things which happened in his childhood.

A member of the Church of Christ, Dr. Martin was also a veteran Mason and Odd Fellow.

Dr. Martin was married twice, first to the former Miss Lou Shields of Smithville in 1877. She died in 1911. He later married Mrs. Hettie Sims, who survives.

In addition to his widow, Dr. Martin is survived by three nephews, Dr. Claude Martin, Cookeville, and Dr. Henry Martin of Atlanta, GA, and Van Martin, St. Louis, MO; a step-daughter, Mrs. Allen Huddleston, Nashville; a step-son, P. D. Sims of Nashville, and a niece, Mrs. J. Petigo, of St. Louis.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 6 June 1946.

*A History of Putnam County* by Walter S. McClain – 1925. pg. 151: **HENRY CLAY MARTIN, M. D.**, born in Spencer, July 9, 1853. Married **Miss Lou Shields**, in 1877, who died July 8, 1911. On July 28, 1912, he married **Mrs. Hettie Sims**. Dr. Martin is a graduate of the Vanderbilt Medical School and has practiced in Cookeville since 1884. He is a member of the Church of Christ, a Mason, an Odd Fellow, a Woodman and a Democrat.

Census Place: 1880 District 1, Putnam Co., TN

Source: FHL Film 1255275 National Archives Film T9-1275 Page 78C

Dwl: 27

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
<b>H.C. MARTIN</b>	Self	M		M	W	26 TN
	Occ:	Physician		Fa: TN	Mo: TN	
<b>Lue E. MARTIN</b>	Wife	F		M	W	19 TN
	Occ:	Keeping House		Fa: TN	Mo: TN	
<b>Belle MARTIN</b>	Sister	L F		S	W	12 TN
	Occ:	Student		Fa: TN	Mo: TN	

(1900 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 468 – **Henry C. Martin** is head of household, 46 yrs. old, b. July 1853, TN. Occupation: Physician, md 22 yrs. to **Lou E.**, 40 yrs. old, b. March 1860, TN. Living in the household: Mary Judd, Servant, 10 yrs. old, b. October 1889, TN).

(1910 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Cookeville Town, Broad Street, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 126 – **Henry C. Martin** is head of household, 56 yrs. old, TN. Occupation: Physician General Practice - md 33 yrs. to **Lue**, 50 yrs. old, TN).

(1920 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 130 Family: 194 – **Henry C. Martin** is head of household, 66 yrs. old, TN. Occupation: Physician md to **Hettie E.**, 45 yrs. old, TN)

(1930 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Cookeville Town, east of Walnut, Broadway St., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 130-211-225 – **Henry C. Martin** is head of household, 76 yrs. old, TN (25 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage), Occupation: Physician Medical, md to **Hettie E.**, 55 yrs. old, TN (19 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage).

**Source:** Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 15 July 1937:

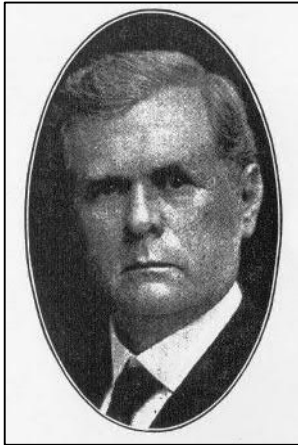
FIDDLE IS STOLEN FROM DR. HENRY MARTIN



There will be no more old favorites for Dr. Henry Martin, 84, retired physician, until he can get his 125-year-old fiddle back, he revealed Tuesday.

He said the fiddle, which has been in his possession for more than fifty years, was taken from its case in his home since he last played a few old favorites several weeks ago. Feeling the musical urge again Monday night, he reached for his fiddle only to find that the case was empty.

Dr. Martin, who said he was quite a fiddler in his day, is making every effort to trace the stolen instrument.



**JOHN BALLARD SPRINGS MARTIN, M.D.**, was born at McMinnville, Tenn., March 19, 1848. He married May 26, 1875, to Miss **Lillie Dale Crutcher**. Attended Cumberland Institute, Dibrell Academy, University of Nashville and Vanderbilt Medical College. Dr. Martin is a Democrat, a Mason and a member of the Church of Christ. He has taken high degrees in York and Scottish Rite Masonry. Was the first druggist to do business in Cookeville, back in 1874 to 1878. He moved to Cookeville in 1873. Began the practice of Medicine in 1878.

*A History of Putnam County* by Walter S. McClain – 1925. pg. 135:  
(Pictured: Dr. John Ballard Springs Martin)

**Dr. John Ballard Springs Martin**, b. 19 March 1848, McMinnville, TN – d. 30 December 1926, Cookeville TN md **Lillie Dale (Crutcher) Martin**, b. 12 May 1857 – d. 8 July 1927, Putnam Co., TN (no death date on stone), d/o **Joe W. Crutcher** (1827-1878) & **Mary Jane McKinney** (1837-1911). Dr. John Ballard Springs Martin, s/o **Dr. John Preston Martin** (1823-1899) & **Parmelia W. Price** (1823-1907). All buried in Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

Lille Dale Crutcher Martin  
b. ----, TN  
d. 8 Jul 1927  
Age: abt 69y  
Father: Joe Crutcher, TN  
Mother: Mary Jane McKinney, TN  
City Cemetery Putnam Co., TN  
DC #16033, Putnam Co., TN

(1870 census Dist. 11, White Co., TN: Dwl: 100 - **J. P. Martin** is head of household, 47 yrs. old, TN, occupation: physician, md to **Parmelia**, 47 yrs. old, TN. Children: Henry, 17 yrs. old; E. A., 14 yrs. old; Z. 11 yrs. old & Ethan Martin, 8 yrs. old. All born in TN).

Census Place: 1880 District 1, Putnam Co., Tennessee

Source: FHL Film 1255275 National Archives Film T9-1275 Page 78C

Dwl: 29 Family: 29

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
<b>J.B.S. MARTIN</b>	Self	M	M	W	32	TN
Occ:	Physician		Fa: TN	Mo: TN		
<b>L.D. MARTIN</b>	Wife	F	M	W	23	TN
Occ:	Keeping House		Fa: TN	Mo: TN		
<b>C.P. MARTIN</b>	Son	M	S	W	2	TN
			Fa: TN	Mo: TN		
<b>John SHOREZ</b>	BroL	M	M	W	37	TN
Occ:	Farmer		Fa: TN	Mo: TN		
<b>E.A. SHOREZ</b>	SisterL	F	M	W	22	TN
Occ:	Keeping House		Fa: TN	Mo: TN		

Mattie SHOREZ Niece F S W 2 TN  
Fa: TN Mo: TN

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(1910 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Cookeville Town, Maple Street, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 98 – **John B. Martin** is head of household, 62 yrs. old, TN. Occupation: Physician General Practice, md 36 yrs. to **Lillie D.**, 53 yrs. old, TN, 9 children born, 4 children living. Children: Daisy D., 28 yrs. old; **Henry**, 21 yrs. old.; & John C. Martin, 11 yrs. old. All born in TN).

(1920 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Broad Street, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 278 – **John B. S. Martin** is head of household, 71 yrs. old, TN. Occupation: Doctor Medical, md 36 yrs. to **Lillie**, 62 yrs. old, TN. Children: Henry C. Jr., 31 yrs. old. Occupation: Trading salesman oil company & John C. Martin, 20 yrs. old. All born in TN)

**DR. JOHN PRESTON MARTIN**, b. 27 March 1823, White Co., TN – d. 9 June 1889 married **Parmelia W. (Price) Martin**, b. 26 May 1823, McMinnville, Warren Co., TN – d. 28 September 1907, TN, both buried in the Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

**MARTIN, JOHN PRESTON**: Dr. John Preston Martin Dead -- Last Friday morning at his home in Cookeville, Dr. J. P. Martin quietly breathed his last. A few days before he was struck by paralysis, and never regained his strength, and was only able to speak a few disconnected sentences. Dr. John Preston Martin was born in White County, near the Putnam line 76 years ago. He has been a resident of this county 26 years. After reaching the years of maturity Dr. Martin engaged in the newspaper business at McMinnville, where he conducted a successful journal. He studied medicine, and for 40 years was a practicing physician. During the latter period of his life, he was engaged in the drug business. Dr. Martin has been married for 52 years, and his good wife still survives him. 24 years ago he became a member of the Christian Church. In '88 he represented Putnam county in the Legislature. Such is a brief biography of the man. His remains were placed in a vault in the cemetery. The burial was under Masonic and Odd Fellow supervision, of which orders he was an old and honorable member. He was the father of Drs J. B. S. and H. C. Martin, Et Martin, and Miss Z. Martin.

[Newspaper: The Cookeville Press, Date 6/15/1899, Vol. XIII, No. 24, Page 1]

**MARTIN, PARMELIA**: Mrs. Parmelia Martin, widow of the late Dr. J. P Martin, died at her home in this city Saturday, September 28th, 1907 after a long illness. She was about 84 years of age and a highly respected lady. For many years she had been a faithful member of the Christian church. Mrs. Martin is survived by three children, Drs. J. B. S. and H. C. Martin and Miss Z. Martin, all of this city. Her remains were laid to rest in the city cemetery at 4 o'clock Sunday.

[Date 10/3/1907, Vol. V, No. 31, Page 1] – The Cookeville Press, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN.

(1870 census Dist. 11, White Co., TN: Dwl: 100 - **J. P. Martin** is head of household, 47 yrs. old, TN, occupation: physician, md to **Parmelia**, 47 yrs. old, TN. Children: Henry, 17 yrs. old; E. A., 14 yrs. old; Z. 11 yrs. old & Ethan Martin, 8 yrs. old. All born in TN).

Census Place: 1880 District 1, Putnam Co., Tennessee

Source: FHL Film 1255275 National Archives Film T9-1275 Page 78C

Dwl: 28

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
<b>J.P. MARTIN</b>	Self	M	M	W	57	TN
Occ:	Physician		Fa: VA	Mo: VA		



<b>P.W. MARTIN</b>	Wife	F	M	W	57	TN
	Occ:	Keeping House	Fa: VA	Mo: VA		
<b>G. MARTIN</b>	Dau	F	S	W	18	TN
	Occ:	Student	Fa: TN	Mo: TN		
<b>E.E. MARTIN</b>	Son	M	S	W	17	TN
	Occ:	Student	Fa: TN	Mo: TN		

(1900 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 421 – **Pamilia Martin** is head of household, 77 yrs. old, b. May 1823, TN (parents both born in VA), widow, 6 children born, 3 children living. Children: Joe, 41 yrs. old, b. May 1859, single, occupation: Druggist; Minnie, daughter-in-law, 22 yrs. old, b. October 1877, widow, 2 children born, 1 child living; Van C., grandson, 4 yrs. old, b. February 1896 & Mollie Martin, granddaughter, 15 yrs. old, b. February 1885. All born in TN).

### **DR. ROBERT EUGENE MARTIN SR.**

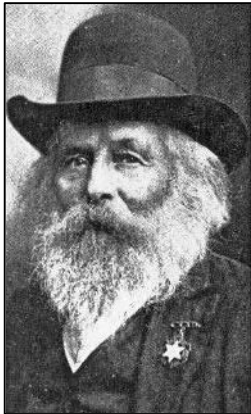
**COOKEVILLE** -- A public celebration of the life of Dr. Robert Eugene Martin Sr. will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 21, at First Baptist Church in Cookeville. Bob will be cremated and interred privately, with military honors, in Welch Memorial Cemetery in Monterey. He had his homecoming on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009, where his family reckons he has requested the biggest, loudest pipe organ the Lord can muster for him to play "The Tennessee Waltz," Bob Martin style.

Born in 1930, in Monterey, where the hilltops kiss the sky, Bob graduated from Monterey High School and Tennessee Technological University, prior to serving in the Army during the Korean War, where he was stationed in Japan. Bob taught two years at MHS where he discovered his life's calling. After receiving his MS and Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, he returned to TTU as a member of the Biology Department faculty, staying until his retirement as a "full-bull professor" in 2002. Being passionate about education and research, Bob began work in the mid 1960s to establish one of the premier biological research stations in the U.S. (then located on Center Hill Lake) organizing area colleges and universities into a consortium and securing a huge National Science Foundation grant to build and equip dorms, labs and staff housing, as well as for operational costs. He later secured yet more funding from the NSF to build a lodge there, later named for him, which served as an auditorium and dining hall. In all, Bob devoted 17 years to the Tennessee Tech Aqua Biological Station where hundreds of college students came to get real-world, hands-on biological sciences training and field experience. He was also a long-time member of the Tennessee Academy of Science and served as its president in 1978.

Bob's other loves were his God, his family and his fellow man. He served as a deacon at First Baptist Church in Cookeville for decades, attended First Baptist Concord in Knoxville for the last five years, ministered with his wife, Bettye, to hundreds of international college students at TTU for more than 27 years, and entertained folks on the piano and organ at all sorts of events throughout his life. Bob leaves behind for a time his best girl of 53 years, Bettye; his daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Barry Rice of Knoxville; his son and daughter-in-law, Rob and Rhonda Martin of Lawrenceville, Ga.; six grandchildren, Brian, Katelyn, Sean, Arthur, Ben and Samantha; his in-laws and outlaws, Rich and Lee Penuel, Arnold and Patty Penuel and Rachel and Richard Matlock; all his nieces and nephews (all over creation); his special cousin and friend, J.D. Hyder (Jean and Deb too); his Martin cousins, scattered all over; his Monterey childhood friends, Red Eldridge and Gordy Blaylock; and the Cookeville Dinner Group (you know who you are).

Memorial donations may be made, in his name, to First Baptist Church Cookeville Mission Trips, 18 S. Walnut Ave., Cookeville, TN 38501; the BSU (Baptist Collegiate Ministry) Alumni Association of TTU, P.O. Box 45, Cookeville, TN 38501; or Cookeville Regional Medical Cancer Center, One Medical Center Blvd. Cookeville, TN 38501. Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, (931) 526-6111. Please share your thoughts and memories at [www.hhhfunerals.com](http://www.hhhfunerals.com).

Sunday, Nov 15, 2009: Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN



*A History of Putnam County* by Walter S. McClain – 1925. pg. 135: (Pictured: Dr. Lemuel Rucks McClain M. D.)

**LEMUEL RUCKS MCCLAIN, M. D.** was born at Clarksville, Ark., December 29, 1811. Married Miss **Sarah Emily Burton** at White Plains, this County, on November 19, 1867. She died September 1, 1910. Dr. McClain attended the Missouri Medical College, at St. Louis. He is a life long Democrat, a Methodist in belief and has been a prominent Odd Fellow since 1873 and a Mason since 1869. He has been Secretary of the Odd Fellows lodge of Cookeville for more than thirty years and through his untiring efforts the Odd Fellows built their home two years ago.

Buried: Burton Cemetery, located in White Plains, Putnam Co., TN

Parents of Dr. Walter Stephen McClain:

**Lemuel Rux McClain:** b. 29 December 1844, Clarksville, AR – d. 29 April 1936, Cookeville, TN, s/o **William Alexander McClain & Mary Crane Bransford.**

**Sarah Emma “Emily” (Burton) McClain:** b. 13 February 1850, TN – d. 1 September 1910, d/o **Stephen DeCatur Burton & Mary C. Davis Goodbar.**

**Census Place: 1880 District 1, Putnam Co., Tennessee**

Source: FHL Film 1255275 National Archives Film T9-1275 Page 77A

Dwl: 1

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
<b>L.R. MCCLAIN</b>	Self	M	M	W	35	AR
	Occ:	Dry Goods Mer.	Fa: TN	Mo: TN		
<b>S.E. MCCLAIN</b>	Wife	F	M	W	30	TN
			Fa: TN	Mo: TN		
<b>Walter MCCLAIN</b>	Son	M	S	W	11	TN
			Fa: TN	Mo: TN		
<b>William MCCLAIN</b>	Son	M	S	W	8	TN
			Fa: TN	Mo: TN		
<b>Mary MCCLAIN</b>	Dau	F	S	W	5	TN
			Fa: AR	Mo: TN		
<b>Elizabeth MCCLAIN</b>	Other	F	S	W	6M	---
			Fa: ---	Mo: ---		
<b>Mollie QUARLES</b>	Other	F		MU	16	TN
			Fa: TN	Mo: TN		

(1900 census, Civil Dist., 1, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 496 – **Lemuel R. McClaine** is head of household, 55 yrs. old, b. December 1844, AR. Occupation: Physician, md 32 yrs. to **Emma S.**, 50 yrs. old, b. February 1850, TN. Children: Alice, 18 yrs. old, b. March 1882; Charlie B., 15 yrs. old, b. June 1884 & Robert A. McClain, 13 yrs. old, b. September 1886. All born in TN. Also living in the household: Lucian Clark, son-in-law, 26 yrs. old, b. January 1874, TN; Mary (McClain) Clark, dau., 25 yrs. old, b. August 1874, TN & Gladys Clark, granddaughter, 4/12 yrs. old, b. February 1900, TN).

(1910 census, Civil Dist., 1, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 84 – **Lemuel R. McClain** is head of household, 65 yrs. old, MO. Occupation: Physician General Practice, md to Sarah E., 60 yrs. old, MI. Children: Alice, 28 yrs. old, div.; Charles M., 24 yrs. old & Robert McClain, 21 yrs. old. All born in TN).

(1920 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 282 – **Walter S. McClain** is head of household, 41 yrs. old, TN md to **Minnie**, 39 yrs. old, MI. Child: Victor H. McClain, 22 yrs. old, TN. Living in the household: **Lemuel R. McClain**, father, 76 yrs. old, MO, widow).

(1930 census, Cookeville Twp. East of Walnut, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 716 – **Walter McClain** is head of household, 61 yrs. old, TN (31 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) md to **Minnie**, 51 yrs. old, MI (21 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup>

marriage). Living in the household: **L. R. McClain**, 86 yrs. old, MO, widow, (21 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage); Mary O. Carpenter, 19 yrs. old, TN, boarder, Occupation: Bookkeeper shirt factory & **Max Winningham**, boarder, 32 yrs. old, TN, Occupation: Physician Dentist).

**DR. WALTER STEPHEN MCCLAIN**, b. 24 August 1868, Putnam Co., TN - d. 28 February 1953, Cookeville, TN married 1<sup>st</sup> 15 March 1897, **Minnie Avery** – married 2<sup>nd</sup> **Jessie Bush**. Minnie (Avery) McClain, b. 19 August 1880, Clinton Co, MI – d. 7 March 1941, Cookeville, TN, d/o **John L. Avery & Edna Lovett**. Dr. Walter S. McClain, s/o **Dr. Lemuel Rux McClain & Sarah Emma "Emily" Burton**. Both buried in the Cookeville City Cemetery, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN. (Pictured: Dr. Walter Stephen McClain)



(1910 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Cookeville Town, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 7 – **Walter S. McClain** is head of household, 41 yrs. old, TN md 14 yrs. to **Minnie**, 30 yrs. old, MI, 1 child born, 1 child living. Child: Victor H. McClain, 12 yrs. old, TN).

(Pictured: Dr. Walter Stephen McClain)

(1920 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 282 – **Walter S. McClain** is head of household, 41 yrs. old, TN. Occupation: Doctor Osteopath, md to Minnie, 39 yrs. old, MI. Child: Victor H. McClain, 22 yrs. old, TN. Living in the household: Lemuel R. McClain, father, 76 yrs. old, MO, widow).

(1930 census, Cookeville Twp. East of Walnut, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 716 – **Walter McClain** is head of household, 61 yrs. old, TN (31 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage). Occupation: Physician Osteopathic, md to **Minnie**, 51 yrs. old, MI (21 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage). Living in the household: **L. R. McClain**, 86 yrs. old, MO, widow, (21 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage); Mary O. Carpenter, 19 yrs. old, TN, boarder, Occupation: Bookkeeper shirt factory & **Max Winningham**, boarder, 32 yrs. old, TN, Occupation: Physician Dentist).

#### **Dr. Walter S. McClain Services Held Here**

**Source:** *Putnam County Herald Newspaper*, Thursday, 12 March 1953:

**Dr. Walter Stephen McClain**, 84, one of the most prominent osteopaths of this State and one of Cookeville's most widely known and highly esteemed citizens, died Saturday night at the Cookeville General Hospital, following an illness of several weeks. Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, in the chapel of the Carver Funeral Home by Rev. James L. Neal and Judge E. H. Boyd. Burial was in the family plot in the Cookeville cemetery.

*(Pictured taken in the Harding Studio, Cookeville, TN in 1917. Courtesy of Jenifer Kerr).*

Dr. McClain was born and reared in Cookeville, he was a son of the late Dr. L. R. McClain wife Mrs. Emily Burton McClain, pioneer residents of Cookeville. He received his education in the schools of Cookeville and at Cumberland University, being a graduate of Cumberland University and the Southern College of Osteopathy. For several years he was a member of the faculties of both the Southern College of Osteopathy and the Philadelphia College of Osteopathy, but for the past forty years he had been actively engaged in the practice of his profession in Cookeville.

In 1897, he married Miss Minnie Avery, of Cookeville, and after her death, several years ago, he married Mrs. Jessie Bush of Baxter, who survives him. Other survivors are a son Victor H. McClain, of Newark, N. J., three brothers, Robert A. McClain, of Cookeville; William McClain of Montana; and Charles McClain of San Francisco, Calif., and two sisters, Mrs. Lucian Clark of Nashville; and Mrs. Alice Stokes of Monterey and a step-son, Capt. Monroe Bush of the U. S. Army.

Dr. McClain and his father the late Dr. L. R. McClain, served in the aggregate for seventy-five years, as Secretary of Mount View Lodge of Odd Fellows, of Cookeville, the son succeeding his father in that position and each of them serving until their deaths. Dr. McClain was a member of the Episcopal Church.

Dr. McClain was a prolific writer for osteopathic journals and had often delivered addresses at State and National Osteopathic conventions.

He was the author of a History of Putnam County, published in 1925. He formerly served for several years as a member of the Board of Aldermen of Cookeville. A host of friends are grieved by the passing of this good and useful citizens.

#### **Walter S. McClain Dies in Cookeville**

Putnam County Herald Newspaper, 5 March 1953

Dr. Walter S. McClain died Saturday night at Cookeville General Hospital after an illness of several weeks. He was the son of Lemuel and Sarah Burton McClain. He was a native of Putnam County.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Jesse McClain; a son, Victor McClain of New Jersey; a step-son, Morris Bush; three brothers, Robert A. McClain of California and W. A. McClain of Montana; two sisters, Mrs. Lucian Clark, of Nashville, and Mrs. Alice Stokes of Monterey; and two grand-children.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at 2:30 p.m., at Carver Funeral Home. The Rev. James L. Neal and (E)rnest (H)ouston Boyd officiated. Burial was in Cookeville cemetery.

Dr. McClain made his home in Gainesboro for two years. He came here when he purchased the Gainesboro Press in 1898. He changed the name of the paper to Gainesboro Sentinel, which he published until November 1900, at which time he sold to Fred L. Tardy, and he entered the Southern School of Osteopathy in Franklin, Kentucky where he taught for a while. He returned later to Cookeville where he had practiced osteopathy for near 50 years. Many of our readers will remember him as editor of The Gainesboro Sentinel.

#### Local Physician Receives Honor: By Being Elected President of State Osteopathic Association:

The Tennessee Divisional Society of the American Osteopathic Association, which met at Knoxville last week elected Dr. W. S. McClain of Cookeville as their president for the coming year.

This action is indeed gratifying to our people, all of whom know that the honor is a deserved one, and that the Association made a wise selection, for Dr. McClain is one of our very best physicians and enjoys a large and lucrative practice in this section. He is possessed of rare qualities that deserve recognition. That he will make one of the very best presidents the Association has ever had is the firm belief of his neighbors and friends in Cookeville, who feel that both he and his association are to be mutually congratulated on the choice.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: 19 May 1921.

#### **Minnie Avery McClain Obt.**

Cookeville, Tennessee, Thursday, March 13, 1941

Heart Attack Fatal To Mrs. Walter S. McClain Friday



Seldom in the history of this community have over people been so shocked by the sudden death of a highly esteemed resident as they were on Friday evening when Mrs. Minnie Avery McClain, wife of Dr. Walter S. McClain suffered a sudden fatal heart attack at their home.

The last day of her life was an especially busy one. In the afternoon she had attended a meeting of the Dry Valley Women's Club, and she suffered the heart attack shortly after returning to her home.

On March 15, 1897, only a few days prior to her 17<sup>th</sup> birthday, she was married to Dr. Walter S. McClain, and her death occurred only a few days before the 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their marriage.

Mrs. McClain's life was truly one of helpful service to others, and many were the activities and undertakings through which her useful life found expression.

For many years she had been actively identified with the organized relief work of this city and county, and was the Putnam county representative of the Child Welfare Aid.

Aside from her connection with organized relief and charitable work, and federal social service activities, Mrs. McClain's individual and personal assistance to and interest in the poor, friendless, destitute and underprivileged will ever stand as a monument to her memory in this community.

A public service which, for many years, had enlisted her best efforts and enthusiastic leadership in rural Women's Club Work in Putnam County, and to this most useful work she attested her devotion by rendering the last hours of service.

On the night preceding her death she had held in her home, a child welfare conference, attended by ministers, teachers, and social workers, for the purpose of planning a busy year's work in saving and serving underprivileged children of this county.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at the Methodist church of which the deceased had been a member for many years, by the pastor Rev. A. J. Morgan, assisted by the Rev. Robert W. Jones, pastor of the Presbyterian church. (The church was crowded to its capacity with friends of the deceased and her family. Many beautiful floral designs attested a community's appreciation of one who had served it long and well.) Burial was in Cookeville cemetery.

Mrs. McClain is survived by her husband, Dr. Walter S. McClain, a son, Victor H. McClain, and a granddaughter, Ann McClain of Newark, New Jersey, and a sister, Mrs. John Wade of Lansing, Michigan.

#### Mrs. McClain Heads Crippled Child Survey:

The ex-service men of Tennessee, through the leadership of the State Department, and by the financial aid of the CWA, has established a project which sets out a complete survey of the crippled children, from the date of birth to their twenty-first birthday, with the view of transforming into as near perfect as is possible, by proper medical treatment and through the skill of our nation's specialists and surgeons, those who are financially unable to pay.

The Crippled Children's Survey will be directed in this country by Mrs. W. S. McClain, who earnestly solicits the aid of the ministers, Parent-Teachers Association, and all civic organization, as well as all individual who are interested in the program. This work is being sponsored by the American Legion.

If you know of a crippled child who needs attention, telephone, Mrs. McClain at 184, or Adjutant of the American Legion, B. P. Smith. This will assure prompt attention.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 1 March 1934.

#### Victor Hugo McClain

Mr. Victor Hugo McClain was born February 3, 1898, Cookeville, Tennessee, the son of Walter and Minnie Avery McClain.



Mr. McClain married Miss Helen Carnes, in Dallas, Texas, on November 16, 1926. One daughter was born to this union. The family made their home in Westfield, New Jersey, for 35 years.



Mr. McClain was a retired electrical engineer with the New Jersey Bell Telephone Company. While in Westfield, he was an active member of the Telephone Pioneers, the Art Association and the Community Players.

He and Mrs. McClain moved to Alba, Texas, in 1962, where he was a member of the Alba Lions Club.

Mr. McClain was preceded in death by his wife, Mrs. Helen McClain, on February 18, 1977.

He passed away in a Mineola, Texas, hospital on May 7, 1977, following a brief illness.

Mr. McClain is survived by, his daughter, Mrs. Ann Branch of Phoenix, Arizona, his step-daughter, Mrs. Jessie McClain, of Cookeville, TN, 3 grandchildren, Barbara Branch and William Brand of Phoenix, Arizona, and Robert Branch of Massachusetts, 1 great grandson, Patrick Branch, other relatives and many friends. Mr. McClain was a Methodist.

### **DR. JOHN R. MILLETT**

(1850 census, 18<sup>th</sup> Dist., Jackson Co., TN: Dwl: 654– **William Sadler**, is head of household, 74 yrs. old, NC md to **Martha**, 67 yrs. old, VA. Children: Martha Sadler, 22 yrs. old, TN. Living in the household: Martha McKindley, 14 yrs. old, TN; **John R. Millett**, 31 yrs. old, NY, Occupation: Physician married to **Sophrona**, 23 yrs. old, TN & Erastes Millett, 3 yrs. old, GA).

**DR. ROSCOE HENRY MILLIS**, b. 25 December 1882, NY – d. 28 October 1963, (M. D. Insignia), md **Maymie Effie (Brown) Millis**, b. 14 July 1900, Jackson Co., TN – d. aft 1965, d/o **William Henderson Brown** (1867-1953) & **Alice Cora Kirby** (1873-1940). Dr. Roscoe Henry Millis, s/o **James Cleveland Millis** (1832-1904) & **Eliza Ann Byrnes** (1840-1926). James C. Millis, b. 1832 – d. 22 January 1904 buried in Dean Cemetery, Stony Creek, Warren Co., NY.

NOTICE: Any resident of Putnam county wishing free typhoid vaccine may report at my office near Baxter, on Highway No. 24, on Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 6 to 7 p.m.

R. H. Mills, M. D.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 27 July 1933.

(1920 census 20<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 62 – **Roscoe H. Millis** is head of household, 37 yrs. old, NY, (both parents born in NY). Occupation: Medical Doctor, md to **Tersa M.**, 30 yrs. old, Canada (father born in Ireland, mother born in England). Children: Margaret M., 6 yrs. old, IL & Leah A. Millis, 3+ yrs. old, IL. Also living in the household: **Saliza N. Millis, mother**, 79 yrs. old, NY, widow).

(1930 census 20<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Hwy. No. 56, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 91 – **R. H. Millis** is head of household, 47 yrs. old, NY, (both parents born in NY). Occupation: Doctor M. D. (29 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage), md to **Mamie**, 29 yrs. old, TN (28 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage). Also living in the household: Fannie Roberts, lodger, TN).

### **ALGOOD TENNESSEE**

**SOURCE:** *Algood Tennessee, Past, Present, Future* by Algood Historical Committee – 2007.

Pgs. 56 - 62: Apparently the first doctor to practice medicine in Algood, TN was **Dr. James A. Reace**, who was born in 1857 and died in 1909. There is no record as to the date that he moved his practice from Overton County, TN. However, he evidently served Algood patients for some time prior to his death. He is buried in the Algood Cemetery.



For a century, a Dr. Moore looked after the health needs of Algood: First **Dr. J. T. Moore, Sr.**, and then



his son, **Dr. J. T. Moore, Jr.** Both preceded the age of intense specialization, and as general practitioners, they delivered babies, treated childhood diseases, pulled teeth, tended sprains and breaks, and coped with all manner of ailments, from minor to severe. It was not until the 1970s toward the end of the younger doctor's practice, that specialization started to become the norm in the medical profession.

In 1957, **Dr. John Thomas Moore, Sr.** (known as Dr. Tom) published his memoirs, which offer a unique vantage point on the community of Algood for more than five decades. He could say in all honesty that he was born in a log house (1876) in the foothills of Putnam County. He once stated that he knew everyone for twenty-five or thirty miles along the Calfkiller River. Later his parents moved the family to Sparta. Aspiring to become a physician, he attended Pleasant Hill Academy in Cumberland County for two years and also trained under **Dr. W. J. Breeding** for one year so that he could meet the requirements to get into college. He spent three years in the University of Tennessee Medical Department in Nashville, beginning in September 1896. Emerging with a degree in 1899, the young M. D. made the decision to settle in Algood.

He took a large room with two beds at the McDaniel Hotel to serve as his home and office. The cost of the room and use of the stables was only nine dollars a month. He kept Old Joe, his first saddle horse in one of the stables. Part of the agreement was that he would share the room if it were needed with a salesman. His first roommate, who weighed nearly three hundred pounds, snored loudly, and the physician spent a sleepless night. He soon learned to ask his guests to give him plenty of time to get off to sleep before they began to wheeze and snort!

During his lengthy career, Dr. Tom progressed from horseback to horse and buggy (or sleigh in the wintertime) to automobile. But, as late as 1950, he could gain access to some of his patients only by driving to a certain point and then riding a horse the rest of the way because of poor road conditions.

In 1900, he bought a half block in the center of Algood and built a two-room office. It served as his office and home because he even slept there until 1902 when he built a house next door to the Methodist Church. His first wife was **Dorcus Pennock**, the daughter of **L. B. Pennock**, whose name was associated with the spoke mill in Algood. Pennock later moved to Nashville. Dr. and Mrs. Moore had three children, but only one girl, Margaret, and one boy, Pennock, survived. Dorcus Moore died in 1908. With his second wife, **Annic Crews** (who came to Algood as a music teacher) Dr. Tom had two children.

**Dr. Tom** and **Dr. W. A. Howard** of Livingston formed a partnership in 1908. Dr. Howard slept in the office for a few years. He was sleeping in the office one night in 1909 when a tornado came through and moved the office building six inches off its foundation. The storm did a great amount of damage to the Methodist Church next door. Dr. Howard slept so soundly that he did not know about the storm until he work up the next morning.

**Dr. Howard** married **Elise Epperson**, the daughter of **John A. and Clara Cox Epperson**. Later they moved to Cookeville. Later he served two years in the army during World War I. After returning from the war, **he built the Howard Hospital in Cookeville.**

Dr. Tom attended a post graduate school of Medicine in New York in 1909. This helped him acquire new knowledge concerning immunizations and other medical updates. After this he began making regular trips to Rochester, MN to attend the Mayo Clinic. Dr. Howard was the first local doctor to attend the Mayo Clinic annually. **Dr. J. P. Terry**, a dentist, began making the trips with Dr. Tom and Dr. Howard. Dr. Terry attended the dental clinics while the other doctors attended the regular medical sessions. Later **Dr. Fred Terry** and **Dr. C. M. Crain** of Monterey joined the group. They continued these annual trips, until their final trip in 1951.

**Dr. J. A. Butler** is another doctor who served the community for a large number of years, beginning some time prior to 1920. His office was just across Second Avenue from the building that Dr. Tom built for his practice.

Following the death of Dr. Jack, Algood was without the services of a medical doctor. After a few months, **Dr. Herbert Smith** rented the clinic where Dr. Jack had maintained his practice and began serving patients. However, he and the Moore family were unable to reach a mutually satisfactory agreement, and he closed the office after a few weeks. Since then, citizens of Algood have had to seek medical treatment from the physicians located in Cookeville.

Dental services have not always been available in Algood. Early in the twentieth century, a **Dr. J. Jesse P. Jeyton Terry** had an office in Algood. He was here for only a relatively short period of time before moving his practice to Cookeville. Dr. Tom Moore extracted teeth when no dentist was available. *\*See below.*

**Dr. Howard G. Smith** opened a dental office in the late 1980s. He stayed for several years before moving his practice to another location. In 2006, the dental office building is now utilized by Trinity Assembly.

**Dr. Richard Heard**, a native of Mississippi, opened a dental office in 2005 in the building that Dr. Jack Moore had built as a clinic. He continues to build his practice at this site in 2006.

**JOHN THOMAS MOORE SR., M. D.**, b. 6 November 1876, TN – d. 6 September 1966, s/o **Thomas Franklin & Elizabeth “Bettie” Love (Fraser) Moore**. He married on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November 1913, Maury, TN to **Annic Crews**, b. 24 October 1888 – d. 22 March 1986, both buried in the Algood Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. **Thomas Franklin Moore**, b. 1 March 1849, Putnam Co., TN – d. 26 June 1935, Putnam Co., TN & his wife **Elizabeth “Bettie” Love Fraser**, b. 23 December 1849, TN – d. 1 January 1895, d/o **Thomas Fraser** of Scotland & **Nancy Tucker** of White Co., TN, both buried in the Johnson Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN, located on the grounds of Johnson Baptist Church on St. Hwy 84 between Monterey and Sparta, TN. Also buried in this cemetery next to Dr. John & Bettie Moore: **Mattie A. Moore**, b. 10 July 1883 – d. 15 April 1890, d/o **Thomas Franklin & Bettie Moore**. And **Agnes Jane Moore**, b. 2 October 1825 – d. 2 October 1899. Also buried next to them is **Agnes Jane (Stewart) Moore**, b. 2 October 1825, TN – d. 2 October 1899, h/o **William N. Moore**, parents of **Thomas Franklin Moore**.

*\*See Dr. William A. Howard.*

*\*See Thomas Franklin Moore Ob.*

*\*See Algood Cemetery Obts in virtual cemetery files.*

Dr. John & Bettie Moore moved to the Calfkiller area of Putnam County where they raised their family. There was no Methodist Church in the area so Bettie got busy and organized one. They were the parents of nine children. John Thomas Moore saw smallpox and influenza epidemics sweep the country killing so many people before he completed his medical training in 1899. He rode horseback and horse and buggy to treat people all over this area. His wife was Annice Crews Moore. *Courtesy of Dr. John Thomas Moore Jr., his son.*

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Maury Co., TN, pg. 14, #109: Dr. J. T. Moore married 13 November 1913, Maury, TN to Miss Annice Crews. By whom married: J. Allison Molloy).

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, White Co., TN, pg. 98, #4085: T. F. Moore married 6 April 1873, White Co., TN to Elizabeth Fraser)

(1860 census 4<sup>th</sup> Dist., Dry Valley post office, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 599 – **W. N. Moore** is head of household, 39 yrs. old, TN md to **Agnes J.**, 30 yrs. old, TN. Child: **Thomas Franklin Moore**, 1 yr. old, TN).

(1870 census 4<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 43 – **T. F. Moore** is head of household, 24 yrs. old, TN, Occupation: Farmer)

(1870 census 4<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 45 – **Agnes J. Moore** is head of household, 41 yrs. old, TN. Living in the household: Mary Williams, domestic servant, 11 yrs. old, TN).

Census Place: 1880 District 4, Putnam Co., Tennessee

Dwl: 41

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
<b>T. Franklin MOORE</b>	Self	M	M	W	32	TN
Occ: Farmer	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
<b>Bettie MOORE</b>	Wife	F	M	W	27	TN
Occ: Keeping House	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
Tullula MOORE	Dau	F	S	W	5	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
<b>John T. MOORE</b>	Son	M	S	W	4	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
James M. MOORE	Son	M	S	W	2	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
<b>Agnes J. MOORE</b>	Mother	F	W	W	55	TN
Occ: At Home	Fa: ---	Mo: ---				
Eliz. ENGLAND	Other	F	S	W	11	TN
Occ: Servant	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				



John Thomas Moore Sr., M. D.  
Photo courtesy of  
Dr. John Thomas Moore Jr.

(1900 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., White Co., TN; Dwl: 439 - **Thomas F. Moore** is head of household, 51 yrs. old, b. March 1849, TN, md 3 yrs. to **Mary H.**, 43 yrs. old, b. June 1856, TN. Children: Marvin J., 21 yrs. old, b. October 1878; Henry C., 19 yrs. old, b. March 1881; Rason H., 14 yrs. old, b. May 1886; Freddie L., 10 yrs. old, b. June 1889; Lela M., 8 yrs. old, b. June 1891; Haskiel H., 5 yrs. old, b. August 1894. All born in TN. Also living in the household: Laura B. Moore, step-daughter, 20 yrs. old, b. April 1880, TN).

(1900 census 19<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN; Dwl: 250 - **John T. Moore** is head of household, 24 yrs. old, b. November 1875, TN. Occupation: Physician. Living in the household: Alex W. McClellan, 20 yrs. old, b. April 1880, TN. Occupation: Laborer Rail Road).

(1910 census 19<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN; Dwl: 163 - **Thomas J. Moore** is head of household, 33 yrs. old, TN, widow. Occupation: Physician General Practice. Also living in the household: **William A. Howard**, partner, 24 yrs. old, TN, single. Occupation: Physician General Practice).

(1920 census 19<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Main Street, Putnam Co., TN; Dwl: 177 - **John T. Moore** is head of household, 43 yrs. old, TN. Occupation: Physician General Practice, md to **Annice S.**, 30 yrs. old, TN. Children: Margaret L., 14 yrs. old; Franklin P., 12 yrs. old & Mary C. Moore, 1 yr. old. All born in TN).

(1930 census Algood, Putnam Co., TN; Dwl: 24 - **Thomas J. Moore** is head of household, 52 yrs. old, TN, (26 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) md to **Annice**, 41 yrs. old, TN, (25 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage). Children: Pennock, 22 yrs. old; Mary Katharine, 11 yrs. old & John Thomas Moore, 7 yrs. old. Also living in the household: **Thomas F. Moore, 81 yrs. old, TN, father**, widow, (24 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) & Rosa Lee Crews, 28 yrs. old, TN, sister-in-law).

#### Pennock Moore's Plane Destroyed At Lebanon:

During a violent wind storm that swept through Lebanon last Saturday afternoon, leveling a silo and taking off roofs from barns and outhouses, the plane of Pennock Moore, son of Dr. J. T. Moore, of Algood, was totally demolished. Fortunately Pennock had just alighted but had not anchored the plane and was unable to secure it before the wind blew it against another plane and then over into an adjoining lot. Pennock's friends, who have been interested in his flying career, may congratulate him on escaping personal injury.

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Pictured: The six sons of Thomas Franklin Moore and Bettie Love Frazer:

Dr. John Thomas Moore, James Marvin Moore, Henry Moore, Ransom Holt Moore, Fred R. Moore & Haskill Moore.



**\*Note:** The death of Thomas Franklin Moore of Algood at 5:15 Wednesday morning was a shock to the community. Although he had been sick for several weeks at the home of his son, Dr. J T Moore, his going away was sudden.

Mr. Moore was 84 years old. He was born and reared on the Calfkiller River in Putnam County. After living there for many years, he moved to Sparta and later to Algood, about 13 years ago, making his home with his son, Dr. J. T .Moore. He was a farmer and merchant, and his mercantile business near Johnson Church was for many years a successful one. After moving to Sparta, he was City Judge for a number of years; secretary and treasurer of the Masonic Lodge for twenty years. When he came to Algood, he was made City Judge and has held that office for twelve years. He was a Royal Arch Mason and a member of the Methodist church.

Mr. Moore was active in civic affairs and all public interests, and a progressive man for his age. As an example of his progress and intelligent spirit, he requested that after his death a post-mortem examination should be held in order that the doctors might know the cause of his illness and death. This was done by doctor friends of Dr. Moore and it was found that he had a tumor in his stomach. This request is unusual, but if more people would agree to post-mortem examinations, it would be a blessing to the medical profession....

Mr. Moore was the father of nine children; two daughters dead, one living daughter, Mrs. F. B. Campbell of Nashville; six sons, Dr J T Moore; Fred L., Algood; J. M., Oklahoma; H. C. and R. H. of Eldorado, Ok.; and H. H. Moore of Harriman.

The funeral services will be conducted by Dr. M. O. Nelms at the home of Dr & Mrs J T Moore at Algood Friday morning at 10 o'clock, and burial at Johnson Church near Sparta will be conducted by the Masonic Lodges of Sparta and Cookeville.

**DR. DAVID FRANKLIN MOORE**, b. 14 September 1920 – d. 10 November 1994, md on the 22 September 1942, Putnam Co., TN to **Anita (Wall) Moore**, b. 8 May 1923. Dr. David Franklin Moore, s/o **James M. Moore & Alva Lee**. Buried in the Algood Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 101: David Franklin Moore married 22 September 1942, Putnam Co., TN, age 21, address: Murfreesboro, TN to Anita Wert Wall, age 19, address: Algood, TN, name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: W. H. Wall, Cookeville, TN).

### **DR. JOHN THOMAS MOORE JR.**



**J. T. Moore Jr.** did not set out to become a doctor; he earned an engineering degree and then served in the Army Air Corps. He changed his career plans when he made the decision to attend medical school in Memphis, and he became a medical doctor in 1951. His patients called him **Dr. Jack**, and he and his father shared an office in Algood. Dr. Jack built a new clinic, a red brick building at 172 West Main Street in the early 1950s. He remained there until his death in 1999. (*John T. Moore Jr., d. 19 April 1999 at the age of 76. DC #16408, Putnam Co., TN*).

A ledger from his practice noted that a chest X-ray in 1960 cost \$5. He sent seriously ill patients to Cookeville Regional Medical Center. When he earned certification as a family practitioner in 1971 he became one of the first board-certified doctors in Putnam County.

Dr. Jack and his wife, Jean, had three boys who went into medically related fields: Jimmy, a nurse anesthetist; Johnny, a pharmacist; and Lee, a urologist. Johnny has a pharmacy in Nashville, while Jimmy and Lee have both remained in Putnam County – although in Cookeville not Algood. Jimmy's son, Jeff, also graduated from the University of Tennessee Medical School in Memphis. He has been in residence and receiving additional training in preparation for establishing a medical career.

Lee Moore has a letter dated April 21, 1899, written by his grandfather that contains the first dollar he earned in 1899. Lee's father, Dr. Jack, was buried one hundred years later, on April 21, 1999. At that time, there had been a Doctor Moore serving patients in Algood for exactly 100 years.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Cheatham Co., TN, pg. 388: John T. Moore Jr. married 13 December 1945, Cheatham Co., TN, age 23, address: Algood, TN to Jean F. Herndon, age 21, address: Pleasant View, name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: R. R. Herndon, Pleasant View. By whom married: A. W. Beasley, minister).

DR JACK MOORE DIES, SERVICES TOMORROW: He, his family recognized by State House for 100 years of 'meritorious service' in the practice of medicine:

Tomorrow will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> year that a member of the Moore family has served the Cookeville area in the practice of medicine – and tomorrow will be the day of the funeral for the middle figure in that line of physicians.

Dr. John Thomas "Dr. Jack") Moore, who during his 48-year practice became one of the best-known and most highly-regarded doctors in the Upper Cumberland, died yesterday (April 19, 1999) at his Algood home, 113 Third Ave., South. He was 77.

Services will be at the Algood United Methodist Church on Wednesday beginning at 2 p.m. Visitation will be held at the church from 6 to 9 o'clock tonight.

A resolution has been introduced in the Tennessee House of Representatives by Rep. Jere Hargrove of Cookeville recognizing Dr. Moore and commemorating the "meritorious service" by him and members of his family, his father, the late Dr. Tom Moore; and the sons of Dr. Jack and his wife, Jean – a period of service that spans a full century tomorrow.

Dr. Moore was born in Algood on May 21, 1922; and graduated from Algood High School. He graduated with a degree in engineering from TPI (Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, now Tennessee Tech University) and served during World War II as a second lieutenant in the US Army.

**DR. SAMUEL "SAM" SWEPSON NEAL**, b. 23 June 1854, TN – d. 20 May 1938, TN, md on the 24<sup>th</sup> of December 1889, Smith Co., TN to **Amy (Salter) Neal**, b. 21 March 1874, District of Columbia – d. 17 January 1926, both buried in the Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. (DC #10701, Putnam Co., TN: **Dr. Samuel Swepson Neal**, d. 20 May 1938, 82 yrs. old, TN. Parents Unknown. Occupation: Druggist).

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Smith Co., TN, pg. 146, #1326: Sam Neal married 24 December 1889, Smith Co., TN to Amy Salter).

(1900 census 15-WD, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN: Dwl: 837-8-7- **S. S. Neal** is head of household, 40 yrs. old, b. June 1854, TN, Occupation: Druggist, md 11 yrs. to **A. S.**, 26 yrs. old, b. March 1874, Washington, (father born in London, England, mother, TN), 1 child born, 1 child living. Child: Edward F. Neal, 8 yrs.

old, b. March 1892, TN. Also living in the household: (can't make out name), **mother**, 70 yrs. old, b. May 1830, TN, widow, 20 yrs. md, 2 children born, 1 child living).

(1910 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Cookeville Town, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 167 – **Samuel S. Neal** is head of household, 52 yrs. old, TN (father born in VA, mother, TN), Occupation: Pharmacist Retail Drugstore md 20 yrs. to **Amy S.**, 36 yrs. old, DC (father from England, mother, TN), 4 children born, 4 children living. Children: Edward F., 18 yrs. old; Julia, 7 yrs. old; William R., 4 yrs. old & Samuel K. Neal, 2 yrs. old. All born in TN. Also living in the household: **Phana Neal, mother**, 80 yrs. old, TN, (father born in VA, mother, NC), widow, 1 child born, 1 child living).

(1920 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 47 – **Samuel S. Neal** is head of household, 60 yrs. old, TN. Occupation: Druggist Drug Store, md to **Amy**, 45 yrs. old, District of Columbia (father born in England, mother born in TN). Children: Julie, 17 yrs. old; William R., 14 yrs. old; Samuel C., 11 yrs. old & Mary A. Neal, 8 yrs. old. All born in TN. Also living in the household, Phauarita (sp) Neal, mother, 89 yrs. old, TN, widow).

**DR. WILLIAM CARSON OFFICER**, b. 9 March 1880, TN – d. 24 December 1935, md on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April 1907, Overton Co., TN to **Loula (Miller) Officer**, b. 3 May 1885, TN – d. 10 September 1970, both buried in the Welch Memorial Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

(**Source**: Tennessee State Marriage record, Overton Co., TN, pg. 6, #110: W. C. Officer married 18 April 1907, Overton Co., TN to Miss Lou La Miller).

**Source**: A History of Putnam County Tennessee by Walter S. McClain, pg. 147: William Carson Officer, M. D., born in Overton County in 1880 Married Miss Lula Miller in 1907. Graduate in medicine University of Tennessee and Tulane University. Practiced since 1902. Member Church of Christ, Mason and Odd Fellow. Head of Officer's Sanitorium, near Monterey. Stockholder in other enterprises.

#### **DR. W. C. OFFICER PROMINENT SURGEON DIES SUDDENLY:**

Funeral services for Dr. W. C. Officer, 55, surgeon, lung and throat specialist, who died suddenly Wednesday at his home in Monterey, following a heart attack, were held yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the Methodist Church conducted by Elder Clarence Cooke, minister of the Church of Christ at Cookeville, and the Rev. O. P. Gentry of Monterey.

Dr. Officer was one of the most prominent physicians in this part of the state. He had operated a sanitarium for the treatment of tuberculosis at Monterey for the past twenty years. The sanitarium was widely known and drew patients from a number of states.

He was president of the Five-County Medical Association and a member of the Tennessee Medical Association.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lula Officer, and three daughters, Misses Elise, Matilda and Mary Officer, all of Monterey.

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#### **Census Place: 1880 District 8, Overton Co, Tennessee**

Source: FHL Film 1255274 National Archives Film T9-1274 Page 330D

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
<b>William OFFICER</b>	Self	M	W	W	68	TN
	Occ:	Farmer	Fa: VA	Mo: KY		
<b>James OFFICER</b>	Son	M	M	W	27	TN
	Occ:	Farming	Fa: TN	Mo: TN		
<b>Emma OFFICER</b>	Dau	L F	M	W	22	TN



Occ: Keeping House Fa: TN Mo: TN  
**William C. OFFICER** Son M S W 2M TN  
 Fa: TN Mo: TN

(1900 census 14<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 132 Family 139 – **Ulysesse F. Lee** is head of household, 32 yrs. old, b. August 1867, TN. Occupation: Painter, md 5/12 yrs. to **Martha**, 17 yrs. old, b. March 1883, 0 children. Living in the household: Dwl: 132 Family: 140 – **James Officer** is head of household, 48 yrs. old, b. May 1852, TN md 20 yrs. to **Ermia**, 44 yrs. old, b. June 1855, TN, 9 children born, 9 children living. Children: **William**, 19 yrs. old, b. April 1881; Frank, 17 yrs. old, b. April 1883; Cynthia, 15 yrs. old, b. October 1884; Etta, 14 yrs. old, b. November 1885; Katie, 13 yrs. old, b. January 1887; John, 10 yrs. old, b. June 1889; Charles, 9 yrs. old, b. May 1891; **Fannie**, 6 yrs. old, b. November 1893 & Mary Officer, 4 yrs. old, b. September 1895. All born in TN. Also living in the household: Callie Hampton, niece, 22 yrs. old, b. March 1878, TN).

(1910 census 14<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Monterey Town, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 33 – **William C. Officer** is head of household, 30 yrs. old, TN. Occupation: Physician General Practice, md 3 yrs. to **Lula**, 25 yrs. old, TN, 1 child born, 1 child living. Child: Elsie M. Officer, 7/12 yrs. old, TN. Also living in the household: **Fannie M. Officer**, sister, 15 yrs. old, TN).

(1920 census 14<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 158 – **Dr. William C. Officer** is head of household, 38 yrs. old, TN. Occupation: Physician General Practice, md **Loula M.**, 34 yrs. old, TN. Children: Elise M., 10 yrs. old, TN & Sara Matilda Officer, 3+ yrs. old, TN).

**DR. WILLIAM BURCHETT PAGE**, b. 3 August 1850, Rome, TN – d. 7 March 1941, Granville, Jackson Co., TN, his wife **Zerelda Maude (Holmes) Page**, b. 1 October 1859, TN – d. 13 December 1930 & their daughter **Lillian Mai Page**, b. 24 February 1891 – d. 10 July 1932. **Zerelda Maude (Holmes) Page** is the d/o **Dr. William B. Holmes & Margaret Helen Sadler**. They are buried in the Dr. William B. Holmes Cemetery, Jackson Co., TN. Zerelda Maude (Holmes) Page, d/o **Dr. William B. Holmes** (1811-1880) & **Margaret Sadler**. William Burchett Page, s/o **William McKendree Page & Araminta D. McDonald**. (Children: Lillian Page, Eva Myrtle Page, Walter Leon Page, Herbert Spencer Page, Henry Burchett Page, Mary Manley Page, Harry Lee Page, Horace F. Page, Winnie Davis Page).



*\*See Dr. William B. Holmes.*

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Jackson Co., TN, pg. 316: W. B. Page married 4 March 1879, Jackson Co., TN to Z. M. Holmes)

(Pictured: Dr. William Burchett Page and his wife Zerelda Maude Holmes. Courtesy of Granville History Museum, Granville, TN).

Dr. William Burchett Page was born in Rome, Tennessee in 1850. He earned his medical degree from the University of Nashville Medical School (which later became known as the Medical School of Vanderbilt University). He practiced over fifty years. At this time, Granville was the most upstream steamboat landing on the Cumberland River, which afforded the area a modest economic and social advantage.

In 1879, Dr. Page married Zerilda Maude Holmes) and together they had twelve children. He died at the age of 91. His home was to the right of the Methodist Church on Clover Street and his office was located just across the street. When the lake came in, the original office building was physically moved back from the road to where it is preserved today.



(Pictured: Harry Lee Page Sr. holding Harry Lee Page Jr. and Dr. William Burchett Page, Summer, 1937. Courtesy of Granville History Museum, Granville, TN).

Doctors who have practiced in Granville, TN are **Dr. Luther Freeman**, **Dr. William B. Holmes in the early 1800's** and then his two son-in-laws practiced by the name of **Dr. William Burchett Page** and **Dr. Benjamin Lewis Simmons Jr.** Dr. Page practiced in Granville all his life and Dr. Simmons later went to Nashville to practice. **Dr. Albert Allison Ferrell** practiced in Granville from the late 1800s until his death in 1905. His home still stands behind the museum. **Dr. Hugh Brown Smith** practiced in Granville in the early 1900's and moved to Nashville in 1918.

(DC #6333, Jackson Co., TN: **William Burchett Page**, b. 3 August 1850, Smith Co., TN – d. 7 March 1941, s/o **John Page & Minta McDonald**. He was the husband of **Zerelda Maude (Holmes) Page**).

*\*See Dr. William Burchett Page*

(DC #28073, Jackson Co., TN: **Maude Page**, b. 1 October 1859, TN – d. 13 December 1930, d/o **Dr. William B. Holmes & Margaret/Margruette Sadler**. She was the wife of **Dr. William Burchett Page**).

(DC #26232, Jackson Co., TN: **Lillian Page**, d. 10 Jul 1932, age 51 yrs., d/o **Dr. William Burchett Page & Zerelda Maude Holmes**).

(1860 census 16<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Granville post office, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 101- **William B. Holms** is head of household, 49 yrs. old, KY. Occupation: Physician md to **Margaret**, 20 + yrs. old, TN. Child: **Zerelda Holmes**, 8/12 yrs. old, TN).

**DR. DAVID CROCKETT PATTON**, b. October 1837, TN – d. after 1910 married on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January 1869, Smith Co., TN to **Susan Tennessee (Brassell) Patton**, b. December 1847, KY/TN, possibly the d/o **Elbert H. Brassell & Mary Louise (Baker) Brassell**. Tennessee Patton, DC #391, Putnam Co., TN, b. Smith Co., TN – d. 8 May 1916, d/o E. H. Braswell & Louise Baker. Susan Tennessee Patton is buried in the Boma Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN now called New Home Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN. Dr. David Crockett Patton, s/o **Samuel & Malinda Patton**. Buried in the Boma Cemetery: **David C. Patton**, no dates and **D. C. Patton**, no dates, Co. A., 5<sup>th</sup> Div. Tenn. (now destroyed).

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Smith Co., TN, pg. 101: David C. Patton married 21 January 1869 to S. F. Brazel).

(DC #391, Putnam Co., TN: **Tennessee Patton**, b. \_\_\_\_\_, Smith Co., TN - d. 8 May 1916. Father: E. H. Braswell. Mother: Louise Baker. Buried: Boma Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN).

#### Children of Egbert H. & Mary Braswell/Brassell

**Tennessee**, b. ca. 1848, TN

**William**, b. ca. 1844, TN

**Reuben J. (James/Jim)**, b. ca. 1845, TN married Harriet Z.

**Zachariah T.**, b. ca. 1851, KY

**Luiza**, b. ca. 1853, KY

**Joseph Lewis "Joe"**, b. ca. 1853, KY – d. 27 March 1878

**George Andrew (Teek)**, b. ca. 1855, KY – d. 27 March 1878

**Amanda**, b. 19 February 1856, TN – d. 24 May 1934 married James "Jim" Prentice

(1860 census 7<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Double Springs post office, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 643 – **Samuel Patton** is head of household, 55 yrs. old, TN md to **Malinda**, 42 yrs. old, TN. Children: Manerva, 21 yrs. old; Rhoda, 18 yrs. old; Margaret, 12 yrs. old; Joseph, 9 yrs. old; Sarah E., 5 yrs. old; Thomas, 18 yrs. old; Benjamin F., 15 yrs. old; Lewis D., 2 yrs. old & Lucy A. Patton, 6/12 yrs. old. All born in TN).

(1870 census 7<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 7 – **E. H. Brassell** is head of household, 53 yrs. old, NC. Occupation: Carpenter md to **Mary**, 46 yrs. old, TN. Children: Zachariah T., 21 yrs. old, KY; Luiza, 16 yrs. old, KY; Joseph, 14 yrs. old, KY; George A., 13 yrs. old, KY; Amanda, 11 yrs. old, KY & Samuel Brassell, 8 yrs. old, TN).

(1870 census 16<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Buffalo Valley post office, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 36 – **Samuel Patton** is head of household, 62 yrs. old, KY md to **Malinda**, 52 yrs. old, TN. Children: Manurvia J., 29 yrs. old; Margaret, 20 yrs. old; Joseph, 18 yrs. old; Sarah E., 15 yrs. old; Luca A., 10 yrs. old; William C., 7 yrs. old; **David C.**, 32 yrs. old, son, (wife) **Susan T.**, 22, yrs. old, Mary M. Patton, granddaughter, 5/12 yrs. old, b. February, TN & Mandy J. Patton granddaughter, 5/12 yrs. old, b. February, TN. All born in TN).

Census Place: 1880 District 16, De Kalb Co., Tennessee

Source: FHL Film 1255252 National Archives Film T9-1252 Page 237A

Dwl: 9

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
<b>Crockett PATTON</b>	Self	M	M	W	48	TN
Occ: Works In Saw Mill			Fa: NC	Mo: TN		
<b>Tennessee PATTON</b>	Wife	F	M	W	33	KY
Occ: Keeps House			Fa: NC	Mo: TN		
Amanda PATTON	Dau	F	S	W	10	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: KY				
Mary PATTON	Dau	F	S	W	10	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: KY				
Leslie PATTON	Son	M	S	W	8	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: KY				
Leroy PATTON	Son	M	S	W	3	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: KY				
Frances DEAL	Dau	F	S	W	9M	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: KY				

(1900 census 17<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 168 – **Dr. David C. Patton** is head of household, 62 yrs. old, b. October 1837, TN. Occupation: Physician, md 32 yrs. to **Tennessee**, 52 yrs. old, b. December 1847, KY, 8 children born, 8 children living. Children: Robert, 22 yrs. old, b. September 1877; Mattie, 19 yrs. old, b. March 1881; Ova, 16 yrs. old, b. March 1884 & Louisey Patton, 13 yrs. old, b. October 1886. All born in TN).

(1910 census 17<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Boma Village, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 152 - **David C. Patton** is head of household, 72 yrs. old, TN. Occupation: Physician Medicine, md 41 yrs. to **Susan T.**, 62 yrs. old, TN, 8 children born, 7 children living. Living in the household: Birdie G. Patton, granddaughter, 14 yrs. old, TN).

### [DR. HENRY PATTON](#)

(1850 census, 13<sup>th</sup> Dist., Jackson Co., TN: Dwl: 264 – **Cary W. Lee**, is head of household, 45 yrs. old, NC. Occupation: School Teaching, md to **Jane**, 34 yrs. old, TN. Living in the household, **Henry Patton**, 47 yrs. old, VA. Occupation: Physician).

[DR. JOHN B. POINTER](#), b. ca. 1801, VA/KY - d. 8 April 1887 married **Nancy (Robinson) Pointer**, b. 17 December 1831, TN – d. d. 5 July 1893, both buried in the James Bohannon Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN, located on Popular Grove Road at the Carl Ditty place.

(1860 census 4<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Dry Valley post office, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 586 – **John B. Pointer** is head of household, 60 yrs. old, VA. Occupation: Doctor, md to **Nancy**, 29 yrs. old, TN. Living in the household: **James Robinson**, 50 yrs. old, TN; Thomas Robinson, 12 yrs. old, KY & Eliza J. Robinson, 10 yrs. old, KY).

(1870 census 4<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 71 – **J. B. Pointer** is head of household, 61 yrs. old, KY. Occupation: Physician, md to **Nancy**, 38 yr. old, TN).

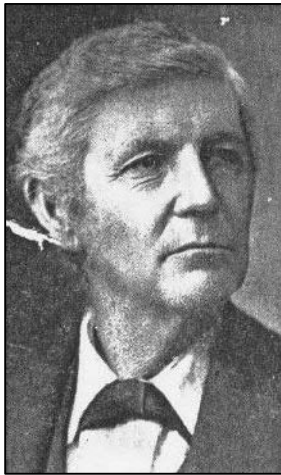
Census Place: 1880 District 4, Putnam Co., Tennessee

Dwl: 86

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
<b>J. B. POINTER</b>	Self	M	M	W	79	KY
	Occ:	Farmer	Fa: NC	Mo: KY		
<b>Nancy J. POINTER</b>	Wife	F	M	W	49	TN
	Occ:	Keeping House	Fa: TN	Mo: TN		

*A History of Putnam County* by Walter S. McClain – 1925. pg. 135: (Pictured: William Hardin Ragland, M. D.)

**WILLIAM HARDIN RAGLAND, M. D.**, was born in Smith County, September 22, 1842. Completed his education at Vanderbilt Medical College and has practiced extensively in Jackson and Putnam Counties. Moved to Cookeville about twenty—five years ago. Dr. Ragland is a Confederate veteran, a Democrat and a Methodist. He was married three times and has seven grown children, **He is a son of Dr. William Ragland, a well known physician of his day.** At eighty-three he is in splendid health. He retired from practice of medicine several years ago.



**William Hardin Ragland, M. D.**, b. 22 September 1842, Smith Co., TN – d. 1927, buried in the Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

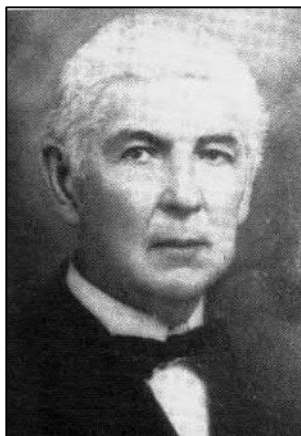
(1860 census, Cherry Valley post office, Wilson Co., TN: Dwl: 922 – **Harden Ragland** is head of household, 48 yrs. old, TN, occupation, physician md to **Amelia**, 53 yrs. old., TN. Children; Agnes, 20 yrs. old; Harriett, 18 yrs. old & James Ragland, 15 yrs. old. All born in TN).

Census Place: 1880 District 10, Wilson Co., Tennessee

Dwl: 308

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
<b>Hardin RAGLAND</b>	Self	M	M	W	68	TN
	Occ:	Retired Physician	Fa: VA	Mo: SC		
<b>Amelia RAGLAND</b>	Wife	F	M	W	73	TN
	Occ:	Keeping House	Fa: VA	Mo: VA		
<b>James H. RAGLAND</b>	Son	M	W	W	35	TN
	Occ:	Trader	Fa: TN	Mo: TN		
<b>Hardin RAGLAND</b>	GSon	M	S	W	8	TN
	Occ:	At School	Fa: TN	Mo: TN		
<b>Clark RAGLAND</b>	GSon	M	S	W	6	TN
	Occ:	At School	Fa: TN	Mo: TN		
<b>Agnes S. EDWARDS</b>	GDau	F	D	W	40	TN
	Occ:	At Home	Fa: TN	Mo: TN		
<b>Willie H. EDWARDS</b>	GDau	F	S	W	8	TN
	Occ:	At School	Fa: TN	Mo: TN		
<b>Amanda HARRIS</b>	Other	F	W	B	31	TN
	Occ:	Domestic Servant	Fa: TN	Mo: TN		

(1910 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Cookeville Town, South Street, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 121 – **William C. Moore** is head of household, 32 yrs. old, Al md 4 yrs. to **Mand**, 25 yrs. old, TN, 1 child born, 1 child living. Child: Oma P. Moore, 3 yrs. old., TN. Living in the household: **William H. Ragland**, 67 yrs. old, TN M2 20 yrs. to **Lavinia L.**, 55 yrs. old, TN M2, 6 children born, 6 children living. Children: **Mattie H.**, 25 yrs. old; Nannie N., 19 yrs. old & Grace L. Moore, 14 yrs. old. All born TN. Also living in the household Luke L. Myer, stepson, 30 yrs. old, TN; Annie C. Myer, stepson, 24 yrs. old, TN).



**DR. WILLIAM HARDIN RAGLAND** (1842-1927), a confederate war veteran and prominent pioneer Cookeville physician, was the **son of Dr. William Ragland** of Smith County and the **grandson of Dr. Hardin Ragland** of Wilson County. He was married to **Elizabeth Lou Butler**. They were the parents of Mattie Ragland (Mrs. Ernest Houston) Boyd, Mary Ragland (Mrs. Thomas G.) Dillon, C. B. Ragland, John Ragland, Edward Ragland, Ernest Ragland, Nan Ragland and Grace Ragland. Courtesy of Ernest Houston Boyd - pg. 141: Pictorial History of Putnam County Tennessee by 1<sup>st</sup> State Bank of Cookeville, TN.

**John Bigger Ragland**

5 July 1867, TN – d. 6 April 1933 md **Lassie Donna (unknown) Ragland**, b. 5 July 1869 – d. 27 May 1961 both buried in Cookeville City Cemetery. **John Bigger Ragland**, s/o **William Harden Ragland & Ann Burton**.

John Biggers Ragland  
b. ----, TN  
d. 6 Apr 1933  
Age: 65y 9m 1d  
Father: William Harden Ragland  
Mother: Ann Burton, TN  
City Cemetery Putnam Co., TN  
DC #8321, Putnam Co., TN

(1910 census 15<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Main St., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 160 – **John B. Ragland** is head of household, 42 yrs. old, TN, Occupation: Keeper Hotel, md 17 yrs. to **Lassie D.**, 41 yrs. old, TN, 2 children born, 2 children living. Children: Donald H., 9 yrs., old, TN & Nina D., 6 yrs. old, TN)

(1920 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 196 – **John Ragland** is head of household, 50 yrs. old, TN md to **Lassie**, 48 yrs. old, TN. Children: Donald, 18 yrs. old; Nina D., 15 yrs. old & John Ragland Jr., 7 yrs. old. All born in TN).

**Ernest M. Ragland Obt.**

Death Removes Ernest M. Ragland:

Ernest M. Ragland, 54, a well known wholesale grocer of Nashville, and a **son of the late Dr. W. H. Ragland**, of Cookeville, died Friday at his home, in Nashville. His death, was due to a carbuncle on the back of his neck, with which he had been afflicted for about ten days, when the gravity of his ailment was realized and his death came as a shock to his relatives and friends.

He was a **grandson of Charles Burton**, a prominent pioneer merchant and business man, of the western portion of Putnam county.

In his young manhood, Ernest Ragland located in Murfreesboro, where for many years he was engaged in the wholesale grocery business with his brother, Charles B. Ragland. Later, he engaged in the wholesale grocery business on his own account, and had wholesale houses at Lebanon and at other points.

For the past seven years, he had been associated in business with his brother, Charles B. Ragland, in the well known wholesale grocery firm of C. B. Ragland and company, of Nashville.

He was well known, as a businessman, throughout this section of the state, and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. He was a member of the Methodist Church. His funeral, which took place Sunday afternoon, at Murfreesboro, was attended by a number of relatives and friends from Cookeville.

He is survived by his **wife, Mrs. Gladys Anderson Ragland**, and by three brothers and sisters, as follows: W. E. Ragland, of Murfreesboro; John B. Ragland, of Cookeville; Charles B. Ragland, of Nashville; Mrs. T. G. Dillion, of Campbellsville, KY; Mrs. Ernest H. Boyd, of Cookeville, and Miss Nan Ragland, of Carthage.

He was an uncle of Harvey E. Ragland and Mrs. Eugene Jared, of this city.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: 4 February 1932

#### **Mattie (Ragland) Boyd Obt.**

**COOKEVILLE** – Funeral services for **Mattie Ragland Boyd**, 95, who died here Friday morning, will be in the chapel of the Hooper & Huddleston Funeral Home at 3 p.m. on Saturday with the Rev. David Campbell officiating and burial to follow in Cookeville City Cemetery.

**Mrs. Boyd was the wife of the late Ernest H. Boyd**, a former Chancellor of the Fourth Chancery Division, and the **daughter of the late Dr. W. H. Ragland, an early Cookeville physician, and Elizabeth Lou Ragland.**

She was the **granddaughter of the late Dr. William Ragland, a Smith County physician and Thomas Harvey Butler, of Gainesboro, a former Tennessee Secretary of State.**

Mrs. Boyd was a graduate of the Bascobel College for Girls, where she received her masters degree. She was a former teacher of the Cookeville City School.

She was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by three sons, Ernest Houston Boyd, of Cookeville, Alvin W. Boyd, of Cookeville, and William Hardin Boyd, of Nashville; two daughters, Mary Butler Boyd and Avo Boyd Evans, of Cookeville; and two grandsons, Walter L. Evans, of Cookeville, and Ernest Boyd Evans, of Nashville.

The family will receive friends from 7 until 9 p.m. Friday night at the Hooper & Huddleston Funeral Home.

Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN: 27 February 1981.

#### **DR. ROBERT L. RAY**

From 1890 to 1920 J. Thomas Moore and J. A. Butler practiced Medicine in Algood and **Robert L. Ray**, W. C. Officer, C. A. Collins, Alvah Johnson, and T. Morrison Crain were Monterey Physicians. Drs. Samuel Denton, W. E. Sybert, Shelia Davis, Ned Burton, William F. Sewell, J. M. Wheeler, Thomas Jefferson Smith, and Luther M. Freeman served the western part of the County.

(1900 census 14<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 89 – **Robert L. Ray** is head of household, 29 yrs. old, b. June 1870, TN. Occupation: Surgeon M. D., md 10 yrs. to **Etta**, 35 yrs. old, b. February 1865, TN, 2 children born, 2 children living. Children: Margurite, 9 yrs. old, b. January 1891, TN & Henry Ray, 2 yrs. old, b. August 1869, TN. Also living in the household: Frank Huffmaster, boarder, 30 yrs. old, b. August 1869, TN).



(1910 census 14<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Monterey Town, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 33 – **Robert L. Ray** is head of household, 45 yrs. old, TN. Occupation: Physician General Practice, md 20 yrs. to **Etta**, 45 yrs. old, TN, 3 children born, 3 children living. Children: Margurit, 19 yrs. old; Henry J., 12 yrs. old & Roby Ray, 1 yr. old. All born in TN).

**DR. JOHN A. RIGSBY**, b. 6 April 1848, TN – d. 13 August 1927 md **Nancy Theury**, b. November 1872, TN.

DC #18458, Putnam Co., TN: **John Allen Rigsby**, b. 6 April 1848, TN – d. 13 August 1927, s/o **Lawson Rigsby & Martha Jane**. Buried: Monterey, Putnam Co., TN.

(1900 census 12<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Rockwood, Roane Co., TN: Dwl: 66 – **John Rigsby** is head of household, 52 yrs. old, b. April 1848, TN. Occupation: Physician, md 3 yrs. to **Theury** (sp), 27 yrs. old, b. November 1872, TN, 2 children born, 2 children living. Children: Edward A., 24 yrs. old, b. November 1875, IN; John H., 17 yrs. old, b. June 1882, KY; Deltie, son, 6 yrs. old, b. December 1893, TN & Pattie Rigsby, 8/12 yrs. old, b. September 1889, TN).

(1910 census 14<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Monterey Town, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 120 – **John A. Rigsby** is head of household, 61 yrs. old, TN. Occupation: Physician General Practice, M2, md 12 yrs. to **Nancy T.**, 34, yrs. old, AL (father born in SC, mother born in GA), 3 children born, 3 children living. Children: Edward, 34 yrs. old; Delta, 16 yrs. old; Patti, 10 yrs. old & Lorine Rigsby, 3 yrs. old. All born in TN).

(1920 census 14<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Monterey Town, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 125 – **Dr. John A. Rigsby** is head of household, 71 yrs. old, TN. Occupation: Barber Own Shop, md to **Nancy T.**, 44 yrs. old, TN. Children: Pattie W., 20 yrs. old & Lorine Rigsby, 13 yrs. old., TN)

#### **DR. TYRE ROBERTSON**

(1900 census 14<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 35 – **Tyre Robertson**, is head of household, 57 yrs. old, b. May 1843, TN. Occupation: Farmer & Physician, md 16 yrs. to **Lucy**, 33 yrs. old, b. April 1867, TN, 7 children born, 6 children living. Children: Ida Bell, 12 yrs. old, b. December 1887; Joe, 10 yrs. old, b. June 1889; James, 4 yrs. old, b. June 1895 & Bertie Robertson, 4 yrs. old, b. October 1889. All born in TN).

**DR. WILLIAM S. ROBINSON**, b. 17 Apr. 1835, TN – d. 23 December 1909, Putnam Co., TN, buried in the William S. Robinson Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. His wife **Hexie (Jared) Robinson**, b. 13 April 1845, TN – d. 2 May 1923 is buried in the Hughes Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. **Hexie was the d/o Joseph Jared & Rachel Ray**. William S. Robinson Cemetery sometimes referred to as the Norton-Robinson Cemetery.

(1860 census 11<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., post office Byrne, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 1353 – **W. S. Robinson** is head of household, 25 yrs. old, TN: Occupation: Doctor, md to **Milbery**, 20 yrs. old, TN. Child: William W. Robinson 1 yr. old, TN).

(1870 census 7<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 30 – **W. S. Robinson** is head of household, 35 yrs. old, MS. Occupation: Physician, md to **Milvary H.**, 29 yrs. old, TN. Children: William W., 10 yrs. old; Lemuel J., 9 yrs. old; Mary B., 7 yrs. old; Samuel T., 5 yrs. old & James L. Robinson, 1/12 yr. old, b. May. All born in TN). (*William W. Robinson, b. 30 July 1869, TN – d. 29 October 1932, Sumner Cemetery, Pierce Co., WA*).

Census Place: 1880 District 7, Putnam Co., Tennessee

Source: FHL Film 1255275 National Archives Film T9-1275 Page 149A

Dwl: 90

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
<b>Will ROBINSON</b>	Self	M	M	W	45	MS

Occ:	Physician	Fa: ---	Mo: TN		
<b>Fannie ROBINSON</b>	Wife	F	M	W	46 TN
Occ:	Keeping House	Fa: KY	Mo: TN		
<i>(Fannie (Pointer) Robinson</i>					
Samuel ROBINSON	Son	M	S	W	15 TN
Occ:	Works On Farm	Fa: MS	Mo: TN		
Mary ROBINSON	Dau	F	S	W	17 TN
Occ:	At Home	Fa: MS	Mo: TN		
<i>(Mary (Robinson) Dowell (1863-1952), Sumner Cemetery, Pierce Co., WA).</i>					
James ROBINSON	Son	M	S	W	10 TN
Occ:	At School	Fa: MS	Mo: TN		
Mattie ROBINSON	Dau	F	S	W	7 TN
		Fa: MS	Mo: TN		

**Census Place: 1880 District 7, Putnam Co., Tennessee**

Source: FHL Film 1255275 National Archives Film T9-1275 Page 146D

Dwl: 60 Family: 61

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
<b>Joseph JARED</b>	Self	M	M	W	80	TN
Occ:	Farmer	Fa: VA	Mo: VA			
<b>Rachael JARED</b>	Wife	F	M	W	70	TN
Occ:	Keeping House	Fa: NC	Mo: NC			
<b>Hixie JARED</b>	Dau	F	S	W	35	TN
		Fa: TN	Mo: TN			

(1900 census 18<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 59 – **William Robinson** is head of household, 65 yrs. old, b. April 1835, TN. Occupation: Doctor, md 42 yrs. to **Hickie**, 55 yrs. old, b. April 1845, TN, 0 children born, 0 children living).

(1900 census 18<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 60 – **Washington Robinson** is head of household, 40 yrs. old, b. August 1859, TN: Occupation: Salesman, md 4 yrs. to **Willie**, 25 yrs. old, b. May 1875, TN, 2 children born, 2 children living. Children: William, 2 yrs. old, b. April 1898, TN & Frank Robinson, 1 yr. old, b. April 1899, TN)

(1920 census 18<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 30 - **Harve Jared** is head of household, 48 yrs old, TN md to Pearl, 32 yrs. old, OH. Children: Supa (sp), dau., 13 yrs. old, TN; Wirt, 11 yrs. old; Lo? (sp), dau., 8 yrs. old; Hazel, 5 yrs. old & Ray Jared, 2 9/12 yrs. old. All born in TN. Also living in the household: **Hixie Robinson**, cousin, 75 yrs. old, widow, (father born in VA, mother born in TN).

**Source:** DC: #332, 18<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN. **Hixie (Jared) Robinson** – b. 13 April 1845, Putnam Co., TN – d. 2 May 1928, TN. Cause of Death: "I attended April 30, 1923 to May 1, 1928 died of organic heart trouble at 3 a.m., signed by R. H. Millis, M. D., Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. True: W. H. Jared, Buffalo Valley, TN. Undertaker: W. H. Jared, Buffalo Valley, TN. Registrar: W. R. McBroom. Father: **Joe Jared**, TN – Mother: **Rachel Ray**, TN.

**Robinson, Son of Dr.:** The two years old child of Dr. Robinson died Sunday about 11 a.m. and was buried Monday. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family. [Date: 6/3/1909, Vol. VII, No. 22, Page 3, *Putnam County Herald, TN*]

**Source:** *Herald*, Cookeville TN: 24 November 1932, pg. 3: In the passing of **W. W. Robinson** who dwells on Sumner Avenue near the Puyallup river, south of Sumner, our community has lost one of its best citizens and an ideal rancher. Mr. Robinson came to the valley some 12 years ago and purchased the A. E. Hart ranch. He vastly improved the place and kept pace with all that was good in the farming industry of which he has been a leader since coming here. Deceased had been in poor health for many months. It is something near two years since **his brother, Lem**, passed who dwelt on adjoining property and the loss of

the brother seemed to dash his spirits and from that time forward his general health declined till the end came Saturday, October 29, at which time he was 73 years old. He passed in a Tacoma hospital.

**Deceased is survived by his widow and three sons, Martin Minor, of San Francisco; Frank, of Oklahoma; Will, of Kansas City; one sister, Mrs. Mary Dowell, of Sumner, and a brother, James L. Robinson, of Wayne, Okla.**

Deceased was atypical southern gentleman. Tennessee was his native state and when he found folks that had seen any part of his home state he cultivated their acquaintance and became fast friends. Everyone liked W. W. Robinson. He had wide acquaintance because of his many lodge affiliations. He belonged to the Nashville Scottish Rite, the Knights Templar of Lebanon, Tenn., also the Blue Lodge of Gainesboro, Tenn.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 o'clock from the Elmore chapel. Rev. D. E. Carter, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating. The Knights Templar of Tacoma conducted the grave side service. **The final rites were in the Sumner Cemetery.**

The foregoing article from the Sumner, Washington, *Standard*, is of interest to Putnam county friends of Gainesboro and Bloomington Springs. He was a salesman for Spurlock Neal Company, Nashville wholesale druggists. He left Tennessee for Oklahoma, where he entered the drug business, later removing to Washington State. **He was a son of the late Dr. W. S. Robinson, of Bloomington Springs**, and was one of the most highly respected citizens of the county.

\*Sumner, Washington is in Pierce Co.

**DR. GEORGE M. SAUNDERS JR.**, b. 31 May 1900, GA – d. 12 January 1988, Putnam Co., TN. Occupation: Physician Optometrist. He married **Lucy J. (unknown) Sanders**, b. 1906, TN – d. 1959, both buried in the Crest Lawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. **George M. Saunders**, DC #01322, Putnam Co., TN. Dr. George M. Saunders, s/o **George M. Saunders Sr. & Ada Johnson**. George M. Saunders Jr. md **Martha (Little) Saunders**.

**COOKEVILLE** – Funeral services for Dr. George M. Saunders Jr., 87, of Cookeville will be tomorrow, January 15, at 2 p.m. in Cookeville First Baptist Church. Burial will be in Crestlawn Cemetery.

Dr. Sanders died Tuesday (January 12, 1988) in Cookeville General Hospital.

He was born May 31, 1900, in Georgia and was the son of the late George M. Sr. and Ada Johnson Saunders.

Dr. Saunders opened his optometrist office in Cookeville in 1925 and retired in 1962. He was a veteran of the U. S. Navy, serving during World War I. He was a member of Cookeville First Baptist Church where he served as deacon for many years.

His family includes his wife Martha Little Saunders of Cookeville; one daughter, Carol Harris of Corpus Christi, TX; two sons, Frank Saunders of Cookeville, and Raymond M. Saunders of Sunbright; one step-daughter, Mary Lee Owen of Atlanta, GA; one step-son, John H. Milligan of Cookeville; five sisters, Alice Sherman of Greenfield, MA, Grace Cowan of Nashville, Alberta McDaniel of Bainbridge, GA, Virginia Gatling of Springfield, VA, and Kathryn Davis of Rockville, MD; two brothers, Raymond Saunders of Plainview, TX, and Joe Saunders of Nashville; 12 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Elmer Dean Langford, Will Ray, Dr. Hamp Morrison, Alton Starnes, Harlon Mullins, Shirley Roberson, Arnold Judd and Curtis Bumbalough.

Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Men's Bible Class of First Baptist Church.

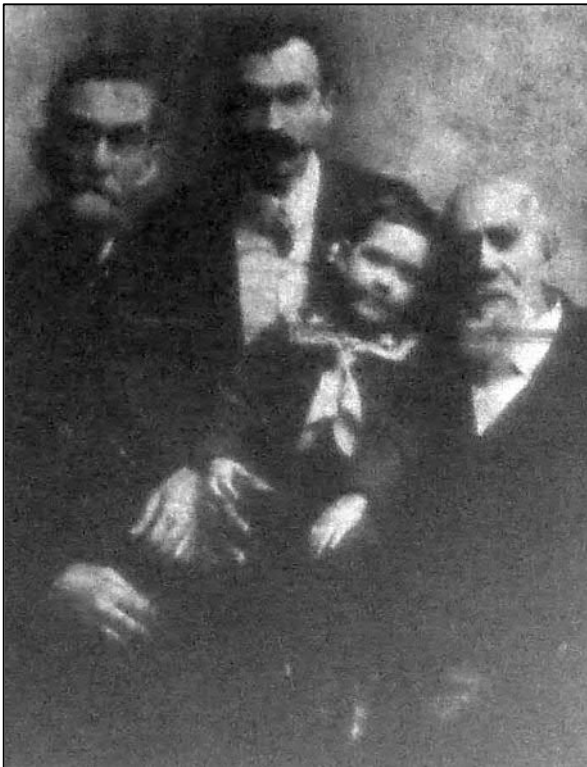
The family will receive friends after 4:30 p.m. today, January 14, in Whitson Funeral Home.

Dr. Ken Altom will officiate at the services.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 14 January 1988.

(1920 census, Russell St., Nashville, Davidson Co., TN: Dwl: 812-262-356 – **George M. Saunders** is head of household, 50 yrs. old, TN, Occupation: Optician Own Shop, md to **Ada J.**, 40 yrs. old, TN. Children: **George M.**, 19 yrs. old, GA; Alice E., 18 yrs. old, TN; Joseph A., 16 yrs. old, TN; John H., 13 yrs. old, TN; Grace, 11 yrs. old, TN; Alberta, 8 yrs. old, TN; Mary F., 4 7/12 yrs. old, TN & Virginia Saunders, 2+ yrs. old, TN).

(1930 census, Cookeville Town east of Walnut, Arnold Ave., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 103- 63- 66 – **George Saunders** is head of household, 29 yrs. old, GA (24 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage). Occupation: Physician Optometrist, md to **Lucy**, 23 yrs. old, TN, (18 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage). Children: Frank, 4 9/12 yrs. old, TN & Carol Saunders, adopted dau, 2 yrs. old, TN. Also living in the household: Sarah Lee, servant, 30 yrs. old, TN).



### Spanning Seven Generations

These two photographs, one made in Nashville in 1903 and the other made recently in Cookeville, cover seven generations in the family of Dr. George M. Saunders Jr., 510 Womack Ave, retired Cookeville optometrist. He was a boy of three in the portrait at left in the recent group he holds his great-grandson. In the photo lower are, from left, Frank Saunders, of Cookeville, Dr. Saunders' son; Frank's daughter, Mrs. Robert Towers, Madison Heights, MI; Dr. Saunder's mother, Mrs. George M. Saunders St., of Madison, TN, who is 90; and Dr. Saunders and his great-grandson, Robert Michael Towers, two-months-old. In the early photo, besides young Saunders, are from left, his grandfather, T. J. Saunders, of Winchester, his late father, of Nashville, also an optometrist, who for a number of years maintained a branch office in Cookeville; and his great-grandfather Saunders, who was 93 when the picture was made (note the handsome beards and moustaches).

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 29 August 1968, pg. 9.



**DR. WILLIAM THOMAS SEWELL**, b. 23 December 1864, TN – d. 9 September 1925, s/o **William Sewell & Caroline Askew**. Dr. William Thomas Sewell married **Nancy Elizabeth Nixon**, b. 20 October 1873, TN – d. 28 August 1965, they are both buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. Also buried next to them is **Caroline (Askew) Sewell**, b. 23 December 1841, TN – d. 8 January 1914, **mother of Dr. William Thomas Sewell**.

Their son **William T. Sewell**, b. 17 July 1895, TN – d. 30 November 1973, buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

Their daughter, **Berta (Sewell) Chaffin**, b. 4 October 1909, TN - d. 25 October 1984, buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

Their son **James Nixon Sewell**, b. 11 July 1897, TN – d. 4 January 1978 & his wife Cora Gentry, b. 11 November 1902, TN – d. 22 January 1992, both buried in Crest Lawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

(1870 11<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Liberty, DeKalb Co., TN: Dwl: 8 – **William Sewell** is head of household, 27 yrs. old, TN md to **Caroline**, 28 yrs. old. TN. Children: **Thomas**, 5 yrs. old; Winfield, 3 yrs. old & John Sewell, 1 yr. old. All born in TN)

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, DeKalb Co., TN, pg. 334, #14: William Sewell married 31 January 1863, DeKalb Co., TN to Caroline Askew).

**Census Place: 1880 District 12, De Kalb Co, Tennessee**

Source: FHL Film 1255252 National Archives Film T9-1252 Page 235B

Dwl: 68

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
<b>William SEWIL</b>	Self	M	M	W	38	TN
	Occ: Farmer	Fa: ---	Mo: ---			
<b>Caroline SEWIL</b>	Wife	F	M	W	38	TN
	Occ: Keeps House	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
<b>Thomas SEWIL</b>	Son	M	S	W	15	TN
	Occ: Farm Worker	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Windfird SEWIL	Son	M	S	W	13	TN
	Occ: Farm Worker	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
John T. SEWIL	Son	M	S	W	11	TN
	Occ: Farm Worker	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Thalba SEWIL	Dau	F	S	W	9	TN
		Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Nicholas A. SEWIL	Son	M	S	W	5	TN
		Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Pheby SEWIL	Dau	F	S	W	4	TN
		Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Elizabeth SEWIL	Dau	F	S	W	9M	TN
		Fa: TN	Mo: TN			

(1900 Civil Dist., DeKalb Co., TN: Dwl: 216 – **W. T. Sewell** is head of household, 35 yrs. old, b. December 1864, TN. Occupation: Physician, md 6 yrs. to **Nancy**, 26 yrs. old, b. October 1873, 3 children born, 3 children living. Children: Willie, 4 yrs. old, b. July 1895; James, 2 yrs. old, b. July 1897; Fallie (sp), 11/12 yrs. old, b. July 1899. All born in TN).

(1910 census 20<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Depot St., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 45 – **William T. Sewell** is head of household, 45 yrs. old, TN. Occupation: Doctor Human, md 15 yrs. to **Sissie**, 37 yrs. old, TN, 8 children born, 8 children living. Children: Willie, 15 yrs. old; James, 12 yrs. old; Ialby, 10 yrs. old; Robert, 9 yrs. old; Malinda, 6 yrs. old; Mollie, 5 yrs. old; Malissia, 2 yrs. old & Birdie Sewell, 6/12 yrs. old. All born in TN).

(1920 census 20<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. south, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 66 – **William T. Sewell** is head of household, 55 yrs. old, TN. Occupation: Medical Doctor, md to **Nancy E.**, 46 yrs. old, TN. Children: James N., 22 yrs. old, Occupation: Carpenter; Robert M., 18 yrs. old, Occupation: Driver Automobile; Malinda, 16 yrs. old; Mollie, 15 yrs. old; Malissia, 12 yrs. old; Bertie, 10 yrs. old; Alverdia, 7 yrs. old & Mildred Sewell, 5 yrs. old. All born in TN).

(1930 census Baxter Town, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 20 – **James Sewell** is head of household, 32 yrs. old, TN, Occupation: Carpenter Building, (24 yrs. old, 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) md to **Cora**, 27 yrs. old, TN (19 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage). Children: Wilburn, 5 yrs. old, Clarence, 3+ yrs. old; Joi, 11/12 yrs. old & Jeane. All born in TN).

(1930 census Baxter Town, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 44 – **Will T. Sewell** is head of household, 34 yrs. old, TN (20 yrs. old, 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) md to **Winnie**, 33 yrs. old, TN (19 yrs. old, 1<sup>st</sup> marriage). Children: Tom, 13 yrs. old; Wilma, 7 yrs. old & Sue Sewell, 4+ yrs. old)

### **James Nixon Sewell Obt.**

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 106, #2685: James N. Sewell married 4 July 1922, Putnam Co., TN to Miss Cora Gentry. By whom married: R. H. Askew).

Funeral services for **James Nixon Sewell**, 79, will be conducted from Baxter Chapel of Hooper & Huddleston Funeral Home Friday, January 6, at 2 p.m. with Ernest Abston officiating. Mr. Sewell, a resident of Baxter, died January 4 in a local nursing home. He was a native of DeKalb County, the **son of the late Dr. William Thomas and Elizabeth Nixon Sewell**. He was a retired carpenter.

Survivors include his wife, **Mrs. Cora Gentry Sewell**, three sons, **Clarence Sewell**, Baxter, Wilburn Sewell, Chicago, Illinois, Freddie Sewell, Baxter, two daughters, Mrs. Eugene Billingsley, Algood, Mrs. Frank Ferronia, Detroit, MI, one grandson, 6 sisters, Mrs. Oscar Collier, Mrs. Mildred Hyder, Nashville, Mrs. Lizzie Brandford, TX, Mrs. Alberta Chaffin and Mrs. Mollie Vickers, Detroit, MI.

Pallbearers will be Jim Austin, Jim Ed Austin, Dan Maxwell, Joe Medley, Foil Jones, Captain Jones, Nelson Stewart. **Burial will be in the Crest Lawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.**

### **William Thomas Sewell Baxter Civic Leader Dies**

**W. T. "Bill" Sewell** longtime business and civic leader in Putnam County, died Friday in Cookeville General Hospital after an extended illness. He was 78.

At the time of his death, he was **president of the W. T. Sewell Wholesale & Supple Co. of Baxter**, the town in which he lived with his wife, **Winnie Maxwell Sewell**, who survives, and where he had served a number of terms as mayor.

A Masonic service will be held tonight, Saturday, at the Hooper & Huddleston Funeral Home in Cookeville at 8 o'clock.

The funeral will be conducted from the chapel of the funeral home Sunday at 2 p.m. with **burial in the Odd Fellows Cemetery.**

A native of Tennessee, Mr. Sewell was the **son the late Dr. William T. and Nancy Elizabeth Nixon Sewell.**

During the long and active life in the affairs of the county, Mr. Sewell had held many positions. Besides the leadership of the firm he headed at the time of his death, he was vice chairman of the board of directors of the Citizens Bank, where he also served as president, and was a member of the board of directors of the Cookeville Federal Savings and Loan Association.



In public service positions, Mr. Sewell had also served long and well. In addition to his terms as mayor of Baxter, he had served on the board of Baxter Seminary and on the board of the Cookeville Housing Authority. At one time he was chairman of the Putnam County school board.

He was a past president of the Cookeville Rotary Club. He was a member of the United Methodist Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Jim Austin of Baxter and Mrs. Robert Baldwin of Winchester, TN. He was the father of the late Tom Sewell.

Other survivors include a brother, James Nixon Sewell of Baxter, and seven sisters: Mrs. Falby Collier and Mrs. Mildred Hyder, both of Nashville; Mrs. Melinda Gordan, Mrs. Molly Vickers, Mrs. Alverta Chaffin, Mrs. Berta Randolph, Detroit, MI; and Mrs. Melissa Bradford, Ft. Worth, TX. There are seven grandchildren.

### **DR. JOHN SHERARLY**

(1850 census 15<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Jackson Co., TN: Dwl: 1105 –**White Myers** is head of household, 25 yrs. old, TN. Occupation: Cabinet maker. Living in the household: Julian, 27 yrs. old; Philip, 3 yrs. old & Samuel Myres, 1 yr. old. All born in TN. Also living in the household: Lenard Davis, 37 yrs. old, NC. Occupation: Physician. Lafayette Settle, 24 yrs. old, TN. Occupation: Merchant. Sidney Settle, 21 yrs. old, TN. Occupation: Merchant. John Kelly, 28 yrs. old. Occupation: Saddler & **John Sherarly**, 25 yrs. old, KY. Occupation: Physician).

**DR. ALEX BARNES SHIPLEY SR.**, b. 22 August 1905, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN – d. February 1985, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN, md **Virginia (Gunn) Shipley**. Dr. Alex S. Shipley, s/o **Dr. Zebidee Lafayette Shipley** (1873-1948) & **Florence Justana Barnes** (1876-1964).

\*See Alex Barnes Shipely Jr. Obt.

\*See Dr. Zebidee Lafayette Shipley

Dr. Alex Shipley, son of Dr. Z. L. Shipley, has returned from Buffalo, NY, and entered the office of his father in the Strand Theater Building.

Young Dr. Shipley graduated from the University of Tennessee School of Medicine in June, 1930. He spent one year on rotating internship at Buffalo City hospital. He served as assistant resident for three months on skin diseases, three months on medicine and eighteen months as resident of Pediatrics and acute communicable diseases.

The Buffalo City Hospital is a twelve hundred bed general hospital, taking all kinds of cases.

Dr. Shipley had charge of two hundred beds for the past twelve months for Pediatrics and acute communicable diseases and also six well baby clinics per week and diagnostic clinic for children.

Cookeville friends welcome Alex back home after an absence of six years of hard study and work and predict for him a bright future in his chosen profession.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 24 August 1933.

Dr. Alex B. Shipley Called to Service:

Dr. Alex Barnes Shipley, formerly of Cookeville, who has been serving for several years as Regional Director of Public Health of East Tennessee was called to the Army last week.

He has gone to Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore, MD, and at the end of a six weeks training period will be transferred to Washington, D. C., for further military duty.

Mrs. Shipley and two children, Susan and Alex Barnes, Jr., during Dr. Shipley's absence will be in Middleboro, KY, with the former's mother, Mrs. Gunn.

Dr. Shipley is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Z. L. Shipley of this city, who also have another son, Sanford Shipley, in service.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 26 March 1942.

(Source) Tennessee Public Health Association, Knoxville, TN: **Alex B. Shipley, MD Award** - This award is named in honor of Dr. Alex B. Shipley, Health Director of the East Tennessee Grand Division for a number of years. An outspoken advocate of public health, Dr. Shipley's work contributed greatly to building local health department infrastructure in Tennessee. This award is to be presented to an employee of a regional or local health department who has made outstanding contributions in the field of public health over a period of several years. The nominee must be a member of TPHA for five (5) years, including the year upon which the award is based.

**\*Note: Alex Barnes Shipley Jr. Obt.**

**NASHVILLE** – Funeral services for Alex Barnes Shipley Jr., 37, will be held Wednesday, August 5, at 10 a.m. at Christ Church in Nashville. Burial will be in a Knoxville cemetery at 4 p.m. on that day.

Mr. Shipley died July 30, of a heart attack.

A native of Knoxville, Mr. Shipley was the son of Dr. and Mrs. Alex B. Shipley of Knoxville and the grandson of the late Dr. and Mrs. Z. L. Shipley of Cookeville.

He received his bachelor's degree from the University of the South, a master's from Emory University, and a law degree from the University of Tennessee.

Following law school graduation he joined the US Army, serving in Washington, D. C. and Vietnam.

In 1972 he became Assistant Attorney General of Tennessee, and in 1977 he joined the law firm of Kin, Ballow and Shipley of Nashville.

In addition to his parents, survivors include his brother, William Gunn Shipley of Knoxville and his sister, Mrs. Glover of Thousand Oaks, CA.

Roesch-Patton Funeral Home of Nashville is in charge of arrangements.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 30 July 1979.

(1930 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Willow St., Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 411-146-165 – **Zeb L. Shipley**, 56 yrs. old, TN (29 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage). Occupation: Physician Medical, md to **Florence**, 53 yrs. old, TN, (26 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage). Children: **Alex B.**, 24 yrs. old; Raymond, 16 yrs. old; Sanford Shipley, 14 old & Almira Shipley, 10 yrs. old. All born in TN. Also living in the household: Audrey Ellis, servant, 21 yrs. old, TN).

**JERRY LYNN SHIPLEY M. D.**, b. 15 March 1944 – d. 10 January 1995, md on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July 1985 to **Janet Pamela (Hensley) Shipley**. Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 452: Jerry Lynn Shipley married 27 July 1985, Putnam Co., TN, age 41, born 15 March 1944, address: Rt. 1, Livingston, TN to Janet Pamela Hensley, age 39, born 12 June 1946, address: 605 Loweland Rd., Cookeville, TN, name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: Mrs. William A. Hensley, mother, 605 Loweland Rd., Cookeville, TN).

**THURMAN SHIPLEY, M. D.**, b. 6 March 1903, Putnam Co., TN – d. 10 April 1994, s/o **Harvey Richard Shipley** (1867-1934) & **Sallie Arrine (Welch) Shipley** (1873-1953), On May 30, 1935, he married on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May 1935, Loudon, TN to **Helen Cross Cates**, b. 1 June 1907, Briceville, TN – d. 22 August 1998, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN. Their children are Martha Helen Shipley Chen and Dr. William Thurman Shipley. Harvey R. & Sallie A. (Welch) Shipley are both buried in the buried in the Smyrna Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. **Helen Cross (Cates) Shipley**, d/o **William Cross Cates & Mary Hicks**.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Loudon Co., TN, pg. 345: Thurman Shipley married 29 May 1935, Loudon, TN to Helen Cates. By whom married: Rev. C. H. Ely).

(DC #1334, Putnam Co., TN: **Harvey Richard Shipley**, s/o **William Milburn Shipley & Elizabeth Kinnaird**)

(**William Milburn Shipley**, b. 21 May 1847 – d. 16 December 1873 & his wife **Elizabeth (Kinnaird) Shipley**, b. 11 April 1847 – d. 7 June 1896, both buried in the +Bullington Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. William Milburn Shipley, s/o **Eli & Mahala Shipley**).

SERVICES FOR COOKEVILLE'S OLDEST PHYSICIAN ARE SET FOR TUESDAY AFTERNOON:  
By Mary Jo Denton, Herald-Citizen.

Cookeville's oldest physician, one praised for his dedication to caring for people, has died.



Dr. Thurman Shipley died in his sleep at his home early Sunday morning, April 10. He was 91.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, April 12, 1994, at 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church in Cookeville. Rev. Tom Smith and Rev. Lexie Freeman will officiate. The Putnam County Medical Association will serve as honorary pallbearers. Burial will be in Cookeville City Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at Hooper & Huddleston Funeral Home after 4 p.m. today, Monday.

Dr. Shipley was born March 6, 1903, in Putnam County. He was the son of Harvey Richard and Sally Welch Shipley.

His family includes his wife, Helen Shipley of Cookeville, his daughter, Martha Helen Chen of Birmingham, Ala.; his son, Dr. William Shipley of Cookeville; his sister, Jewell King of Maryville, Tenn., two brothers, Charlie Shipley of Franklin, Tenn., and Fred L. Shipley of Missouri; his grandchildren, Mary Lin Smith, Richard Chen, Virginia Chen, Melisa Lynn, Skip Shipley, Scott Shipley, Rachel Evans, Ben Shipley, and David Shipley, and eight great-grandchildren.

Dr. Shipley opened his medical practice here in 1933 and didn't officially retire until 1985. He began in the time when doctors made house calls and was still treating a patient in his office on the day he retired in January of 1985.

He was the seventh of 10 children in his family and attended elementary school at the old Shipley School, where his oldest brother, Milburn was his 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher.

He graduated from Tennessee Tech in 1923 and enrolled in the College of Engineering at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, later changing his major to medicine.

In March of 1932, he graduated from the U. T. College of Medicine in Memphis and then served an internship at St. Joseph Hospital there.

In the summer of 1933, he opened his office in the Terry building on the square in Cookeville.

Over the years, he delivered thousands of babies, performed many surgeries, carried his X-ray machine and other instruments with him, and always made his work a matter of public service.

His colleagues note his great intelligence, the honor and professionalism with which he always conducted himself, and how he remained alert and interested in life right up through his last day.

“It’s the end of an era, and he will be missed,” said Dr. Jack Moore. “He was a pioneer in modern medicine here. He and Dr. J. Fred Terry were the first real doctors to come to Putnam County.

The doctors practicing here in the years before that were not fully trained as doctors later were required to be. But even with their complete education and full medical training, Dr. Shipley and Dr. Terry were still often paid for their services in the form of vegetables and chickens, and sometimes they weren’t paid at all.

“Dr. Shipley and Dr. Terry opened a new era of medicine here, and of course, Dr. Shipley had also been trained as an engineer and then as a physician,” Dr. Moore said. “And he could fix anything mechanical – in fact, I understand he worked on his tractor, the day before he died.”

Dr. Moore said Dr. Shipley “always did everything right.”

“If it couldn’t be done right, he wouldn’t do it. He and Dr. Terry led a great era in medicine here, and they did a lot of pioneering – and they did a lot for Cookeville. They were very unselfish and worked for the public good. That led the way for the people who followed them in the profession here. They left a certain attitude of public service toward the hospital and the people here.”

Dr. J. T. DeBerry said, “I have been fortunate to have practiced at the time of Dr. Shipley’s long service to this community.

“During this time, he always conducted himself in a manner that lends itself to emulation by young doctors who have come to practice here for the past many years. I think highly of Dr. Shipley. He was super in his ethics and his concern for his patients and for others, I admired him.”

Dr. Bill Francis said, “I thought he was one of the greatest, not only as a person but as a physician. He could remember everything from day one. He was as sharp at 91 as he was at 51. His death is a tragic loss. I thought the world of him. His concern for everybody was way above average.

Over the years, he was given many awards and honors, including “General Practitioner of the Year” in 1980 by the Tom Moore Chapter of the Tennessee Academy of General Practitioners, the Community Service Award from the Cookeville Kiwanis Club in 1979, the Roberson Award from Cookeville General Hospital in 1989 for his contributions to improving community health care here, a proclamation in his honor from the state legislature in 1979, and just this month, his appointment by the U. S. Senate to the Tennessee Delegation of the 1994 Republican Senate Mid Term Convention.

Dr. Shipley served on the medical staff of the old Howard Hospital here, the forerunner of Cookeville General, and was on the first medical staff of Cookeville General when it opened in 1950. He served as secretary of the Putnam County Medical Society for 51 consecutive years and was a life member of the Southern Medical Association and the American Academy of Family Practice.

At Cookeville General he served as chief-of-staff for two terms and also served as secretary for the staff, and he and Dr. T. M. Crain of Monterey were instrumental in securing funds to build the first three floors of Cookeville General.

He and other doctors established scholarships for students interested in medicine and related fields, and among his numerous acts of public service were years of providing medical care to TTU students in the days before a doctor was on staff at the campus infirmary.

He also served in numerous civic clubs, TTU organizations, and in his church, First United Methodist.

In addition to his official public service, he was also the behind-the-scenes instrument in helping many who needed help – making unsecured loans, helping worthy students get an education, caring for the elderly.

The good that he did throughout his life lives on.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: Monday, 11 April 1994.

(**E. W. Shipley**, b. 12 January 1817, TN – d. 13 February 1897, buried in the Bullington Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN).

**Source:** Heritage of Putnam County Tennessee – 2008 by Putnam County Heritage Book Committee and County Heritage Inc.

Dr. Thurman Shipley Opens Offices Here:

Dr. Thurman Shipley, a nephew of Dr. Z. L. Shipley, has opened offices in the William & Terry Bros. building on the square and will practice medicine as a general practitioner and surgeon in Cookeville.

Young Dr. Shipley is a graduate of the University of Tennessee School of Medicine at Memphis, and received his internship in Memphis, Chicago, and New York hospitals.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 17 August 1933.

**THURMAN SHIPLEY, M. D.** (#882)



Pg. 318 - **Thurman Shipley** was born March 6, 1903 in a log house located in Putnam County, TN on the Old Gainesboro road. He was the seventh of ten children born to **Harvey Richard** and **Sally Welch Shipley**. He attended elementary school at the Shipley School where his oldest brother, Milburn, was his seventh and eighth grade teacher. He graduated from Technical High School at Tennessee Tech in 1923 and enrolled in the College of Engineering at the University of Tennessee Knoxville. In September 1927, he entered the University of Tennessee College of Medicine at Memphis. Upon graduating in 1932, he served an internship and surgical residency at St. Joseph's Hospital in Memphis, TN. In 1933, he opened his medical office in Cookeville. On May 30, 1935, he **married Helen Cross Cates**. Their children are **Martha Helen Shipley Chen** and **Dr. William Thurman Shipley**.

The old Cookeville City Hospital was purchased from **Dr. Howard**. Surgeons had to own their instruments and carry them to the hospital for each operation. The first X-ray machine available to the hospital was Dr. Shipley's portable unit and his nitrous oxide machine was the only one available for anesthesia.

During the year of World War II great advances were made in medicine and the original unit of the present Cookeville General Hospital was built. It soon proved inadequate for the needs of the community, and efforts were made to secure Hill-Burton funds to expand. After several futile attempts, the hospital staff designated **Dr. Shipley** and **Dr. T. M. Crain of Monterey** to approach the Commissioner of Public Health for his support in securing funds and soon the first three floors of the unit that faced 5<sup>th</sup> Street were built.

The Putnam County Medical Society was reorganized in 1933. **Dr. Shipley** was elected Secretary Treasurer and continued in that office for over thirty years. In addition to the County Society, Dr. Shipley

maintained membership in the American Medical Association, the Tennessee Medical Association of which he served one term as vice-president. He was active in the American and Tennessee Academies of Family Practice and was made a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physician in 1973. He was active in the Tom Moore Chapter of the Tennessee Academy of Family Physicians the Upper Cumberland Medical Society and Upper Cumberland Medical Society and the Middle Tennessee Medical Association. Dr. Shipley has served each of these professional organizations as president and in other capacities.

**Dr. Shipley** was a Major in the Tennessee State Guard during World War II. He was a charter member of the Cookeville Rotary Club and served as its president, he is a past president of the Tennessee Tech Alumni Association. He was a member of the Cookeville First Methodist Church and served on its Board of Trustees. He loved to make moving pictures, slides and printed pictures in his darkroom. Some of his home movies of events in the Cookeville area are shown at the Cookeville History Museum.

*Story by William T. Shipley, D.D.S., M.S.D., Cookeville, TN. Sources: Family Bible records and family knowledge.*

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: 17 August 1933

Dr. Thurman Shipley Opens Offices Here:

Dr. Thurman Shipley, a nephew of Dr. Z. L. (*Zebidee Lafayette*) Shipley, has opened offices in the Williams & Terry Bros. building on the square and will practice medicine as a general practitioner and surgeon in Cookeville.

Young Dr. Shipley is a graduate of the University of Tennessee School of Medicine at Memphis, and received his internship in Memphis, Chicago, and New York hospitals.

(SS Death Index: Name: **THURMAN SHIPLEY**- Birth: 6 March 1903 – Death: 10 April 1994 –Last Residence: (Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN) -Last Benefit: (none specified) – SSN: 410-74-2564, TN).

(DC #14125, Putnam Co., TN: Thurman Shipley died 4-10-1994, age 91)

(1860 census, 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 112 – **Eli Shipley** is head of household, 42 yrs. old, TN md to **Mahala**, 37 yrs. old, VA. Children: Rachel, 16 yrs. old; **William**, 13 yrs. old; Gaines, 10 yrs. old; Joel, 8 yrs. old & Susan Shipley, 5 yrs. old. All born in TN)

(1870 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 35 – **E. W. Shiply** is head of household, 51 yrs. old, TN md to **Elizabeth**, 49 yrs. old, TN. Children: Joel, 18 yrs. old & Susan M. Shiply, 15 yrs. old. Both born in TN).

(1870 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 36 – **W. M. Shiply** is head of household, 22 yrs. old, TN md to **Elizabeth**, 22 yrs. old. Children: Louis W., 4 yrs. old; **Harvy R.**, 3 yrs. old & John S. Shiply, 1 yr. old. All born in TN)

Census Place: 1880 District 1, Putnam Co., Tennessee

Source: FHL Film 1255275 National Archives Film T9-1275 Page 86D

Dwl: 169

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
<b>E.P. SHIPLEY</b>	Self	F	W	W	35	TN
	Occ:	Keeping House	Fa: TN	Mo: TN		
<b>G.W. SHIPLEY</b>	Son	M		W	15	TN
	Occ:	Works On Farm	Fa: TN	Mo: TN		
<b>Harvy SHIPLEY</b>	Son	M	S	W	12	TN
		Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
<b>John SHIPLEY</b>	Son	M	S	W	9	TN
		Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
<b>Z.L. SHIPLEY</b>	Son	M	S	W	7	TN
		Fa: TN	Mo: TN			



Parker SHIPLEY Son      M      S      W      5      TN  
    Fa: TN   Mo: TN

Census Place: 1880 District 1, Putnam Co., Tennessee

Source: FHL Film 1255275 National Archives Film T9-1275 Page 85B

Dwl: 145

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
<b>Ely SHIPLEY</b>	Self	M	M	W	63	TN
Occ:	Farmer	Fa: MA	Mo: MA			
<b>Elisabeth SHIPLEY</b>	Wife	F	M	W	56	TN
Occ:	Keeping House	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
<b>E.W. SHIPLEY</b>	Gson	M	S	W	18	TN
Occ:	Works On Farm	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			

(1900 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 166 – **Harvey Shipley** is head of household, 33 yrs. old b. July 1867, TN md 10 yrs. to **Sallie**, 27 yrs. old, b. January 1873, TN, 5 children born, 4 children living. Children: Milburn, 8 yrs. old, b. April 1892; Mitchell, 5 yrs. old, b. July 1894; Jasbel, 3 yrs. old, b. September 1896 & Florence Shipley, 1 yr. old, b. September 1898. All born in TN).

(1910 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 345 – **Harvey R. Shipley** is head of household, 41 yrs. old, TN md 20 yrs. to **Sallie A.**, 36 yrs. old, TN, 7 children born, 7 children living. Children: Milbern H., 18 yrs. old; Mitchell S., 16 yrs. old; Marry J., 14 yrs. old; Florence R., 12 yr. old; John H., 10 yrs. old; **Doctor T.**, 7 yrs. old & Fred L. Shipley, 4 yrs. old. All born in TN).

(1920 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 312 – **Harvey Shipley** is head of household, 52 yrs. old, TN md to **Sallie A.**, 47 yrs. old, TN. **Thurman**, 16 yrs. old; Fred, 14 yrs. old; Howard, 9 yrs. old & Charlie Shipley, 6 yrs. old. All born in TN).

**Harvey Richard Shipley Obt.**

b. 12 July 1867, Putnam Co., TN – d. 31 January 1934, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 1890 to **Sallie Arrina (Welch) Shipley**, b. 1873 – d. 1953, s/o **William Milburn Shipley** (1847-1873) & **Elizabeth Kinnaird** (1849-1896). Harvey and Sallie (Welch) Shipley are both buried in Smyrna cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

The death of Esq. Harvey R. Shipley, which occurred on Wednesday of last week, at his home near Cookeville, came as a great shock to his many friends throughout Putnam county. After aq few days illness with influenza, pneumonia developed and he survived less than a week. Except in his immediate community, few of his friends knew of his illness until they learned of his death.

Esq. Shipley was 66 years old. His life was spent in the First Civil District of this county. In his childhood he lost his father, and was early thrown upon his own resources. Throughout his life he was possessed of great energy and industry, also of a degree of resolution and determination to which failure was unknown.

He was one of Putnam county's largest and most successful farmers.

He was a man of rare native ability. His educational opportunities in youth were limited, but nature was lavish in her endowment, and his keenness of intellect, rare good judgment, and wide range of information rendered him a self educated man.

He was one of those rare individuals who never spent an hour in idleness. He never knew the meaning of a vacation. He had no diversions. His pleasure and enjoyment came from constant, uninterrupted labor and toil. Most people would tire of such close and constant application, but he did not. A vacation or enforced idleness would have been intolerable for him. He found pleasure in useful and productive labor.

He was a man of the strictest integrity and as a citizen was always deeply interested in public affairs. He espoused the causes he believed to be right with all of the earnestness and zeal of his nature. A bold and

positive character, influenced only by his own convictions, no one was ever in doubt as to his views, or stand, on any public issue. In politics he was an uncompromising Democrat. His religious affiliations were with the Church of Christ.

He served for twelve years as a Justice of the Peace for the First District. During his period of service he was an active and influential member of the County Court. He always urged economy in public expenditures.

In his young manhood, he was married to Miss Sallie Welch. To this union ten children were born, two of whom preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sallie Welch Shipley, and by eight children, as follows: Mitchell and Howard Shipley, of Phoenix, AZ, John H. Shipley, of Akron, OH, Fred Shipley, of IL, and Dr. Thurman Shipley, Charlie Shipley, Mrs. Jewel King and Mrs. Florence Whitson, of this county, also by many other relatives in this county.

One grown son, Milburn Shipley, a teacher in the public schools of this county, died several years ago.

He was a brother of Dr. Z. L. Shipley, of this city. Another brother, Parker Shipley, is a resident of TX.

Funeral services were conducted at the home last Thursday, followed by burial in Smyrna cemetery.

Putnam county has sustained the death of one of its useful citizens, who had long been identified with its civic affair, a loyal friend, a splendid neighbor, and a good husband and father.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: 8 February 1934

#### **Helen Cross (Cates) Shipley Obt.**

(DC #34611, Putnam Co., TN: Helen C. Shipley died 8-22-1998, age 91)

**COOKEVILLE** - Funeral services for **Helen Cross Cates Shipley**, 91, of Cookeville, will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow at Cookeville First United Methodist Church with burial in Cookeville City Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. tomorrow at Dyer Funeral Home.

Mrs. Shipley died on Saturday, Aug. 22, 1998, at her home.

A native of Briceville, Tenn., she was born on June 1, 1907, to **William Cross** and **Mary Hicks Cates**.

She was a homemaker and member of Cookeville First United Methodist Church.

Her family includes a daughter and son-in-law, Martha Helen and Francis Chen of Birmingham, Ala.; a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. William T. and Betty Shipley of Cookeville; nine grandchildren, Mary Lin Smith and Richard Shipley Chen, both of Mobile, Ala., Helen Virginia Chen of Birmingham, Ala., Melisa Lynn of Springfield, Ky., Skip Shipley of Nashville, Rachel Evans, Scott, Ben and David Shipley, all of Cookeville, and eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Shipley was preceded in death by her **husband, Dr. Thurman Shipley**.

Dyer Funeral Home is in charge of Mrs. Shipley's funeral arrangements.

Revs. Ben Alexander and Woodward A. Adams Jr. will officiate at the services.

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**Rebecca Florence (Shipley) Whitson Oht.**

b. 30 September 1898 – d. 23 February 1946, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December 1915 to **Frank Cummings “Dock” Whitson**, b. 16 October 1889, Putnam Co., TN – d. 29 January 1959, Ft. Lauderdale, Broward, FL, s/o **Reuben Granville “Coon” Whitson** (1863-1945) & **Lettie Pippin** (1861-1927). Rebecca Florence (Shipley) Whitson, d/o **Harvey Richard Shipley** (1867-1934) & **Sallie Arrina Welch**. (1873-1953).

Mrs. Frank C. Whitson died at her home at Cookeville, Route 4, February 23 at 12:45 a.m., after an illness of several years. She was the daughter of the late Harvey Richard Shipley and Mrs. Sallie Welch Shipley. She was married to Frank Cummins Whitson, December 17, 1915. In addition to her husband and mother, she is survived by four daughters; Mrs. Horace Carr, San Diego, CA, Mrs. Walter McCulley, Wilmington, CA, Misses Mary John and Amy Jewel Whitson, Cookeville; one son, Ezell Whitson, U. S. Navy, Alameda, CA; one sister, Mrs. Dan King, Cookeville; and six brothers, Dr. Michael Shipley, San Antonio, TX, John H. Shipley, Akron, OH, Dr. Thurman Shipley, Cookeville, Fred Shipley, St. Louis, MO, Howard Shipley, Seligman, AZ, and Charlie Shipley of Newport.

Funeral services were conducted at the Whitson Funeral Home on Friday, March 2, at 10:30 a.m., by A. S. Landiss, minister of the Cookeville Church of Christ. Burial was in the Pippin Cemetery.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: 7 March 1946

**DR. WILLIAM T. “BILL” SHIPLEY SR.**, son of **Thurman Shipley, M. D. & Helen Cross Cates**.



D.S. M.S.D. whose practice is in Cookeville, TN. He graduated on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June 1960, Putnam Co., TN to **Betty Jean Gay**, d/o Mina Opal was the d/o James Barsheba "Bersh" Jared & May

William T. “Bill” Shipley Sr. & his wife Betty Jean (Gay) Shipley.

Picture taken: 20 October 2007, Putnam Co., TN.

James Beersheba Jared (Bersh) was born April 22, 1886, and died September 16, 1965. He married Mary Myrtle Jones August 9, 1908. She was born August 14, 1891, and died May 7, 1961. They had two children, Mina Opal Jared born June 10, 1911, and David Frank Jared born November 21, 1912, died June 4, 1954, Opal married David George Gay October 8, 1932, in White County, TN. He was born April 26, 1900 in Kershaw County, South Carolina and died April 19, 1957, in Cookeville, Tennessee. They had two children born in Rock Hill, South Carolina: Betty Jean Gay born February 16, 1938, who is married to Dr. William T. Shipley, lives in Cookeville, Tennessee and has six children, ten grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Dr. William Donald Gay born October 27, 1942, has two sons with families all of whom live in Missouri. Opal's second husband was Felton Childs.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 425: William Thurman Shipley married 19 June 1960, Putnam Co., TN, age 21, born 11 August 1938, address: 1227 E. Tenth St., Cookeville, TN to Betty Jean Gay, age 22, born 16 February 1938, address: 521 North Dixie Ave, Cookeville, TN, name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: Mrs. D. G. Gay, mother, 521 North Dixie Ave, Cookeville, TN).

**DR. ZEBEDEE “ZEB” LAFAYETTE SHIPLEY**, b. 15 June 1873, TN – d. 14 December 1948 married



the 12<sup>th</sup> of December 1902 to **Florence Justana (Barnes) Shipley**, b. 26 April 1876, TN – d. 9 October 1964, d/o **Burr Barnes & Narcissus Almira Pendergrass**. Dr. Zebedee Lafayette Shipley, s/o **William Milburn Shipley** (1847-1873) & **Elizabeth Kinnard** (1847-1896), both buried in the Bullington Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. **William Milburn Shipley**, s/o **Eli Wilson Shipley** (1817-1897) & **Mahala Ann Felts** (1821-1868), also both buried in

the Bullington Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. **Elizabeth Kinnard**, d/o **Moses Kinnaird** (1813-1870) & **Mary Polly Lack** (1813-1893). Siblings: Gaines Whitley Shipley (1865-1908); Harvey Richard Shipley (1867-1934) & John Samuel Shipley (1869-1930).

\*See Dr. Alex Barnes Shipley

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 151, #54: Zeb L. Shipley married 10 December 1902, Putnam Co., TN to Miss Florence Barnes. By whom married: J. H. Dow, Justice of the Peace)

Funeral services for Dr. Zebidee Lafayette Shipley, who died at his home on Willow Street Tuesday afternoon after a brief illness, were held this morning at the Broad Street Church of Christ.

Charles Caldwell, minister of the Willow Street Church of Christ, and L. N. Moody, Broad Street preacher, officiated at the services. Burial was in the City Cemetery.

Dr. Shipley, 75, suffered a heart attack Saturday afternoon at this home.

**Native of Putnam County, Dr. Shipley was the son of Milburn and Elizabeth Kinnard Shipley. He was a member of the Church of Christ.**

Dr. Shipley had practiced medicine in Cookeville for 46 years. In recent months he had moved his office to his home, but was still practicing until the heart attack.

Graduating from Grant University, Chattanooga, Dr. Shipley took postgraduate work in the schools of medicine of Vanderbilt University and the University of Chicago. He was a member of the Putnam County Medical Association, the Upper Cumberland Medical Association, and of the American Medical Association.

Dr. Shipley was a past president of the Cookeville Lions Club, a former city commissioner, and at one time was a member of the Cookeville city board of education. He was a city commissioner at the time the Cookeville City School Building was constructed.

Members of the Putnam County Medical Association served as honorary pallbearers.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Florence Barnes Shipley; two daughters, Mrs. Amy Johnson, Cookeville; Mrs. Almyra Whitehead, Nashville; two sons, Clyde Sanford Shipley, Chattanooga; Dr. Alex Shipley, of Knoxville; a half-sister, Mrs. Milburn King, of Cookeville and two grandchildren.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 16 December 1948.

*A History of Putnam County* by Walter S. McClain – 1925, pg. 150: **ZEBEDEE L. SHIPLEY, M. D.**, born near Cookeville, June 15, 1873. Attended Alpine Institute and Grant University Medical School, (Chattanooga). Married **Miss Florence Barnes**, December 12, 1902. He is a Democrat, an Odd Fellow, Mason and a member of several Medical Societies. Dr. Shipley taught school before taking up the study of his profession. He is a member of the Church of Christ and Vice-President of the Cookeville Lion's Club.

(1870 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 36 – **W. M. Shiply** is head of household, 22 yrs. old, TN md to **Elizabeth**, 22 yrs. old. Children: Louis W., 4 yrs. old; Harvey R., 3 yrs. old & John S. Shiply, 1 yr. old. All born in TN)

Census Place: 1880 District 1, Putnam Co., Tennessee

Source: FHL Film 1255275 National Archives Film T9-1275 Page 86D

Dwl: 169

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
<b>E.P. SHIPLEY</b>	Self	F	W	W	35	TN
Occ:	Keeping House		Fa: TN	Mo: TN		

G.W. SHIPLEY	Son	M		W	15	TN
Occ:	Works On Farm	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Harvy SHIPLEY	Son	M	S	W	12	TN
		Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
John SHIPLEY	Son	M	S	W	9	TN
		Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
<b>Z.L. SHIPLEY</b>	Son	M	S	W	7	TN
		Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Parker SHIPLEY	Son	M	S	W	5	TN
		Fa: TN	Mo: TN			

Census Place: 1880 District 1, Putnam Co., Tennessee

Source: FHL Film 1255275 National Archives Film T9-1275 Page 92C

Dwl: 273

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
<b>Burr BARNES</b>	Self	M	M	W	26	TN
Occ:	Farmer	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
<b>N.A. BARNES</b>	Wife	F	M	W	23	TN
Occ:	Keeping House	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
<b>Florence BARNES</b>	Dau	F	S	W	4	TN
		Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Nellie BARNES	Dau	F	S	W	2	TN
		Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Frank BARNES	Brother	M	M	W	25	TN
Occ:	Farmer	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
M.H. BARNES	SisterL	F	M	W	22	TN
Occ:	Housekeeping	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			

(1910 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Walnut St., Cookeville Town, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 146 – **Zeb L. Shipley**, 56 yrs. old, TN. Occupation: Physician General Practice, md 7 yrs. to **Florence**, 33 yrs. old, TN, 5 children born, 3 children living. Children; Alex B., 4 yrs. old; Amy, 3 yrs. old & Joel Shipley, 5/12 yrs. old. All born in TN. Also living in the household: Alma Kinnaird, boarder, 19 yrs. old, TN).

(1920 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Willow St., Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 159 – **Zeb L. Shipley**, 47 yrs. old, TN. Occupation: Medical Doctor, md to **Florence**, 43 yrs. old, TN. Children: Alex B., 14 yrs. old; Annie, 13 yrs. old; Raymond, 6 yrs. old & Sanford Shipley, 4 + yrs. old. All born in TN. Also living in the household: Francis Wilkerson, maid, 23 yrs. old, TN).

(1930 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Willow St., Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 411-146-165 – **Zeb L. Shipley**, 56 yrs. old, TN (29 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage). Occupation: Physician Medical, md to **Florence**, 53 yrs. old, TN, (26 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage). Children: Alex B., 24 yrs. old; Raymond, 16 yrs. old; Sanford Shipley, 14 old & Almira Shipley, 10 yrs. old. All born in TN. Also living in the household: Audrey Ellis, servant, 21 yrs. old, TN).

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: 24 August 1933

Dr. Alex Shipley To Practice With Father:

Dr. Alex Shipley, son of Dr. Z. L. Shipley, has returned from Buffalo N. Y., and entered the office of his father in the Strand Theater building.

Young Dr. Shipley graduated from the University of Tennessee School of Medicine in June, 1930. He spent one year on rotating internship at Buffalo City hospital. He served as assistant resident for three months on skin diseases, three months on medicine and eighteen months as resident of Pediatrics and acute communicable diseases.

The Buffalo City Hospital is a twelve hundred bed general hospital, taking all kinds of cases.

Dr. Shipley had charge of two hundred beds for the past twelve months for Pediatrics and acute communicable diseases and also six well baby clinics per week and diagnostic clinic for children.

Cookeville friends welcome Alex back home after an absence of six years of hard study and work and predict for him a bright future in his chosen profession.

**Almyra (Shipley) Whitehead Obt.**

\*See Dr. Zebedee Lafayette Shipley

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 77, #77: Guy Whitehead married 20 June 1942, Putnam Co., TN, age 22, address: Richmond, KY to Almyra Shipley, age 22, address: Cookeville, TN, name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: Z. L. Shipley, Cookeville, TN).

**MINNESOTA** -- Memorial services for Almyra Shipley Whitehead, 89, will be held Saturday, Dec. 5, at Calvary Episcopal Church in Rochester, Minn. Mrs. Whitehead died Monday, Nov. 2, 2009, in Rochester of natural causes. **She was the daughter of Dr. Z. L. and Florence Barnes Shipley and sister of Amy Johnson, all of Cookeville.**

**Mrs. Whitehead is survived by her husband, Guy Whitehead, Ph.D;** a son and daughter-in-law, Guy Whitehead III, M.D. and Julie Ann Carson, Ph.D, of Happy Valley, Ore.; and a daughter and son-in-law, Amelia Whitehead, MLS and Donald Dryden, MLS, of Nashville. A 1940 graduate of Tennessee Tech, Almyra was a voice student of Charles Faulkner Bryan. The next year she earned her master's degree in music education from Peabody College (now part of Vanderbilt University).

After teaching school for one year in Collierville, she married Lt. Guy Whitehead in Cookeville in 1942. They lived for two years in Richmond, Ky., where she was a beloved daughter-in-law. When Guy deployed for World War II, she enrolled at the Cincinnati College of Music and earned artist diplomas in voice and in piano. After the war, the Whiteheads lived in Nashville as he studied for his Ph.D. in English at Vanderbilt University and she furthered her studies in voice and piano and taught voice at Fisk University.

Later they lived in Lexington Ky., where he taught at the University of Kentucky. During those years their son, Guy III, and daughter, Amelia Anne (Amy), were born. They moved to Rochester in 1956 when Guy accepted a position in the editorial department of the Mayo Clinic. Almyra's years in Rochester proved to be bountiful for her and for the community. The girl Charles Bryan once called "the Opera Belle of Cookeville" sang in the Rochester Oratorio Society and Symphony Chorale for 27 consecutive seasons and in the Calvary Episcopal Church choir for 29 years and directed the choir for one year. And for seven years she was the membership chairwoman for Community Concerts, which brought classical artists from around the world to Rochester.

She established the series of Young Musicians Concerts at the city's Art Center. She was a charter member of the Rochester Keyboard Club and a long-standing member of the Music Guild, Ballet Guild, Minnesota Arts Council and the National Music Teachers Association. She helped found the Minnesota Music Teachers Association and judged theory in its contests for many years. She also co-founded the Rochester Performers' Group, giving music teachers and others opportunities to perform. In 1985, she was awarded the Mayor's Medal of Honor for Artistic and Cultural Achievement. Though she worked energetically for the community for many years, her dearest love was teaching piano and voice students of all ages in her home. Many have won local, regional, national and even international awards and recognition. She taught from 1958 until 2005, and watched with pride as numbers of them became professional performers, teachers, and music directors and gave others the gift of music she had given them.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN, Thursday, Nov 05, 2009.

Miss Shipley to be Married in June to Lieut. Whitehead:

Dr. and Mrs. Z. L. Shipley announce the engagement of their daughter, Almyra to Guy Whitehead. Lieutenant, U. S. Army, son of Mrs. Guy Whitehead of Richmond, KY.



The bride-elect is a graduate of the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute and last summer received her M. A. Degree from Peabody College, Nashville. Since September she has been director of music at the Collierville High School.

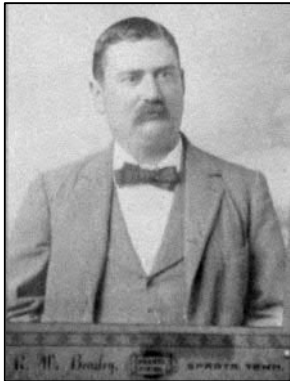
Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 21 May 1942.

#### **DR. PEMBROK C. SHIRLEY**

(1850 census 15<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Jackson Co., TN: Dwl: 1106 – **James M. Shepard** is head of household, 40 yrs. old, VA. Occupation: Merchant, md to **Elia J.** 29 yrs. old, TN. Children: Jno. Williams, 6 yrs. old; David Jud, 4 yrs. old; Elizabeth Rebecca, 2 yrs. old & Laura Eudora Shepherd, 1 yrs. old. All born in TN. Also living in the household: David G. Shepherd, 45 yrs. old, VA. Occupation: Merchant. Wm B. Holms 39 yrs. old, KY. Occupation: Physician. Henry Strother, 21 yrs. old, TN. Occupation: Clerk. John M. Armsted, 20 yrs. old, TN. Occupation: Clerk. **Pembrok C. Shirley**, 20 yrs. old, TN. Occupation: Physician & Frances M. Vaden, 10 yrs. old, TN).

**DR. BENJAMIN LEWIS SIMMONS JR.**, b. 22 January 1863, Van Buren Co., TN – d. 25 September 1935, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN, md **Mary Eliza (Holmes) Simmons**, b. 24 November 1867, TN – d. 15 September 1945, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN, d/o **Dr. William B. Holmes & Margaret Helen Sadler**. (Children: Carrie Mable Simmons, Viola L. Simmons, Nina F. Simmons, Cora Lorraine Simmons, Benjamin Lewis Simmons & Lula Belle Simmons). Dr. Benjamin Lewis Simmons Jr., s/o **Benjamin Lewis Simmons Sr.** (1817-1902) & **Nancy Caroline Beaty** (1827-1869). Benjamin Lewis Simmons Jr. & his wife Mary Eliza (Holmes) Simmons are both buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN.

*\*See Dr. William B. Holmes*



(Pictured: Dr. Benjamin Lewis Simmons Jr. was a prominent doctor the founder of the Cumberland Valley School in Granville, TN. Courtesy of Granville History Museum, Granville, TN).

The other doctors who have practiced in Granville are **Dr. William B. Holmes** in the early 1800's and then his two son in laws practiced by the name of **Dr. William Burchett Page** and **Dr. Benjamin Lewis Simmons Jr.** Dr. Page practiced in Granville all his life and Dr. Simmons later went to Nashville to practice. **Dr. Albert Allison Ferrell** practiced in Granville from the late 1800s until his death in 1905. His home still stands behind the museum. **Dr. Hugh Brown Smith** practiced in Granville in the early 1900's and moved to Nashville in 1918.

*\*See Dr. Benjamin Lewis Simmons Sr.*

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Jackson Co., TN, pg. 566: B. L. Simmons married 8 July 1888, Jackson Co., TN to Mary E. Holmes).

**Dr. Albert Allison Ferrell**, b. 5 February 1857 – d. 28 March 1905, buried in Granville Cemetery, Jackson Co., TN, md **Hannah Holleman**, b. 20 November 1869 – d. 17 December 1961, she md 2<sup>nd</sup> **Abraham Bohannon Harris** (1869-1935), both buried in Granville Cemetery, Jackson Co., TN.

**Dr. William B. Holmes**, b. 18 March 1811 – d. 27 March 1880, md **Margaret Helen Sadler**, b. 1830, TN. Wm. B. Holmes, buried in Dr. William B. Holmes Cemetery, Jackson Co., TN. Their sons: **Walter A. Holmes**, b. 10 February 1871 – d. 21 July 1902 & **Hugh Henry Holmes**, b. 29 August 1861 – d. 15 May 1874, both buried in Dr. William B. Holmes Cemetery, Jackson Co., TN.

**Dr. William Burchett Page**, b. 3 August 1850 – d. 7 March 1941, md **Zerelda Maude Holmes**, b. 1 October 1859 – d. 13 December 1930, d/o **Dr. William B. Holmes & Margaret H. Sadler**. Wm. B. & Zerelda (Holmes) Page, both buried in Dr. William B. Holmes Cemetery, Jackson Co., TN. Daughter:

**Lillian Mai Page**, b. 24 February 1891 – d. 10 July 1932, buried in Dr. William B. Holmes Cemetery, Jackson Co., TN.

(1910 census 5<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Jackson Co., TN: Dwl: 176 – **Benjamin L. Simmons** is head of household, 47 yrs. old, TN. Occupation: Medical Doctor General Practice, md 24 yrs. to **Mary E.**, 42 yrs. old, 11 children born, 6 children living. Children: Nina F., 17 yrs. old; Loraine, 13 yrs. old; **Benjamin L. Jr.**, 10 yrs. old & Lula B. Simmons, 8 yrs. old. All born in TN).

(1920 census 11<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Northeast, Davidson Co., TN – **Ben L. Simmons** is head of household, 57 yrs. old, TN. Occupation: Medical Doctor General Practice, md to **Mary E.**, 52 yrs. old, TN. Children: Nina, 27 yrs. old; Loraine, 23 yrs. old; Ben L., 20 yrs. old & Frances L. Simmons, 9/12 yrs. old. All born in TN).

**BENJAMIN LEWIS SIMMONS SR.**, b. 5 October 1817, TN – d. 18 September 1902, Van Buren Co., TN, md on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 1844, White Co., TN to **Nancy Caroline (Beaty) Simmons**, b. 9 September 1827, White Co., TN – d. 19 November 1869, Van Buren Co., TN, d/o **Hugh Beaty** (1774-1866) & **Jane McCall** (1785-1860). Dr. Benjamin Lewis Simmons Sr., s/o **Joseph N. Simmons** (1793-1865) & **Mary Elizabeth “Betty” Lewis** (1795-1855). Dr. Benjamin Lewis Simmons Sr. md in 1874, White Co., TN to **Miranda Catherine (Sparkman) Simmons**, b. 13 July 1833, TN – d. aft. 1900, Van Buren Co., TN, d/o **Thomas Bryant Sparkman** (1803-1875) & **Eleanor Cummings** (1795-1862). (Children: Charles Taylor Simmons; Joseph R. Simmons; Sapheronia (Simmons) Lawson; Margaret (Simmons) Miller & Benjamin Lewis Simmons Jr.). Benjamin Lewis Simmons Sr. his wife Nancy Caroline (Beaty) Simmons & his wife Miranda Catherine (Sparkman) Simmons are all buried in the Gravel Hill Cemetery, Cummingsville, Van Buren Co., TN.

*\*See Dr. Benjamin Lewis Simmons Jr.*

(Source: findagrave.com): My Great Grandfather in his early years was engaged in the tanning business and after the Civil War became involved in Agriculture. For six years he served as Justice of the Peace in Van Buren County. He also served as a Deputy Sheriff and as tax collector for the County for three terms. He was an elder in the Cane Creek Christian Church, a member of the Masonic Lodge at Spencer and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. My Great Uncle, Joseph R. Simmons studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1887. Joseph practiced law in Van Buren County. He also was a Deputy Sheriff and member of the Masonic Lodge in Spencer. My Great Uncle, Benjamin Lewis Simmons was a physician and for a time held a prominent position in the Eclectic Medical College in Atlanta, Georgia. He later moved to Nashville, Tennessee and established a medical practice.

(1850 census 2<sup>nd</sup> Civil Dist., White Co., TN: Dwl: 241 - **Benjamin L. Simmons** is head of household, 30 yrs. old, TN, md to **Nancy C.**, 22 yrs. old, TN. Children: Sidney M., 4 yrs. old, TN & Charles F. Simmons, 2 yrs. old, TN).

(1870 census 3<sup>rd</sup> Civil Dist., Van Buren, TN: Dwl: 28 - **B. L. Simmons** is head of household, 52 yrs. old, TN. Children: Charles, 21 yrs. old; Joseph D., 18 yrs. old; B.L.J., 7 yrs. old; Saphrona, 14 yrs. old & Margret Simmons, 10 yrs. old. All born in TN).

**Census Place: 1880 District 3, Van Buren Co., TN**

Source:	FHL Film 1255283	National Archives	Film T9-1283	Page 264C		
	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
<b>B. L. SIMMONS</b>	Self	M	M	W	59	TN
	Occ:	Farmer	Fa: TN	Mo: TN		
<b>Catherine SIMMONS</b>	Wife	F	M	W	47	TN
	Occ:	Keeping House	Fa: TN	Mo: VA		
<b>Benj. L. SIMMONS</b>	Son	M	S	W	...	TN
	Occ:	At School	Fa: TN	Mo: TN		

(1900 census 3<sup>rd</sup> Civil Dist., Van Buren Co., TN: Dwl: 98 – **Lewis Simmons** is head of household, 79 yrs. old, b. October 1820, TN, md 26 yrs. to **Catherine**, 61 yrs. old, b. July 1838, TN, no children).

**DR. PHILANDER DAVIS SIMS**, b. 22 October 1828, Jackson Co., TN – d. 8 November 1920, Chattanooga, Hamilton Co., TN, buried in Forest Hills Cemetery, Chattanooga, Hamilton Co., TN. In July

of 1857 Dr. Sims married on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July 1857, Davidson Co., Nashville, TN to **Mary F. Randall**, d/o **David Randall**. During the Civil War his office on Market St. in Chattanooga served as the Union Army's Provost Marshall's Office. Member of Lookout Commandery #14 Knights Templar. Dr. Philander Davis Sims, s/o **Martin Sims & Nancy Smith**, d/o **Peter & Effie Smith**. Martin Sims, s/o **Matthew Sims** (1770, VA-1820, TN), s/o **Jones Sims**.

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN, pg. 243, #2909: P. H. Sims married 23 July 1857, Davidson Co., TN to Mary F. Randall).

(**Martin Sims**, b. 8 July 1800 – d. 15 October 1896, White Co., TN, buried in the Montgomery-England Cemetery, White Co., TN, location: North side Walter Stone Rd. 0.1 mi, east of junction Walnut Grove Rd).

**Source:** A History of Tennessee and Tennesseans, Vol. 7, by Will Thomas Hale, Dixon Lanier Merritt, pg. 1997 & 1998: Philander Davis Sims, M. D. In the history of every city and state will be found the names of those citizens who have been instrumental to a greater degree than the average in building up the institutions which they represent and in the execution of those commissions to which they have dedicated their lives. In the history of Tennessee Dr. Sims deserves prominent mention. His connections in medical circles have been of note-worthy importance and his practice has extend over 56 years of service in Chattanooga. During most of this period it has been general, but is now confined almost entirely to his office as Physician in Contagious Diseases of Chattanooga and Hamilton County and as consultant in other matters of contagious diseases, principally smallpox. Dr. Sims has taken an active part in the development of the medical profession in Tennessee, as a member of the leading organizations, having served some of them in an official capacity. He was born in Jackson county (now Putnam county), Tennessee, seven miles from Cookeville, October 22, 1828.

Martin Sims, his father, a farmer of Claiborne county, Tennessee, who died in 1896 at the age of 96 years and 4 months, was of English descent – a son of Matthew Sims, who came from Virginia prior to 1800 and settled with his parents in Middle Tennessee in 1812. Dr. Sims' mother, Nancy Smith Sims, was of Scotch descent. She died in 1851, at the age of 50 years. One son and four daughters were born to Martin and Nancy Smith Sims, of which the subject of this sketch and one sister, Emeline Halfield, of White county, Tennessee, aged 80 years, are the only survivors.

Dr. Sims' preparation for the medical profession began at Alpine Institute, Overton county, Tennessee, at the age of 18 years. When he was 21, he studied medicine at Sparta; later attended lectures at the Medical Department of the University of Nashville and received his degree of M. D. in 1856, on June 1<sup>st</sup> of which year he came to Chattanooga. In Chattanooga he has been identified with all of the important movements pertaining to his profession. He was a member of the Tennessee State Board of Health from 1881 or 1882 until 1895, during which time he was chairman of the Committee on Prisons and Epidemic Diseases. His work along this line has been significant. He prepared a paper for the National Prison Association, of which he became a member; this was read before the meeting at Atlanta which marked the beginning of the Chattanooga & Hamilton County Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and has been president of the State Medical Society. He is also a member of the American Public Health Association and for several years was surgeon of the Nashville, Chattanooga & Western Atlantic Railroad (now the Nashville & Chattanooga Railroad).

In public life as well as professionally Dr. Sims has been prominent, having served as mayor of Chattanooga in 1874. He belongs to the Masonic bodies, is a member of the Presbyterian church, an ardent prohibitionist, a through believer in Henry George, and a Democrat of the Jefferson-Jackson-Bryan-Wilson type.

In July of 1857 Dr. Sims was married at Nashville to Mary F. Randall, daughter of David Randall, of that city, and to this union were born six children, of whom the following are deceased: The first child, David Rush, died at the age of 5 years; Martin, who died at the age of 21; Elizabeth, wife of S. R. Read, who died about 4 years ago, at the age of 46; and the sixth child, a daughter, died in infancy. The two children now

living are: Ella Sims and Thomas M. Sims, a civil engineer of Chattanooga. Both Ella and Thomas M. are unmarried and reside with Dr. Sims at 40 Clark street. Mrs. Sims died in 1879.

The city of Chattanooga can boast of few octogenarians still active and with a past record for usefulness like that of Dr. Sims. He has done well his part, in a brave and fearless manner, and wherever and whenever the need has arisen, has stood ready to serve in the faithful manner characteristic of men of his type.

**Source:** Heritage of Putnam County Tennessee – 2008 by Putnam County Heritage Book Committee and County Heritage Inc., pg. 193: Martin Sims (#516), written by Mrs. Mary Frances Rhea Bailey.

Dr. Philander Sims was the son of Martin Sims and Nancy Smith.

Dr. Philander Sims was an early pioneer doctor in Chattanooga, arriving by horseback in 1856. He had studied medicine in the office of Dr. M. Y. Brackett of Sparta, and later graduated from the University of Nashville in 1856. He was active in the development of Chattanooga, serving as mayor from 1873-74. He was one of the few doctors at the Battle of Chattanooga and treated both Confederate and Union soldiers. He later fought the cholera epidemic in 1873 and the yellow fever epidemic in 1878. He was also president of the State Board of Health and active in prison reform while in his nineties. He died at age 92 in Chattanooga.

**Source:** The History of Hamilton County and Chattanooga, Tennessee, Vol. 1, by Zella Armstrong, pg. 375: **Samuel Robertson Read**, b. 14 June 1860, Jasper, TN, s/o **Dr. John Thomas Read & Laurena Caroline Rankin Read**. Samuel Robertson Read md 1<sup>st</sup> **Elizabeth (Sims) Read**, d/o **Dr. Philander Davis Sims**, one of Chattanooga's pioneer physicians who rendered signal service to the wounded of both armies during the War Between the States. After the death of Mrs. Elizabeth (Sims) Read, Mr. Read md in 1910 to **Katherine Key**, d/o **Judge David McKendree Key & Elizabeth Lenoir**.

(1860 census, post office Equality, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 473 – **Absalom Sims** is head of household, 50 yrs. old, TN, Occupation: farmer, md to **Sarah**, 48 yrs. old, TN. Children: Mathew B., 18 yrs. old, TN & Elizabeth A. Sims, 11 yrs. old, TN).

(1860 census, post office Equality, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 474 – **Martin Sims** is head of household, 60 yrs. old, TN, Occupation: farmer, md to **Nancy**, 51 yrs. old, NC. Children: **Philander Sims**, 8 yrs. old, TN. Living in the household: Maneova Grimsley, 27 yrs. old, TN).

(1870 census 1 WD, Chattanooga, Hamilton Co., TN: Dwl: 206-227: **Philander D. Sims** is head of household, 41 yrs. old, TN: Occupation: Physician, md to **Mary F.**, 36 yrs. old, IL. Children: Martin, 9 yrs. old; Elizabeth H., 7 yrs. old; Mary E., 4 yrs. old; Thomas M., 3 yrs. old & Irene Sims, 36 yrs. old. All born in TN).

Census Place: 1880 5th Ward, Chattanooga, Hamilton Co., Tennessee

Source: FHL Film 1255259 National Archives Film T9-1259 Page 220D

Dwl: 1118

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
<b>P. D. SIMS</b>	Self	M	W	W	52	TN
Occ:	Physican		Fa: VA	Mo: VA		
Martin SIMS	Son	M	S	W	19	TN
Occ:	U.S. Seyvil Service Officer				Fa: TN	Mo: TN
Lizzie SIMS	Dau	F	S	W	16	TN
			Fa: TN	Mo: TN		
Ella SIMS	Dau	F	S	W	13	TN
			Fa: TN	Mo: TN		
Tom SIMS	Son	M	S	W	12	TN
			Fa: TN	Mo: TN		
Sallie GRANT	Other	F		W	28	TN

Occ: Cook Fa: GA Mo: GA  
 Barnie GILBRIDE Other M W 62 IRE  
 Occ: Homeless Fa: IRE Mo: IRE

(1900 census 14<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Hamilton Co., 6-WD, Chattanooga, TN: Dwl: 707 – **Philander Sims** is head of household, 71 yrs. old, b. October 1828, TN, widow: Occupation: Physician. Living in the household: Ella M. Sims, dau., 30 yrs. old, b. September 1869, TN & Thomas M. Sims, son, 28 yrs. old, b. November 1871, TN).

(1910 census 7 WD, Chattanooga, TN: Dwl: 73 – **Philander Sims** is head of household, 81 yrs. old, TN, widow: Occupation: Physician. Living in the household, Ella Sims, dau., 44 yrs. old, TN & Thomas M. Sims, son, 43 yrs. old, TN: Occupation: Civil Engineer).

**DR. HENRY SMITH**, b. 28 May 1877 – d. 26 December 1921, N

**Source:** *Herald Citizen*, Cookeville, TN: Sunday Reader, Section B, 26 February 2006: Herald Citizen ‘Way Back When’: Looking back in history, here were some of the happenings in the Cookeville area for the week of February 26 – March 4, 1932 as recorded in the pages of the *Herald Citizen*.

1932: **Christine Sadler**, daughter of **Phillip Sadler** of Silver Point, is a feature writer for the *Nashville Banner*. This week she wrote of Buffalo Valley’s beloved country physician, **Dr. Samuel Denton**.

Born in White County in 1854, **Denton** began his medical practice at the age of 24 after studying for two years under another physician, **Dr. Henry Smith**. Formal schooling was not the rule in the days after the Civil War here. Denton later went to Vanderbilt University and received his medical degree in 1890.

**Denton** made house calls on horseback in a five-mile radius of his office in Buffalo Valley, but later bought a Ford auto and began covering 25 to 30 miles in a day. When the Depression hit and clients were unable to pay, Denton continued treating residents anyway.

Then his Model T broke down. To keep him going, the wealthier residents of Buffalo Valley pitched in and bought him another car.

Miss Sadler writes that **Dr. Denton’s** practice is thriving still, despite the current “specialist mania” that is breaking out in today’s medical world. \*See *Dr. Samuel Denton*.

**DR. HUGH BROWN SMITH**, b. 28 May 1877, TN – d. 26 December 1921, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN, md on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 1903, Smith Co., TN to **Marie Cullem (Gold) Smith**, b. 4 April 1882 – d. 11 February 1979. Dr. Hugh Brown Smith, s/o **Hugh Smith & Francis Dillard**. Hugh and Marie Smith are both buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN.

Dr. Hugh Brown Smith graduated from the Vanderbilt School of Medicine and practiced medicine in Granville. Like most physicians of that time, he was paid in corn, rabbits, and such. Riding horseback to make his rounds, Dr. Smith practiced in Granville till 1918 when he moved his family to Nashville. The move, via riverboat, was made so that his daughter, Valerie, could attend high school there. He had a general practice in Nashville until his death December 26, 1922 at the age of 45. He is buried in Mt. Olive Cemetery, Nashville, TN.



(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Smith Co., TN: Hugh Brown Smith married 1 July, 1903, Smith Co. TN to Marie Cullem Gold).

(Pictured: Dr. Hugh Brown Smith. Courtesy of Granville History Museum, Granville, TN).

(DC File No. 498, Davidson Co., State of Tennessee: Dr. Hugh B. Smith died 26 December 1921. Cause of Death: Gun shot wound, probably suicidal. Informant: Mrs. Hugh Smith, Nashville, TN. Father: Hugh Smith. Mother: Francis Dillard. Place of Burial: Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, TN).



The other doctors who have practiced in Granville are **Dr. William B. Holmes** in the early 1800's and then his two son in laws practiced by the name of **Dr. William Burchett Page** and **Dr. Benjamin Lewis Simmons Jr.** Dr. Page practiced in Granville all his life and Dr. Simmons later went to Nashville to practice. **Dr. Albert Allison Ferrell** practiced in Granville from the late 1800s until his death in 1905. His home still stands behind the museum. **Dr. Hugh Brown Smith** practiced in Granville in the early 1900's and moved to Nashville in 1918.

(**Hugh B. Brown**, b. 6 December 1838, TN – d. 24 June 1897 & his wife **Fannie A. (unknown) Smith**, b. 13 April 1843, TN – d. 28 August 1888, both buried in the Colonel James W. Smith Cemetery, Holleman Bend, Jackson Co., TN. Also buried next to them is their daughter, **Sallie (Smith) Lauderdale**, b. 3 June 1871, TN – d. 29 June 1889 & their son William Webb Smith, b. 13 June 1868, TN - d. 5 November 1886).

(Pictured: Mary Gold Cullom Smith. Courtesy of Granville History Museum, Granville, TN).

Census Place: 1880 District 5, Jackson Co. Tennessee

Source: FHL Film 1255264 National Archives Film T9-1264 Page 251A  
Dwl: 205

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
<b>Hugh SMITH</b>	Self	M	M	W	42	TN
Occ:	Farmer	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Fannie SMITH	Wife	F	M	W	37	TN
Occ:	Keeping House	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Vallie SMITH	Dau	F	S	W	18	TN
Occ:	At Home	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Mike Emmet SMITH	Son	M	S	W	14	TN
Occ:	Works On Farm	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
William SMITH	Son	M	S	W	12	TN
Occ:	Works On Farm	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Sallie SMITH	Dau	F	S	W	9	TN
Occ:	At Home	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Lora SMITH	Dau	F	S	W	4	TN
Occ:	At Home	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
<b>Hugh SMITH</b>	Son	M	S	W	2	TN
Occ:	At Home	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
John DILLARD	Father	M	W	W	87	TN
Occ:	Minister	Fa: VA	Mo: VA			
William DILLARD	Bro	M	S	W	60	TN
Occ:	Minister	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Sintha SENITLA	Other	F	W	B	90	VA
Occ:	Domestic Servant	Fa: VA	Mo: VA			
Thair SENITLA	Other	M	S	W	20	TN
Occ:	Farmer	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			

(1910 census 5<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Jackson Co., TN: Dwl: 162 **Hugh B. Smith** is head of household, 31 yrs. old, TN. Occupation, Medical Doctor, md to **Marie C.**, 27 yrs. old, 1 child born, 1 child living. Child: Valley G. Smith, 4 yrs. old, TN).

(1920 census Hillsboro Section, Carlton Ave, Davidson Co., TN: 2132-14-15- **Hugh Smith** is head of household, 41 yrs. old, TN. Occupation: Physician General Practice, md to **Marie G.**, 37 yrs. old, TN. Children: Vallie G., 14 yrs. old, TN & Vernon, dau., 8 yrs. old, TN).

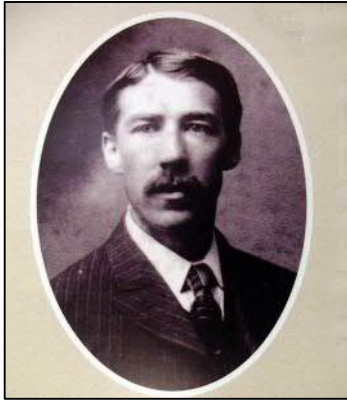


### **DR. THOMAS JEFFERSON SMITH**

**Thomas Jefferson Smith, M. D.** lived in Silver Point and served the Smithville and the Center Hill areas in the early 20th century.

Dr. Thomas Jefferson Smith Obt.

b. 17 September 1870, Laurel Hill, Putnam Co., TN - d. 14 March 1948, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN, s/o **Samuel Houston Smith** (b. 7 August 1828, TN – d. 21 September 1913, TN) & **Mary Ann Elizabeth Maxwell** (1831, TN – d. 1908, TN), d/o **James Robert Maxwell** & **Jane Potts**. Samuel Houston Smith, s/o **James Agree Smith** & **Margaret Love**.



#### **DR. T. J. SMITH OF PUTNAM DIES:**

Dr. Thomas J. Smith, 77, prominent Putnam county physician for half a century, died yesterday afternoon at the home of his daughter here.

Dr. Smith had been in failing health for nearly two years. Death came from a heart attack suffered at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Howard C. Curtis, 412 Fairfax Ave. with whom he had made his home for the past seven months.

The body will lie in state at Bracey-Welsh Funeral home today and be taken to Silver Point Presbyterian chapel and burial will be in Cookeville Cemetery, Cookeville, TN.

A native of Laurel Hill, TN, Dr. Smith was a son of the late Samuel and Mary Maxwell Smith. He received his early education in the public schools of Athens, TN and was graduated from Vanderbilt Medical School in 1891. He did intern work at Poly clinic in New York City and had practiced medicine in Putnam county for more than 50 years. His wife, the former Miss Mattie Belle McDonald, died in 1938. Upon her death, Dr. Smith provided the funds for and dedicated the Silver Point Presbyterian chapel to her memory.

He was a member of the Putnam medical society.

In addition to his daughter, he is survived by a son Lionel F. Smith of Silver, and seven grandchildren.

Nashville Tennessean Newspaper, Monday, 15 March 1948, pg. 6.

Source: DC #4896, Putnam Co., TN

Full Name: **Thomas Jefferson Smith**

Place of Death: 412 Fairfax Ave., Davidson Co., Nashville, TN

Age: 77 yrs. 5 months 27 days

Date of Birth: 17 September 1870, Laurel Hill, DeKalb Co., TN

Wife: Belle McDonald

Occupation: Medical Doctor

Father: Samuel Houston Smith

Mother: Mary Ann Maxwell, born in Murfreesboro, TN

Informant: Mrs. Howard Curtis of 412 Fairfax Ave

Cemetery: Cookeville, Cookeville, TN

Undertaker: Jack Carver Funeral Home, Cookeville, TN by Jack Carver

Usual Residence: Civil Dist. 13, Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN

Cause of Death: Pulmonary tuberculosis

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, DeKalb Co., TN, pg. 213: Jefferson Smith married 2 September 1891, DeKalb Co., TN to Mattie McDonnell).

**Mattie Belle (McDonald) Smith Obt.**

b. 12 March 1873 - d. 12 August 1936

**FUNERAL HELD FOR MRS. T. J. SMITH:**

Funeral services for **Mrs. T. J. Smith**, 63, who died at her home in Baxter, Wednesday, August 12, was held at the home Thursday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. J. A. Harris. Burial was in the Cookeville Cemetery.

The large crowd attending her funeral and the beautiful floral wreaths attested to the love and esteem in which she was held.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. T. J. Smith, a son, Lionel Smith; a daughter, Mrs. H. C. Curtis; brother, F. W. McDonald; three sisters, Misses Sallie and Lucille McDonald and Mrs. Johnnie Moss; and four grandchildren, Ashley and Lee McDonald Smith, Bill and Carolyn Curtis.

Herald Newspaper, 20 August 1936, pg. 5.

Mattie Belle (McDonald) Smith Obt.

**SILVER POINT: MRS. MATTIE SMITH DIES:**

In the death of **Mrs. Mattie Smith** which occurred at her home Wednesday morning, August 12, humanity loses one of its most gracious and useful women.

Mrs. Smith was a wonderful woman; so good, so high minded, so charitable, lovable and a lover of all human kind.

In a life of sixty three years, no unkind word about her fellowman ever escaped her lips, no unkind thought ever clouded her mind, but through all the years her life was filled with good deeds and practiced charity, that made her a benefactor in this section.

Her hospitable home was ever open to her friends and their friends. The crowds were never too large to find comfortable entertainment. The good humor and wisdom which emanated from this cheerful, smiling Christian woman, made the honorees of her hospitality realize that life was worth living. The young folks as well as old, flocked to her home. They loved her, they enjoyed her, she was entertainment and instructive to them. Not a heart be aches, that knew here, and the unbroken rays of her friends bespeak for her the eternal rest that comes to those who love the Lord.

It matters not how great the offense or wrong, Mrs. Smith had a word of defense and good for the wrong doer - she breathed kindness, she lived kindness.

Funeral services were conducted at the home, Thursday afternoon, by Rev. J. A. Harris, of Baxter.

Interment took place in the Cookeville cemetery.

Pallbearers were Beecher Wallace, Herman Alcorn, Will Julian, G. H. Denny, Alfred Gill and Bismark Rowland.

She leaves a husband, Dr. T. J. Smith, daughter, Mrs. H. C. Curtis, son, Lionel, brother, F. W. McDonald, three sisters, Misses Sallie and Lucille McDonald and Mrs. Johnnie Moss, four grandchildren, Ashley and Lee McDonald Smith, Bill and Carolyn Curtis, and a host of friends to mourn her death.

Herald Newspaper, Cookeville, TN: 27 August 1936, pg. 3.

**Lionel Smith Obt.**

## **SERVICES HELD SATURDAY:**

Funeral services were held Saturday for Lionel Smith, 51, at the Silver Point Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Cookeville City Cemetery.

Mr. Smith, a rural mail carrier, died Wednesday night at his home in Silver Point of a heart attack.

Son of the late Dr. Thomas J. and Mrs. Mattie McDonald Smith, he was a native of Putnam County, TN.

Survivors include his widow Mrs. Annie Mae Julian Smith; four sons, Ashley Lee, Donald, William T. and James A. Smith, and one daughter, Miss Mary Smith.

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**Thomas Jefferson Smith**, b. 17 September 1870, Laurel Hill, DeKalb Co., TN - d. 14 March 1948, Davidson Co., Nashville, TN & **Martha "Mattie" Belle (McDonald) Smith**, b. 12 March 1873 - d. 12 August 1936, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. Both buried in the Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. Thomas Jefferson Smith, s/o **Samuel Houston Smith & Mary Ann Maxwell** of DeKalb Co., TN. Martha "Mattie" Belle (McDonald) Smith, d/o **Jesse & Josie McDonald** of DeKalb Co., TN.

**Lionel Donald Smith**, b. 4 November 1898, TN - d. 21 December 1949, Putnam Co., TN md 1st Ruby Irene (Ashley) Smith, b. 1 October 1899, TN - d. 9 May 1934, both buried in Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. Lionel Smith md 2nd Annie May (Julian) Smith. Lionel Smith was a rural mail carrier for Putnam Co., TN. He rode a horse with mail bags hanging across and delivered the mail through all kinds of weather, snow, rain or sleet.

### **Anna Mai (Julian) Smith Obt.**

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 275, #38: L. D. Smith married 5 January 1937, Putnam Co., TN, age 38, address: Silver Point, TN to Anna Mai Julian, age 23, address: Silver Point, TN, name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: W. J. Julian).

**BAXTER** -- Funeral services for **Anna Mai Smith**, 90, of Silver Point will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday from the Baxter Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Cookeville Cemetery.

The family will receive friends after 2 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Mrs. Smith died on Friday, May 28, 2004, at NHC of Cookeville.

She was born June 7, 1913, in Silver Point to the late Will J. and Mary Ceva Watkins Julian. Mrs. Smith was a graduate of Baxter Seminary and Tennessee Technological University. She was a retired school teacher, having taught over 30 years at Buffalo Valley, Boma, Silver Point and Baxter Elementary Schools. She attended the Silver Point Church of Christ.

Her family includes a daughter, Mary Snowden of Lebanon; two sons and a daughter-in-law: William (Bill) T. Anita Smith, and James (Jim) W. Smith, all of Silver Point; four grandsons and three granddaughters-in-law: Lionel Smith, Phillip and Daka Smith, and Forest and Susan Smith; a granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Lorna and Shea Lee; three great-grandchildren: Danika and Colton Smith, and Elliott Lee.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by her husband Lionel D. Smith; two sisters: Carolyn Julian and Lois Alcorn; three brothers: Earl, Will and Lloyd Julian; and a granddaughter, Ann Snowden.

Active pallbearers will be Lionel, Phillip and Forest Smith, Shea Lee, Clyde Clemons, Byrd Clemons, Jr., Brian Sears, John Tom Alcorn, and Gerald Julian.

Honorary pallbearers will be all former teachers who worked with Mrs. Smith, and former students, Danika and Colton Smith and Elliott Lee.

Bro. Johnny Fox and Bro. Don Chaffin will officiate at the services.

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Census Place: 1880 District 16, De Kalb Co., Tennessee

Source: FHL Film 1255252 National Archives Film T9-1252 Page 249B

Dwl: 220

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
<b>Samuel H. SMITH</b>	Self	M	M	W	51	TN
Occ: Farmer	Fa: NC	Mo: NC				
<b>Mary Elizabeth SMITH</b>	Wife	F	M	W	49	TN
Occ: Keeps House	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
J. R. Napoleon SMITH	Son	M	S	W	21	TN
Occ: Works In Saw Mill	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
Vanervie N. SMITH	Son	M	S	W	18	TN
Occ: Works In Saw Mill	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
Stephen A. D. SMITH	Son	M	S	W	14	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
Elizabeth Frances SMITH	Dau	F	S	W	12	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
<b>Thomas J. SMITH</b>	Son	M	S	W	9	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
Nancy Jane MAXWELL	SisterL	F	S	W	35	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
Rachel CUMMINS	Other	F	S	B	16	TN
Occ: Servant	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
Erastus S. HOLLY	Other	M	S	W	18	TN
Occ: Works On Farm	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
Frederick W. HENCH	Son	M	S	W	22	MD
Occ: Minister	Fa: MD	Mo: MD				

(1900 census, 16<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., DeKalb Co., TN: Dwl: 36 – **T. J. Smith** is head of household, 29 yrs. old, b. September 1870, TN: Occupation: M.D., md 8 yrs. to **Mattie**, 26 yrs. old, b. March 1873, TN, 2 children born, 2 children living. Children: Chauncie, 6 yrs. old, b. July 1893, TN & Lionel Smith, 1 yr. old, b. November 1898, TN).

(1910 census, 16<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Laurel Hill, DeKalb Co., TN: Dwl: 65 – **Thomas J. Smith** is head of household, 39 yrs. old, TN: Occupation: Doctor Medical, md 18 yrs. to **Mattie B.**, 37 yrs. old, TN, 2 children born, 2 children living. Children: Chauncie C., 11 yrs. old, TN & Lionel Smith, 11 yrs. old, TN. Also living in the household: **Samuel H. Smith, father**, 81 yrs. old, TN, widow).

(1920 census, 16<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Laurel Hill & Silver Point Rd., DeKalb Co., TN: Dwl: 113 – **Thomas J. Smith** is head of household, 49 yrs. old, TN: Occupation: M. D., md to **Mattie B.**, 46 yrs. old, TN. Children: Lionel, 21 yrs. old, TN, son & Ruby Smith, daughter-in-law, 21 yrs. old, TN).

(1930 census, 16<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Laurel Hill & Silver Point Rd., DeKalb Co., TN: Dwl: 1 – **Lionel Smith** is head of household, 31 yrs. old, TN: Occupation: Farmer, md to **Ruby**, 30 yrs. old, TN: Occupation: Teacher. Child: Lionel Smith, 8 yrs. old, TN).

(1930 census, 16<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., DeKalb Co., TN: Dwl: 118 – **Thomas J. Smith** is head of household 59 yrs. old, TN: Occupation: Physician Medical, md to **Mattie B.**, 57 yrs. old, TN).

### DR. JOSIAH SPURLOCK

(1850 census 15<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Jackson Co., TN: Dwl: 1095 – **Josiah Spurlock** is head of household, 54 yrs. old, VA. Occupation: Physician. Children: Joseph, 28 yrs. old; Lafayette, 20 yrs. old; Paralee, 19 yrs. old & Mary Spurlock, 16 yrs. old. All born in TN)

**WILLIAM HERMAN STONE M. D.**, b. 9 January 1887, Bloomington, TN – d. February 1932, Nashville, TN, married on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February 1914, **Mollie Darus Pflueger**, b. 25 February 1897, Buchanan, TN – d. 3 January 1975, both buried in the Smyrna Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. **Dr. Wm. Herman Stone**, s/o **Isaac Newton Stone**, b. 25 March 1856, near Sparta, White Co., TN – d. 8 January 1939, married on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 1884, Bloomington, TN, **Prudence Jane (Draper) Stone**, b. 10 August 1861, Smyrna, Putnam Co., TN – d. 2 August 1943, both buried in the Smyrna Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. DC #1427, Putnam Co., TN: **Isaac Newton Stone**, s/o **Enoch Herschel Stone**, (s/o **Thomas D. Stone & Elizabeth Williams**) & **Eliza Maxwell**, (d/o **Amos Maxwell & Mary Polly Patton**). Prudence Jane (Draper) Stone, d/o **Riley Draper** (1825-1873) & **Rebecca Kuykendall** (1828-1905), both buried in the Kuykendall Graveyard, Putnam Co., TN.

(Children of Dr. William Herman Stone & Mollie Darus Pflueger: Riley Herman Stone, 4 January 1915 – d. 28 December 1925, Lewis Leroy Stone, b. 1 May 1917 & Herbert Warner Stone, b. 13 September 1919).

### **DEATH REMOVES POPULAR PHYSICIAN, W. H. STONE:**

Funeral services for Dr. William H. Stone, of Wilder, 45, were conducted at the Cookeville Church of Christ Wednesday afternoon, by Dr. O. H. Tallman, with burial in Smyrna cemetery, where members of the M. W. A. had charge. Dr. Stone died in a Nashville hospital Monday afternoon after a two months illness.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Stone, of Smyrna, Dr. Stone was recognized as a practitioner of note, being connected with the Fentress Coal and Coke Company at Wilder as general physician for the past eight years, where he was very popular.

He was born at Smyrna in 1887, and received his general education in the schools of Putnam county, and attended the medical schools of the University of Tennessee and Vanderbilt being a graduate of the former. He practiced medicine in Paris, Tenn., for three years, and from there went to Difficult, in Smith county, where he practiced for two years. He went to Wilder from Difficult.

Dr. Stone was married in 1914 to Miss Molly Pflugger, and to them were born three sons, one of them, Ridley, dying in 1925. Dr. Stone was a member of the Church of Christ and lived a consistent life in accordance with his faith.

He is survived by his widow and two sons, Leroy and Herbert, his parents, and four brothers, Herschel, Frank, Charlie and Elijah, and three sisters, Emily, Mary, and Maudie.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: 11 February 1932.

(DC #1427, Putnam Co., TN: Isaac Newton Stone, s/o Enoch Stone & Eliza Maxwell)  
(DC #19866, Putnam Co., TN: Prudence Jane Stone, d/o Ridley Draper & Rebechah Kuykendall.  
Husband: Newton Stone)

(1900 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Dwl: 191 – **Newton Stone** is head of household, 46 yrs. old, b. March 1854, TN md 16 yrs. to **Jane**, 38 yrs. old, b. August 1861, TN, 7 children born, 7 children living. Children: Johnnie N., 15 yrs. old, b. March 1885; **Willie H.**, 13 yrs. old, b. January 1887; Emily, 11 yrs. old, b. April 1889; Maud, 9 yrs. old, b. November 1890; Elisiah, 8 yrs. old, b. April 1892; Charley, 5 yrs. old, b. April 1895 & Mary J. Stone, 2 yrs. old, b. October 1897. All born in TN).

(1910 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Spring Creek Rd., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 402 – **Isaac N. Stone** is head of household, 54 yrs. old, TN md 25 yrs. to **Jennie P.**, 48 yrs. old, TN, 8 children born, 8 children living.

Children: Hershel J., 25 yrs. old; **Willie H.**, 22 yrs. old; Maud L., 19 yrs. old; Elisha G., 18 yrs. old; Charlie D., 15 yrs. old; Marry J., 12 yrs. old & Frank C. Stone, 9 yrs. old. All born in TN).

(1920 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Smyrna Branch – Shipley Road, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 250 – **I. N. Stone** is head of household, 64 yr. old, TN md to **Jennie**, 58 yrs. old, TN. Children: Elijah, 26 yrs. old, TN & Mary Stone, 22 yrs. old, TN).

(1920 census 5<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Smith Co., TN: Dwl: 124 – **Dr. W. H. Stone** is head of household, 33 yrs. old, TN. Occupation: Physician, md to **Mollie D.**, 22 yrs. old, TN. Children: Riley H., 5 yrs. old; Louis D., 2 yrs. old & Herbert W. 4/12 yrs. old. All born in TN).

#### **DR. JOSHUA RAYMOND STORIE**

b. 5 November 1854, Fentress Co., TN – d. 9 May 1940, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md **Sarah Frances (Choate) Storie**, b. 3 November 1866, Fentress Co., TN – d. 2 November 1941, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **John Rufus "Hard Time" Choate** (1840-1935) & **Elizabeth Tinch** (1845-1881). Dr. Joshua R. Storie, s/o **William Alexander Storie** (1832-1864) & **Annie Mullinix** (1831-1912), she is buried in Mount Helen Cemetery, Fentress Co., TN. (Dr. Joshua R. Storie was married 3 times. He had 14 children. (Daughters): Mrs. B. T. (Pansy) Garrett, of Jamestown, Mrs. Philip J. (Mae) Frick, of Cookeville, TN, Mrs. Walter Hamby, Mrs. E. L. Brooks, of Dayton, OH, Mrs. Dewey Davis, Mrs. Edd L. Poore, of Los Angeles, CA. (Sons): Dr. Isaac R. Storie, of Jamestown, Oscar D. Storie, of Starnes, KY, Paul E. Storie, of Los Angeles, CA & Clay M. Storie, of Cookeville, TN. He had 25 grandchildren, & 23 great grandchildren at his death. (Baptist).

\*See Sarah Frances (Choate) Storie Obt.

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Dr. Joshua Raymond Storie

b. 5 Nov 1854, TN

d. 9 May 1940

Father: William Storie, Fentress Co., TN

Mother: Annie Mullinix, Fentress Co., TN

Spouse: Sarah Frances Choate Storie

City Cemetery Putnam Co., TN

DC #12442, Putnam Co., TN

**DR. J. R. STORIE, 85, DIED AT HOME HERE EARLY THIS MORNING:**

Was Pioneer Fentress County Educator, Lawyer, Politician and Physician.

#### **OPPOSED JUDGE HULL**

Dr. J. R. Storie, 85, pioneer Upper Cumberland educator, lawyer, politician and physician, died at his home here early this morning following a brief illness. He had been in failing health for the past two years and had retired to a great extent from active practice of medicine in which he had been engaged here for the past 27 years. His patients frequently called upon him for medical services and he was prevented from retiring entirely from practice even up to the beginning of his last illness.



He was born in Fentress County and spent the early part of his life there. In 1876 he moved to the State of Washington, where he resided ten years. Returning to Fentress County he resided there until his removal to Cookeville 27 years ago.

Was Office Holder:



He served a term as county judge of Fentress County and a term as superintendent of education. He also served as chairman of the county board of education. He studied law and was admitted to the state bar.

He opposed Cordell Hull for floterial representative of Clay, Overton, Fentress and Pickett counties in the election of 1894, which was Secretary Hull's second political race, and was defeated. He was a lifelong Republican.

He studied medicine at the University of Tennessee and the Vanderbilt University medical schools at Nashville and graduated from the U. T. school in 1887. He began the practice of medicine at Jamestown and practiced there and at Forbus until his removal to Cookeville.

Noted Physician:

He was noted for his treatment of typhoid fever and pneumonia cases, and during his long practice, most of which was before the day of the automobile, he rode hundreds of miles horseback and in buggies to minister to his patients.

He was one of the oldest members of the Odd Fellows and Masonic orders in the state. He was a pioneer member of the Upper Cumberland Medical Society. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

He was married three times and was the father of 14 children, ten of whom survive him. His last wife, Mrs. Sarah Choate Storie, also survives him.

The surviving daughters include, Mrs. Pansy Garrett of Jamestown, Mrs. May Frick of Cookeville, Mrs. Walter Hamby and Mrs. E. L. Brooks, both of Dayton, OH, and Mrs. Dewey Davis and Mrs. E. L. Poor, both of Los Angeles, CA. Four sons, Dr. I. R. Storie of Jamestown, O. D. Storie of Stearns, KY, Paul E. Storie of Los Angeles, CA, and C. M. Storie of Cookeville; 25 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren, also survive him.

Funeral services will be held at the residence at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 9 May 1940.

(1900 census, 7<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Fentress Co., TN: Dwl: 13 – **J. R. Storie** is head of household, 45 yrs. old, b. November 1854, TN, Occupation: Physician, md 27 yrs., **Sarah F.**, 33 yrs. old, TN, md 12 yrs., Occupation: Physician, 5 children born, 1 child living. Children: Isaac R., 22 yrs. old, b. December 1877, WA Occupation: Physician; Oscar D, 20 yrs. old, b. December 1880, WA; Lillie E., 18 yrs. old, b. February 1882, WA; Pansy, 16 yrs. old, b. August 1883, WA; May, 11 yrs. old, b. December 1888, TN; Minnie M., 7 yrs. old, b. January 1893, TN; Clay (sp), 4 yrs. old, b. August 1895, TN & Paul E. Storie, 2 yrs. old, b. December 1897, TN) Note: marriage years and number of children are confusing.

(1910 census, 2<sup>nd</sup> Civil Dist., Fentress Co., TN: Dwl: 107 – **Joshua R. Storie** is head of household, 55 yrs. old, TN, Occupation: Physician, md 22 yrs. to **Sarah F.**, 43 yrs. old, TN, 8 children born, 7 children living. Children: Minnie M., 17 yrs. old, TN; Clay (sp) 15 yrs. old, TN; Paul E., 13 yrs. old, TN; dau., 10 yrs. old; dau., 7 yrs. old, TN & dau., Storie, 3+ yrs. old, TN. Also living in the household, **Annie Storie, mother**, 78 yrs. old, TN, widow)

**Sarah Frances (Choate) Storie Obt.**

b. 3 November 1866, TN – d. 2 November 1941, TN, md **Dr. Joshua Raymond Storie** b. 5 November 1854, Fentress Co., TN – d. 9 May 1940, Putnam Co., TN, s/o **William Storie & Annie Mullinix**.

Funeral Services Held Wednesday For Mrs. J. R. Storie:

Funeral services for Mrs. J. R. Storie, 75, were held at the home Wednesday afternoon with the Rev. Harold Stephens in charge. Burial was in the City Cemetery.

Mrs. Storie was seriously ill for only a short time. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

Special music was rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Wall.

She is survived by ten children: O. D. Storie, Stearnes, KY; Dr. I. R. Storie and Mrs. B. T. Garrett, Jamestown; Mrs. Walter Hamby and Mrs. E. L. Brooks of Dayton, OH; Mrs. Dewey Davis, Mrs. Edd Poore and P. E. Storie of Los Angeles, CA; Mrs. P. J. Frick and Clay Storie of Cookeville.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 6 November 1941.

**DR. MATTHEW WILLIAM SYPERT**, b. 30 October 1817, Lebanon, Wilson Co., TN – d. 9 June 1888, Putnam Co., TN md **Elizabeth Mary Frances Mitchell**, b. September 1827, VA – d. 9 August 1903, d/o **James C. Mitchell & Sarah Jeraha Allison**. Matthew William Syper, s/o **William Laurence Syper** (1789-1871) & **Elizabeth Cannon "Patsy" Dew** (1796-1869).

*\*See Dr. William Edward Syper.*

*A History of Putnam County* by Walter S. McClain – 1925, pg. 84.

Dr. Syper, (father of the late Dr. Ned Syper, of Baxter), was the earliest physician.

(1850 census, north of Cumberland River, east of Caney Fork River, Smith Co., TN: Dwl: 400- **Mat W. Syper** is head of household, 32 yrs. old, TN md to **Mary E. F.**, 23 yrs. old, VA. Children: Mary J., 7 yrs. old; Mirah A., 5 yrs. old; Elizabeth D., 3 yrs. old & Rockselany J. Syper, 1 yr. old. All born in TN).

(1860 census 11<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Dixon Springs post office, Smith Co., TN: Dwl: 852 – **M. W. Syper** is head of household, 52 yrs. old, TN. Occupation: Physician, md to **M. E. F.**, 32 yrs. old, VA. Children: Monroe J., 16 yrs. old; Eliza D., 12 yrs. old; Sarah R., 7 yrs. old; **Wm. E.**, 7 yrs. old; Madison F., 5 yrs. old; Martha H., 3 yrs. old & Mary Syper, 1 yr. old. All born in TN).

**DR. WILLIAM EDWARD SYPERT**, b. 24 December 1852, TN – d. 26 February 1924, md on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September 1881, DeKalb Co., TN to **Mary Ann (Maxwell) Syper**, b. January 1859, TN – d. 1953, Winnsboro, LA, both buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. Dr. William Edward Syper, s/o **Dr. Matthew William Syper** (1871-1888) & **Elizabeth Mary Frances Mitchell** (1827-1903). (Dr. William Edward Syper was on the Board of Trustees - Baxter Seminary 1909-1910). Mary Ann (Maxwell) Syper, d/o **Abner T. Maxwell** (1828-1919) & **Margaret C. Smotherman** (1830-1869).

*\*See Matthew William Syper.*

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, DeKalb Co., TN, pg. 218, #95: W. E. Syper married 18 September 1881, DeKalb Co., TN to Mary Ann Maxwell).

*A History of Putnam County* by Walter S. McClain – 1925, pg. 84.

Dr. Syper, (father of the late Dr. Ned Syper, of Baxter), was the earliest physician.

Dr. W. E. Syper Dies In Nashville Monday:

Dr. W. E. Syper died Monday night of pneumonia in Nashville. His remains were interred yesterday afternoon in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Baxter, with Masonic and Odd Fellow rites, and services conducted by Elder Oakley.

Dr. Syper was one of the best known physicians and surgeons of this section of the state. For many years he was a resident of Baxter, during which period he enjoyed a large practice in this and adjoining counties. A few years ago he moved to Louisiana, but he had made his arrangements to move back to Baxter at the time of his death. Last fall he came to Nashville to do post-graduate work in the medical department of

Vanderbilt University and it was while thus engaged that he was stricken with pneumonia. He was about 70 years old, but was remarkably active and well preserved for a man of his age.

He is survived by his wife, who with his children and grandchildren and many other relatives and a host of warm personal friends mourn his loss.

For many years Dr. Sybert was a leading member of the county court of this county and was prominently identified with every movement looking to the up building of Baxter and Putnam county.

He was a member of the Christian church and of the Odd Fellows and Masonic lodges. He was a man of the kindest instincts and was charitable to a fault. He never withheld his professional services from anyone because of their inability to pay him, and his time and services were always freely given to every worthy movement. He was the son of a prominent physician, and he and his father before him, devoted long professional lives to ministering to the sick in the western portion of this county and the adjoining counties of DeKalb and Smith, where they were both held in the highest esteem.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 28 February 1924.

**Mary Ann (Maxwell) Sybert Obt.**

b. January 1859, TN – d. 1953, Winnsboro, LA, md on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September 1881, DeKalb Co., TN to **Dr. William Edward Sybert**, b. 24 December 1853, TN – d. 26 February 1924, Nashville, Davidson Co. TN, s/o **Dr. Matthew W. & Mary E. F. Sybert**. Mary Ann (Maxwell) Sybert, d/o **Abner T. Maxwell** (1828-1919) & **Margaret C. Smotherman** (1830-1869).

\*See Dr. William Edward Sybert Obt.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, DeKalb Co., TN, pg. 218, #95: W. E. Sybert married 18 September 1881, DeKalb Co., TN to Mary Ann Maxwell).

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Sybert, 93, widow of the late Dr. W. E. Sybert of Baxter were held Monday afternoon at the Baxter Church of Christ with the minister, J. Pierce Brown officiating. Interment was in the Oddfellows Cemetery, Baxter.

Mrs. Sybert died in Winnsboro, LA where she had lived since the death of her husband in 1924. Dr. Sybert was one of the early physicians in this area and practiced here for some 40 or 50 years. He had moved his family to Winnsboro in 191 but moved back to Nashville a few months before his death.

Survivors include one daughter, Miss Daisy Sybert of Winnsboro; one grandson, J. A. Sybert also of Winnsboro; four great grandchildren and seven great great grandchildren.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: 26 February 1953

(1850 census, north of Cumberland River, east of Caney Fork River, Smith Co., TN: Dwl: 400- **Mat W. Sybert** is head of household, 32 yrs. old, TN md to **Mary E. F.**, 23 yrs. old, VA. Children: Mary J., 7 yrs. old; Mirah A., 5 yrs. old; Elizabeth D., 3 yrs. old & Rockselany J. Sybert, 1 yr. old. All born in TN).

(1860 census 11<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Dixon Springs post office, Smith Co., TN: Dwl: 852 – **M W. Sybert** is head of household, 52 yrs. old, TN. Occupation: Physician, md to **M. E. F.**, 32 yrs. old, VA. Children: Monroe J., 16 yrs. old; Eliza D., 12 yrs. old; Sarah R., 7 yrs. old; **Wm. E.**, 7 yrs. old; Madison F., 5 yrs. old; Martha H., 3 yrs. old & Mary Sybert, 1 yr. old. All born in TN).

**Census Place: 1880 District 16, De Kalb Co., Tennessee**

Source: FHL Film 1255252 National Archives Film T9-1252 Page 249A

Dwl: 219

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
<b>Wm. Edward BARTLETT</b>	Self	M	M	W	46	TN
Occ:	Dry Goods Merchant	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			

<b>Mary Genett BARTLETT</b>	Wife	F	M	W	47	TN
Occ: Keeps House	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
Henry Lafayette BARTLETT	Son	M	S	W	17	TN
Occ: At Home	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
Albert Franklin BARTLETT	Son	M	S	W	12	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
Elizabeth LEWIS	Other	F	S	W	16	TN
Occ: Servant	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
Millard F. TRAPP	Other	M	S	W	22	TN
Occ: Works On Farm	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
James MAYNUS	Other	M	S	W	20	TN
Occ: Works In Blacksmith Shop	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
Thomas MC CLURE	Other	M	S	W	19	TN
Occ: Laborer	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
<b>Wm. Edward CYPERT</b>	Other	M	S	W	26	TN
Occ: <b>Physician</b>	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
Thomas J. FISHER	Other	M	S	W	23	TN
Occ: Painter	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				

(1900 census 20<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 200 – **Ned Sybert** is head of household, 48 yrs. old, b. January 1852, TN. Occupation: Doctor, md 19 yrs. to **Mary A.**, 41 yrs. old, b. January 1859, TN, 1 child born, 1 child living. Child: Daisy P., 18 yrs. old, b. March 1882, TN & Julias A. Sybert, grandson, 1 yr. old, TN).

(1910 census 20<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 76 – **William E. Sybert** is head of household, 59 yrs. old, TN. Occupation: Doctor Medical, md 26 yrs. to **Mary A.**, 51 yrs. old, TN, 1 child born, 1 child living. Child: Daisy P. Sybert, 27 yrs. old, TN, div., living in the household, Suster J. Sybert, grandson, 11 yrs. old, TN. Also living in the household: Abner T. Maxwell, 80 yrs. old, TN, widow & Enoch Thaxton, boarder, 36 yrs. old, IL, widow).

#### **DR. HARLAN H. TAYLOR**

b. 12 March 1899, TN – d. 5 February 1987, md **Elizabeth (Parkes) Taylor**, b. 2 June 1905 – d. 17 February 1991. Harlan H. Taylor, s/o **Andrew Jackson Taylor** (1862-1880) & **Enice L. Taylor**. Harlan H. & Elizabeth (Parkes) Taylor are both buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington Co., VA.

*Bicentennial echoes of the History of Overton County Tennessee* By Robert L. and Mary Eldridge, pg. 143. **Dr. Harlan H. Taylor** (1899-19 ), a son of **Andrew Jackson Taylor** (1862-1880) & **Enice L. Taylor** of Livingston; received his M. D. degree at Vanderbilt University in 1925; practiced medicine at Cookeville several years with **his uncle Dr. William A. Howard**; received an appointment to West Point in 1918 through Cordell Hull; served in medical corps of the U. S. Army and retired as a colonel; now located in San Francisco, CA.



**Source:** The People's Hospital – A History of Cookeville Regional Medical Center, 1950-2010, by Laura E. Clemons. Pictured: Born in 1899, surgeon Harlan Taylor was a graduate of West Point and Vanderbilt University. A member of the U. S. Army Medical Corps, he practiced with his uncle Dr. William A. Howard, in Cookeville for several years before moving on to San Francisco, CA. Dr. William S. Taylor was the nephew of Dr. Harlan Taylor and great-nephew of Dr. William A. Howard.

(1900 census, 6<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Overton Co., TN: Dwl: 6 – **Andrew J. Taylor** is head of household, 38 yrs. old, b. March 1862, TN. Occupation: School Teacher, md 7 yrs. to **Eunice**, 29 yrs. old, b. October 1871, TN, 2 children born, 2 children living. Children: Cato, son, 6 yrs. old, b. April 1894, TN & **Harlam H. Taylor**, 7 yrs. old, b. March 1893, TN).

(1910 census, 6<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Overton Co., TN: Dwl: 266 – **Andrew J. Taylor** is head of household, 50 yrs. old, TN. Occupation: Teacher High School, md 18 yrs. to **Nora E.**, 38 yrs. old, TN, 2 children born, 2 children living. Children: Cato C., 17 yrs. old, TN & **Harline Taylor**, 11 yrs. old, TN. Also living in the household: **Baslom N. Howard** (sp), **father-in-law**, 62, TN. Occupation: House Carpenter, md 40 yrs. to **Elizabeth**, **mother-in-law**, 58 yrs. old, TN, 5 children born, 3 children living. Also living in the household: Leo Savage, Hiredman, 27 yrs. old, farmer general farm).

(1920 census, 6<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Overton Co., TN: Dwl: 77 – **Nora Taylor** is head of household, 49 yrs. old, TN, widow. Children: Cato C., 26 yrs. old, TN. Occupation, Working Salesman Dry Goods & Harlan H., Taylor, 20 yrs. old, TN).

(1920 census, 6<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Overton Co., TN: Dwl: 78 – **Balam N. Howard** is head of household, 73 yrs. old, TN. Occupation: Farmer, md to **Elizabeth**, 68 yrs. old, TN)

(1930 census, Cookeville Town, Washington Ave., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 134 Family: 140 – **Harlam Taylor** is head of household, 30 yrs. old, TN, (28 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage). Occupation: Physician Medical, md to **Elizabeth**, 24 yrs. old, TN, (22 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage). \*See Dr. William Albert Howard.

#### DR. HARLAN TAYLOR RESUMES PRACTICE AFTER MORE THAN 5 YEARS IN ARMY; SURGEON OF ETO.

Dr. Harlan H. Taylor, believed to be the first Tennessee physician to volunteer in World War II, resumed his practice here with Dr. W. A. Howard this week.

After spending five and a half years in the army, four and a half of which were overseas, the 46 year-old doctor lost much of his roly-poly appearance he had when he entered the service, being several pounds lighter.

Dr. Taylor entered the service at Camp Beauregard, LA, the same place his partner, Dr. Howard, entered for World War I. His trek from there went something like this...Hawaii, Stanton, VA, Charleston, SC, England, and France.

During this war trip, Dr. Taylor has no way of knowing how many operations he performed. As an example of how busy he was at times, he was persuaded to tell about the days following Pearl Harbor. He said he operated four days and three nights without leaving the operating rooms in the famous Scholfield Barracks near Honolulu.

The other two most busy times in the operating room was following the invasion of France and the Battle of the Bulge. During the invasion, Dr. Taylor was chief surgeon of the 100<sup>th</sup> General Hospital in England with received casualties by plane from the invasion front.

When the Battle of the Bulge was in progress, Dr. Taylor was commanding officer of the 94<sup>th</sup> General Hospital, which he later took to Reims, France. He was later made deputy surgeon of the European Theater and for the last three months before coming home, he was chief surgeon of 58 hospitals in the theater and was stationed in Paris. It was his task to close the hospitals.

When he was ready to come home, Dr. Taylor looked forward to getting some much needed rest on the ship, but at the last minute he was put in charge of an 1,800 patient hospital ship and during the 18 days across the Atlantic he did five major operations.

Dr. Taylor entered the service as a captain and was discharged as a colonel. He and Mrs. Taylor, who was with him in Hawaii, are now making their home at Pearl and Jefferson streets.

The Cookeville surgeon said many young doctors found that they could do difficult operations with a large degree of success in times of emergency, and that because of this they will be better surgeons. Dr. Taylor

said at one time he had considerably more than 100 bullets taken out of main arteries to the heart, a type of operation he knew nothing of before entering the service.

Dr. Taylor's prize patient was riddled through the lungs and abdomen with 17 machinegun bullets at Pearl Harbor. He wrote the doctor a letter last week, and said he was doing fine and working for a construction company.

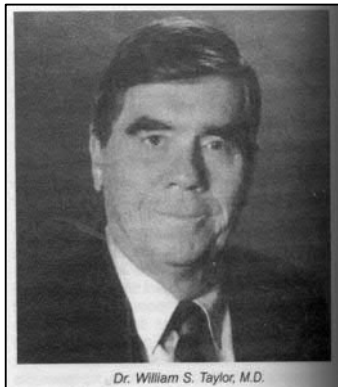
Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 4 July 1946.

**WILLIAM SNODGRASS TAYLOR, M. D.**, b. 13 December 1923, McMinnville, TN – d. 15 March 2013, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March 1993, White Co., TN to **Patricia Ann Allison**, b. 7 November 1945. William S. Taylor, s/o **Cato Cromwell Taylor** (1894-1973) of Livingston, TN & **Lola Belle Snodgrass** (1895-1978), both buried in Good Hope Cemetery, Livingston, Overton Co., TN. William S. Taylor md **Mary Felicia "Felix" Voss**, b. 10 February 1927, McMinnville, TN – d. 5 March 2006, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN, d/o **Mike Voss & Christine Clark**. **Felicia (Voss) Taylor** md 2<sup>nd</sup> **Dr. James Turner DeBerry**, b. 22 September 1920, Tieplant, MS – d. 19 August 2007, Putnam Co., TN, (Capt. U. S. Army WWII), s/o **Major Roy Thomas DeBerry & Velma Grace Hamilton**. Felicia and James T. DeBerry are buried in Cookeville City Cemetery, TN.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, White Co., TN, pg. 172: William Snodgrass, age 69, b. 13 December 1923, address; 870 Dago Dr., Cookeville, TN to Patricia Ann Allison, age 47, b. 7 November 1945, address; Ridgecrest Townhouse 92 A, Eastgate Circle, Cookeville, TN. Name of father; Lee Russell Morris – Name of mother: Lillie Ray Jones).

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**Dr. William S. Taylor**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Cato C. Taylor** of Livingston; received his M. D. degree at the University of Tennessee in 1951, now located in Cookeville, Tenn.  
\*See *Dr. Harlan H. Taylor*.



**Source:** Heritage of Putnam County Tennessee – 2008 by Putnam County Heritage Book Committee and County Heritage Inc. (William S. Taylor (#902))

Pg. 324 – Dr. William Taylor was born December 13, 1923 in McMinnville, TN to Lola and Cato Taylor. Dr. Taylor's family moved to Livingston in the late 1920's, where he attended school, graduating from Livingston Academy in 1943. Dr. Taylor then enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, serving in World War II and was honorably discharged in March 1946. Afterwards he attended Tennessee Technological University, majoring in pre-med. He was accepted into medical school at the

University of Tennessee-Memphis, graduating in 1953, following a year of internship at John Gaston Hospital in Memphis. In the spring of 1954, Dr. Taylor was returned to Middle Tennessee and joined his great uncle, William A. Howard, M. D., in the practice of medicine. He became an active member of the medical staff of the Cookeville Hospital, serving for a period of 21 years. During his career, Dr. Taylor was active in the Middle Tennessee Medical Society. Other affiliation and memberships included: American Hospital Association, Tennessee Hospital Association, life member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, and the Medical Director of Highland Rim Home Health.

He also was recipient of the Fred Robinson award for his commitment to the hospital and dedication to improvement of the scope of community services, as well as the recipient of the year award from the American Association of Medical Assistants. Dr. Taylor also served on the board of Cookeville County Club (now Cookeville Golf Club). Dr. Taylor retired in January 2001, after 47 years of active practice. Even after retirement, Dr. Taylor continued to serve in the scope of health care by participating on the informal Dispute Resolution Panel of the State of Tennessee Dept. of Health Licensures, Division of Health Car Facilities. Although he misses the patients, he does not regret leaving the paperwork. He remains an

active golfer, an avid sports fan (especially the University of Tennessee), and an active member of First United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Men's Fellowship.

*Story submitted by: Patricia Taylor*

### **William Snodgrass Taylor Obt.**

**COOKEVILLE** — Funeral services for Dr. William S. Taylor, 89, of Cookeville, will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, at Cookeville First United Methodist Church.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until time of services on Tuesday at the church.



Dr. Taylor passed away Friday morning, March 15, 2013, in Cookeville.

He was born Dec. 13, 1923.

His family moved to Livingston in the late 1920s, where he graduated from Livingston Academy in 1943. Dr. Taylor then proudly enlisted in the Marine Corps, serving in World War II. He served on Tinian and Saipan and was honorably discharged in March 1946.

Afterwards, he attended Tennessee Technological University, majoring in pre-med. He was accepted into medical school at the University of Tennessee-Memphis, graduating in 1953, following a year of internship at John Gaston

Hospital in Memphis.

In 1954, Dr. Taylor returned to Middle Tennessee and joined his great-uncle, Dr. William A. Howard, in the practice of medicine. He became an active member of the medical staff of the Cookeville Hospital, serving also as its chief of staff and member of various committees.

Dr. Taylor was originally selected to be on the hospital board of trustees in 1965, when board members felt input from the physician would be helpful in deciding medical issues. Dr. Taylor was then recommended by his peers to represent the hospital physicians, serving for a period of 21 years.

During his career, Dr. Taylor was active in the Tennessee Medical Association, the Middle Tennessee Medical Association and the local Cookeville Medical Society. Other affiliations and memberships included American Hospital Association, Tennessee Hospital Association, life member of the American Academy of Family Physicians and the medical director of Highland Rim Home Health. He also was a recipient of the Fred Roberson award for his commitment to the hospital and dedication to improvement of the scope of community services, as well as the recipient of the year award from the American Association of Medical Assistants.

Dr. Taylor also served on the board of Cookeville Federal Savings and Loan and was a founding member of the Cookeville Country Club (now Cookeville Golf Club).

Dr. Taylor retired in January 2001, after 47 years of active practice. Even after retirement, Dr. Taylor continued to serve in the scope of health care by participating on the Informal Dispute Resolution Panel of the State of Tennessee Department of Health Licensure, Division of Health Care Facilities.

He was an avid golfer, sports fan (especially University of Tennessee), and an active member of First United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Men's Fellowship until his illness.

His family includes his wife, Patricia Ann Taylor; a daughter, Robin Byerly (Larry); two sons, Cato and Andrew; two stepdaughters, Kim Miller and Amy McGuire; six grandchildren, Gena (Greenwood) Spires, Bo Greenwood, Chad Taylor-Henson, Will Taylor-Henson, Makenna Miller and Rylee McGuire; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.



Dr. Taylor was preceded in death by his parents, Cato C. Taylor and Lola Belle (Snodgrass) Taylor; a sister, Rebecca Hubbard; two brothers, Henry and Edward Taylor; and a son, William S. Taylor Jr.

Memorial contributions may be sent to God's Grace Food Pantry or the Music Ministry of Cookeville First United Methodist Church.

Crest Lawn Funeral Home-Cremation Center in Cookeville is in charge of arrangements (931) 526-6384.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 18 March 2013

**William "Billy" Taylor Jr. Obt.**

d. 3 April 2003, s/o **Dr. William S. Taylor & Felicia "Felix" Voss.**

\*See Felicia "Felix" (Voss) DeBerry Obt. in Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

**COOKEVILLE** -- Funeral services for William Taylor Jr., will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 4, from the chapel of Crest Lawn Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Crest Lawn Memorial Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. today, Thursday, April 3, and one hour prior to services on Friday at the funeral home.

His family includes his father and stepmother, Dr. William and Patricia Taylor; his mother and stepfather, Felicia and Dr. J. T. DeBerry; a sister and brother-in-law, Larry and Robin Byerly of Boone, N.C.; two brothers, Cato Clark Taylor of Cookeville and Andrew Howard Taylor of Nashville; three aunts and an uncle, Millard and Alma Clark of Cookeville, Betty Taylor of Crossville and Colleen Taylor of Chattanooga; a nephew, Chad Taylor of Gatlinburg; two nephews and their wives, Bo and Amy Jo Greenwood of Wyoming and Will and Jenny Taylor of Gatlinburg; a niece, Gena and Ross Spires of Kentucky; and a cousin, John Taylor.

He was preceded in death by two uncles, Henry and Edward Taylor.

Rev. Dott Fielder will officiate at the services.

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(1900 census, 6<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Overton Co., TN: Dwl: 6 – **Andrew J. Taylor** is head of household, 38 yrs. old, b. March 1862, TN. Occupation: School Teacher, md 7 yrs. to **Eunice**, 29 yrs. old, b. October 1871, TN, 2 children born, 2 children living. Children: **Cato**, son, 6 yrs. old, b. April 1894, TN & Harlam H. Taylor, 7 yrs. old, b. March 1893, TN).

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(1930 census, Livingston Town, Overton Co., TN: Dwl: 224 #231 – **Nora Taylor** his head of household, 59 yrs. old, TN, (22 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage). Same Dwl: 224 #232 – **Cato Taylor** is head of household, 36 yrs. old, TN (25 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage), Occupation: Salesman Dry Good Store, md to **Lola B.**, 35 yrs. old, TN (24 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage). Children: Rebecca H., 9 yrs. old; Henry D., 7 yrs. old; **Billy S.**, 6 yrs. old;

Edward N., 2 10/12 yrs. old. All born in TN. Also living in the household: **Elizabeth Howard**, grandmother, 80 yrs. old, TN (18 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage).

**JAMES FREDERICK TERRY SR M.D.**

*Stray Leaves from Putnam County* by Mary Hopson, pg 225:

**Dr. James Frederick Terry** (1903-1978), son of **Joel Wesley Harvey Terry** and **Nancy Melvina (Isbell)**



**Terry** of the Smyrna Community, married **Margaret Katherine Harris** of Union City, Tennessee. They had two sons, **Dr. J. F. Terry Jr.**, and **Dr. Richard Bruce Terry**. Dr. J. Fred Terry attended Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, now Tennessee Technological University, and received his medical degree from the University of Tennessee in 1932. After his post graduate work, he opened his practice over the Terry Brothers Store on the square and remained there during his practice of 43 years. He though he probably delivered 3,000 babies and he was a surgeon and a Director of First Tennessee Bank, a member of the Broad Street Church of Christ, Cookeville, TN, and a member of the Lions Club and Rotary. He was a member of the Putnam County and the State Medical Association and the American Medical Association, and a member of the American Academy of General Medical Practice and a former president of the Upper Cumberland Medical Society. He was interested in the civic as well as the medical affairs of the Upper

Cumberland and well loved in Putnam County, TN. *Courtesy Hurshal Riddle.*

James Frederick Terry, M.D., b. 8 November 1903, Putnam Co., TN – d. 11 September 1978, Putnam Co., TN, s/o **Joel Wesley Harvey & Nancy Melvina (Isbell) Terry**. He married **Margaret Katherine Harris**, b. 11 May 1911, both buried in the Crest Lawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. **Joel Wesley Harvey Terry**, b. 15 April 1860, TN – d. 21 October 1948 & his wife **Nancy Melvina Isbell**, b. 14 September 1868, TN – d. 15 June 1949, both buried in the Smyrna Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. Also buried in Smyrna Cemetery, **Harvey Benton Terry**, (TN F3 U. S. Navy WWD), b. 6 March 1893 – d. 13 May 1967, s/o **Joel Wesley Harvey & Nancy Melvina Isbell Terry**. Harvey Benton Terry md **Maude Somervill**. Also in the same cemetery: **John William Terry**, b. 27 June 1897 – d. 12 December 1975, s/o **Joel Wesley Harvey & Nancy Melvina Isbell Terry**. John William Terry married on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June 1937 **Ruby Chism**, b. 18 November 1910. \*See Dr. Richard Bruce Terry. \*See Dr. James Frederic Terry Jr. Obt.

Funeral services for Dr. J. Fred Terry, a Cookeville physician known for his willingness to make housecalls, will be Wed., Sept. 13, at 2 p.m. in the Hooper & Huddleston Funeral Home here.

Dr. Terry, 74, who died last night in the Baptist Hospital in Nashville after an extended illness, was a Putnam doctor for over 40 years and a long-time civic promoter of Putnam County. He retired from practice of medicine in 1975.

A Putnam native, Dr. Terry was a descendant of one of the county's founding families and was born in 1904 on a farm three miles north of Cookeville.

He received his pre medical training at Tennessee Tech, and in 1932 received his medical degree from the University of Tennessee. After a year and a half of post-graduate work in Memphis Dr. Terry returned to Cookeville to set up his first practice during the Depression.

With money tight, Dr. Terry's fees were \$1 for office calls, and \$2 for housecalls. However, he was often paid in barter by patients unable to pay cash.

In 1935, he was elected by the Putnam Quarterly Court to the post of county physician, with duties including treating some 30 to 50 residents at the county farm and county jail inmates.

Also, he was called upon to examine patients at area mental institutions and, twice yearly to administer immunization shots to children in the county's 72 rural schools, all for a \$100-a-month compensation.

An outbreak of smallpox in 1939 prompted Dr. Terry to vaccinate some 10,000 Putnam residents with the State Health Department able to offer little aid here.

Dr. Terry went on later to receive further medical training in surgery, obstetrics, pediatrics and psychiatry and in his 40 years of practice treated thousands of Putnam residents and delivered more than 3,000 babies many of them in the home.

In civic affairs, Dr. Terry was a major factor in raising funds to build the Cookeville General Hospital in 1950, and was on its staff until his retirement.

Dr. Terry also aided in securing the Acme Boot Co., the Delman Corp. (now McCord-Winn and other industry for the Cookeville area.

He was a member of the Putnam County Medical Society, the Tennessee State Medical Society, the American Medical Association, the Upper Cumberland Medical Society and the American Academy of General Practice.

He was a member of the board of directors of First Tennessee Bank.

In July, Dr. Terry became the sixth recipient of the Cookeville Kiwanis Club's Community Service Award.

Dr. Terry was also a chapter member of the Cookeville Rotary Club and a member of the Cookeville Lions Club. He was a member of the Broad Street Church of Christ for more than 50 years.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Harris Terry; two sons, Dr. Richard Terry of Nashville, and Dr. Jimmy Terry, of Springfield, MO; and three grandchildren.

Officiating at the services will be Bro. Glen McDoniel and the Rev. Roy West. Burial will be at the Crest Lawn Cemetery. The body will lie in state at the funeral home after 6 p.m. today.

Pallbearers will include Billy Carlen, Kemper Martin, O. C. Master, Dr. James Smith, Bruce Plummer, Don Caplenor, Arnold Carter and Jack Borden. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Putnam County Medical Society and directors of the First Tennessee Bank.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: Tuesday afternoon, 12 September 1978.

(1910 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 410 – **Harvey Terry** is head of household, 50 yrs. old, TN md 22 yrs. to **Nancie M.**, 41 yrs. old, TN, 7 children born, 7 children living. Children: Lenar, 21 yrs. old; Jerrie H., 20 yrs. old; Harvey B., 17 yrs. old; John W., 12 yrs. old; Walter A., yrs. old; **James F.**, 7 yrs. old & David R. Terry, 3 yrs. old. All born in TN).

(1920 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Smyrna Branch Shipley Rd., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 245 – **J. W. H. Terry** is head of household, 59 yrs. old, TN md to **Nannie**, 52 yrs. old, TN. Children: John W., 22 yrs. old; Walter A., 20 yrs. old; **J. F.**; 16 yrs. old & David R. Terry, 13 yrs. old. All born in TN).

**Source:** Heritage of Putnam County Tennessee – 2008 by Putnam County Heritage Book Committee and County Heritage Inc.

#### **DR. JAMES FRED TERRY PHYSICIAN 41 YEARS**

Pgs. 324 & 325 – Dr. Terry has been a physician in Cookeville and Putnam County for 41 years. In addition to his loyalty and dedicated service to his patients, he had been a member of the American Medical Association, the American Academy of General Practice, Tennessee State Medical Association, Tennessee Valley Medical Association, Mid-South Medical Association, Five-County Medical Association, Upper

Cumberland Medical Association, and the Putnam County Medical Society. He has been a member of the staff of the Cookeville General Hospital since it's beginning.

Upon announcing his retirement, Dr. Terry said, "it is with regret that I am retiring. It has been a real pleasure to serve my patients in Cookeville and Putnam County all these years. I shall miss this opportunity to serve and the association with these fine people. My business office will remain open until June 30, 1975, to assist patients in obtaining medical assistance and to be of help in any other way possible."

Terry has two sons who are doctors. His older son, James Fred Terry, Jr. is a urologist in Springfield, Missouri. Richard Bruce Terry is finishing his surgery residency at University of Jackson, Miss., to be followed by two years in the Naval Air Force. He plans to come back to Cookeville to practice medicine after the service.

*Story by Terry Smith. Source: Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN.*

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: 14 June 1934

#### Dr. Fred Terry Opens Offices in Cookeville:

Dr. Fred Terry, of Cookeville, graduate of the University of Tennessee school of medicine at Memphis, has announced the opening of a suite of offices in the Williams and Terry building on the square, and asks his patients to visit him there.

Dr. Terry, son of Magistrate J.W.H. Terry, recently completed two years of interne work in Charity Hospital, at Memphis, and also served as an interne in a Chicago hospital. He has been in Cookeville for the past several weeks, but had not established an office until this week.



Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 31 May 1934.

**Source:** Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: **CIVIC LEADER, DOCTOR HONORED BY KIWANIS**, By Bob McMillan.

Dr. J. Fred Terry, a long-time physician and civic promoter here, has become the sixth recipient of the Cookeville Kiwanis Club's monthly "Community Service Award."

Instrumental in the opening of the Cookeville General Hospital in 1950, Dr. Terry joins the ranks of previous recipients of the award, including Marie White, Dr. Clement Eyler, Mike Shipley, Dr. Harry Upperman and "Fiddlin' Frazier" Moss.

A descendant of one of the founding families of Cookeville, Dr. Terry was born three miles north of Cookeville and received his pre-medical training at the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, predecessor of Tennessee Tech University.

(Pictured: For Service – Dr. J. Fred Terry, right, a Cookeville doctor for some 40 years and a promoter of civic affairs, receives the Cookeville Kiwanis Club's monthly "Community Service Award" from club member Marshall Bertram, making Dr. Terry the sixth recipient of the award. Photo by Mark Hay).

After earning his medical degree from the University of Tennessee in 1932 and a year and a half of post graduate training in Memphis, Dr. Terry returned to Cookeville and set up practice during the depression.

With money tight, Dr. Terry's fees were \$1 for an office call and \$2 for house calls. However, he often was paid in barter by patients unable to pay in cash.

In 1935, he was elected county physician by the Putnam Quarterly Court, his duties to include treating some 30 to 50 residents at the county farm and county jail inmates. Also, he was called upon to examine patients at area mental institutions, and twice yearly to administer immunization shots to children in the county's 72 schools, all for a \$100-1-month compensation.

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Dr. Terry later went on to receive further medical training in surgery, obstetrics, pediatrics and psychiatry, and in his 40 years of practice treated thousands of Putnam residents and delivered more than 3,000 babies, many of them in the home.

In civic affairs, Dr. Terry was a major factor in raising sufficient funds to build the original Cookeville General Hospital in 1950, and was on its staff until his retirement in the early 1970's.

Dr. Terry also aided in securing the Acme Boot Co., the Delman Corp. (now McCord-Winn) and other industries for the Cookeville area.

He is a member of the Putnam County Medical Society, the Tennessee State Medical Society, the American Medical Association, the Upper Cumberland Medical Society and the American Academy of General Practice.

Dr. Terry is a charter member of the Cookeville Rotary Club, and a member of the Cookeville Lions Club; and he has been a member of the Broad Street Church of Christ for more than 50 years.

**Joel Wesley Harvey Terry Obt.**

b. 15 April 1860 – d. 21 October 1948, md 1887 to **Nancy Melvina (Isbell) Terry**, b. 14 September 1868, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN – d. 15 June 1949, Putnam Co., TN. Both buried in Smyrna Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

J. W. H. Terry, Last of 10 Children, Dies:

Funeral services for J. W. H. "Harvey" Terry, 88, member of one of Putnam County's earliest families who died Thursday at his home on Hickory Street after an illness of several months, were held Saturday morning at the Broad Street Church of Christ.

Mr. Terry for several years was a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank. He also served several years as a member of the quarterly county court.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Nannie Isbell Terry, who has been ill since early summer: five sons, Benton, John Bill, David, Howard, and Dr. Fred Terry, all of Cookeville.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: 28 October 1948.

**Nancy Melvina (Isbell) Terry Obt.**

b. 14 September 1868, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN – d. 15 June 1949, Putnam Co., TN, md 1887 to **Joel Wesley Harvey Terry**, b. 15 April 1860 – d. 21 October 1948. Nancy Melvina (Isbell) Terry, d/o **William Jefferson Isbell** (1840-1895) & **Amanda Helen Starnes** (1849-1913).

Funeral services for Mrs. Nancy Isbell Terry, 80, wife of the late J. W. H. Terry, will be conducted tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon at the Broad Street Church of Christ with Allen Phy of the McMinnville Church of Christ, L. N. Moody of the Cookeville Broad Street Church of Christ, and the Rev. Simon Ensor

of Springfield, brother-in-law of Mrs. Terry, officiating. Burial will be in the Smyrna cemetery, three miles north of Cookeville.

Mrs. Terry's death occurred early Wednesday morning at her home on Hickory Street following an illness of one year. A daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Isbell she was born and reared in Putnam County, Buffalo Valley was her birthplace, but when a small girl she, with her parents, moved to Cookeville where the family has been prominently identified with all civil and religious activities of the town, aiding in its growth from a village to the present time.

Mrs. Terry was married to Mr. Terry in 1887, and as a bride went to live at the Terry home in the Smyrna community of this county, and there as an influential and progressive citizens, they made their home until approximately two years ago when they moved to their Hickory Street residence. Mr. Terry's death occurred October 21, 1948. They were noted for their cordial hospitality and for their work and influence in the Church of Christ of which Mrs. Terry had been a member for some 60 years and until a few years ago, when failing health prevented, she was a regular attendant with the Smyrna congregation. She participated also in advancement of her community and through these interests endeared herself to a wide circle of friends.

Survivors include five sons, Howard, Benton, John W., David Terry, and Dr. Fred Terry all of Cookeville; ten grandchildren, four great grandchildren, four sisters, Mrs. W. C. Wade, Mrs. John H. Whitson of Cookeville, Mrs. Simon Ensor of Springfield, and Mrs. Jewel Lee of Nashville.

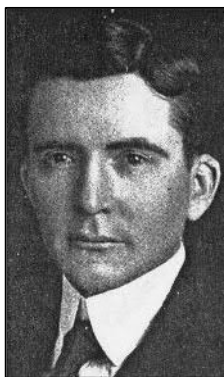
Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: 16 June 1949

**RICHARD BRUCE TERRY M.D.**, b. 4 October 1945, s/o **Dr. James Frederick & Margaret Katherine Harris Terry**. Richard's marker is in the Crest Lawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

*\*See Dr. James Frederick Terry.*

**DR. JESSE PEYTON TERRY**, born July 7, 1885, near Cookeville. Graduate of University of Tennessee. One of the leading dentists of Cookeville. Before moving to Cookeville was Mayor of Algood, 1919-20. Thirty-second degree Mason, Knight Templar and Shriner. **Married to Miss Alice Smith**, September 16, 1913. While a citizen of Algood he contributed liberally in building a public road from Algood to Monterey. An active member of the Cookeville Lions Club and Putnam County Shriners Club Member of the American and Tennessee Dental Associations.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 178, #706: Jesse Peyton Terry Jr. married 16 September 1913, Putnam Co., TN to Miss Mary Alice Smith. By whom married: J. W. Parsons).



(**Dr. Jesse Peyton Terry**, b. 7 July 1885, TN – d. 19 April 1967 married on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September 1913, Putnam Co., TN to **Mary Alice Smith**, b. 1 May 1889 – d. 23 January 1979, d/o **John Oliver Smith & Letita West**. J. P. Terry, s/o **William Lafayette Terry & Sarah A. Pointer**. Dr. Jesse Peyton Terry & wife are both buried in Cookeville City Cemetery.

*A History of Putnam County* by Walter S. McClain – 1925. pg. 137:  
(Pictured: Dr. Jesse Peyton Terry).

(**William L. Terry**, b. 9 November 1854, TN - d. 10 January 1949 married **Sarah A. (Pointer) Terry**, b. 3 November 1864, TN - d. 20 July 1934, both buried in the Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN).

(1900 census 15<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 146 – **William Terry** is head of household, 45 yrs. old, b. November 1854, TN md 16 yrs. to **Sarah**, 35 yrs. old, b. November 1864, TN, 4 children born, 4 children living. Children: **Paton J.**, 14 yrs. old, b. July 1885; Lizzie, 13 yrs. old, b. March 1887; Jimmie, 10 yrs. old, b. February 1890 & Jasper Terry, 9/12 yrs. old, b. August 1899. All born in TN. Also living in the household: Ike Smith, lodger, 21 yrs. old, b. March 1879, TN).

(1910 census 15<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 130 – **William L. Terry** is head of household, 55 yrs. old, TN, farmer, md 25 yrs. to **Sarah A.**, 45 yrs. old, TN, 5 children born, 5 children living. Children: Jasper T., 10 yrs. old, TN & Mary D. Terry, 5 yrs. old, TN. Also living in the household: James Hall, 30 yrs. old, TN, servant, laborer on farm & Robert Henly, 23 yrs. old, TN, servant, laborer on farm).

(1920 census 19<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 144 – **Jessie P. Terry** is head of household, 34 yrs. old, TN. Occupation: Dentist home office, md to **Mary A.**, 30 yrs. old, TN. Children: Jessie P. Jr., 5 yrs. old; Will Oliver; 3+ yrs. old & Juanita Terry, 9/12 yrs. old. All born in TN).

**Mary Alice (Smith) Terry Obt.**

**COOKEVILLE** – Funeral services for Mary Alice Terry, 89, will be held Friday, Jan. 26, at 1 p.m. at the Chapel of Hooper and Huddleston Funeral Home. Mrs. Terry died Tuesday, Jan. 23, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Holmes Neal, in Olmsted Falls, OH.

Services will be conducted by Glen McDoniel, minister of the Jefferson Avenue Church of Christ, and burial will be at Cookeville City Cemetery.

Mrs. Terry was a native of Putnam County and was the daughter of the late John Oliver and Letitia West Smith. She was the widow of Dr. J. P. Terry.

In addition to Mrs. Neal, survivors include another daughter, Mrs. John K. Wright of Nashville; two sons, Jim and William O. Terry of Cookeville; six grandchildren, Richard, Nancy Alice Neal and Janet Tomasch, Martha, Terry and John Kelly Wright Jr.; five great-grandchildren.

Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN: 24 January 1979.

**Sallie (Bohannon) Terry Obt.**

Native Countian Dies In Montana:

Word has been received in Cookeville relative to the death of Mrs. **Sallie Bohannon Terry**, which occurred at the home of her son, Herbert Terry, in Clyde Park, MT, Monday, September 2. Funeral services and burial was in Clyde Park.

Mrs. Terry, widow of Addison Terry, was a native of Putnam County, daughter of the late Pleasant and Kate Bohannon, and was the last member of the family.

She has made her home in Montana for many years. She was a half sister of the late Mrs. Lou Bohannon Hunter and Mrs. Fanny B. Bohannon, and receiving the message of her death were her nieces, Mrs. Horace Snodgrass and Miss Sallie Hunter, **and a nephew, Dr. J. P. Terry**, all of Cookeville. She is survived by other nieces and nephews of this area.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: 5 September 1957.

**DR. ROBERT WILLIAM THURMAN**, b. 2 February 1906, McMinnville, TN - d. 13 September 1998, Putnam Co., TN, s/o **Robert Benjamin & Willie Goff Thurman**. He married **Bessie Dickson**, b. 27 March 1907, Pinkney, TN – d. 14 December 14, 2003, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **John E. & Launa Yarbrough Dickson**. Dr. Robert & Bessie Thurman and both buried in the Crest Lawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. **Dr. Robert Benjamin Thurman**, b. 1 December 1880, TN – d. 16 October 1967 & his wife **Willie (Goff) Thurman**, b. 24 January 1889, TN – d. 20 September 1967, both buried in the Highland Cemetery Section Q, White Co., TN.



Also buried in same cemetery: **Thomas Oliver Thurman**, b. 13 February 1909, TN – d. 5 February 1974, s/o **Robert Benjmain & Willie Goff Thurman**. And the wife of Thomas Oliver Thurman, **Mildred (Lowery) Thurman**, b. 15 July 1909 – d. 28 June 1996, and their children **Tom Thurman Jr.**, b. 31 August 1935 & his wife **Sarah Jo (Snodgras) Thurman**, b. 24 April 1936 – d. 12 October 1995. **Infant Thurman**, b. 23 February 1933 – d. 23 February 1933.



*Stray Leaves from Putnam County* by Mary Hopson, pgs. 113-114.

I can remember coming to Cookeville when I was about 10 years old with my dad, mother and brother. We were going to Monterey from Sparta to visit **my mother's family, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Goff** and children. At that time, the road that is now 10<sup>th</sup> Street was just sand, deep enough to get stuck in with our old T-Model Ford. I also remember coming with a group of young people to see the Putnam County Fair. The fairground was located on the northeast corner of Washington and 10<sup>th</sup> Street (the old Algood Road). And, after World War I, about 1918, I remember my dad bringing the family from Sparta to Cookeville to see Alvin C. York come through on a passenger train going to Jamestown on his way home from war. He

stood on the rear platform of the passenger car and waved to the crowd that had gathered to see him.

Sometimes when I was a child, we would come to Cookeville in a taxi that carried the mail from Sparta to Cookeville. The family would spend the night in an old hotel across from the depot called the Duke House, I believe. It was located about where the old Shanks Hotel was later built. The next morning, **Jube Cummins**, my uncle would come after us in a wagon and team and take us to his house for a visit. The trip there was another ten miles of rough riding. We greatly enjoyed our visit to the old Cummins Mill to see some of our relatives. **Mrs. Jube Cummins was my daddy's sister.**

I have mentioned these trips to let you know how we traveled in old days as well as my knowledge of Cookeville at that time.

It would take several books to tell you about the good times my family had together – hunting, fishing, traveling, ect., up to 1924. We were all musicians and enjoyed playing together, but a lot of those good times ended after I graduated from high school and went off to college to study Dentistry. I finished dental school in 1929, and I had planned to practice with my dad who was a dentist in Sparta. However, **Dr. J. O. Cummins, my first cousin** and a dentist, had fallen out of a cherry tree and broken his hip. He persuaded me to take over his practice and take care of his family until he could come back to work. It was about six years before he came back to work. By that time, I had built a practice, so I just stayed in Cookeville. It was hard to make ends meet in those days. The depression during 1930, 1931, and 1932 made it hard to exist.

When I came to Cookeville, the population was about 3,500. Most streets were not paved, and sometimes it was hard to drive from West Side to the square without getting stuck in the mud. There were not many cars, and I remember when it was not unusual to see a team of oxen coming through town. The Tennessee Central Railroad was in operation, and you could go to Nashville and back on the train.

I started my practice in the office of **Dr. J. O. Cummins** located in a building just about where the police station is now. It was upstairs over the old Strand Theatre. **Dr. Max Winningham**, a dentist, was also located in the same building. We had for our assistant Miss **Bessie Dickson**, a daughter of **John E. Dickson**, a Cumberland Presbyterian preacher who also sold insurance. We paid Bessie \$5.00 a week to help us. That wasn't a bad salary in those days. In comparison, I think I collected \$29.00 the first month I practiced.

It was not long before Bessie and I were married (1932) our first baby was born in 1934; we named her Corinne. She was born in Sparta in the home of my parents. Two weeks later, we rented an apartment in Cookeville. It was located on the corner of Broad Street and Church and belongs to the Greenwoods. Our

apartment and the office were on the same floor of the building. I did my own decorating and repairing for the apartment and office, and the rent was only \$12.50 a month. We heated the place with oil stoves and had an oil stove to cook on. During the first 4 ½ months there, my wife had a severe infection. The mother of the late **Dr. L. T. Reeves**, a nurse, took care of my wife and baby during that time.

\*See Ida Neal Reeves Obt.

Just to give you an idea of how times have changed for dental work, for some time after I started practicing dentistry, I received \$1.00 for simple extractions and sometimes not that much. My fee for cleaning teeth - \$1.00 (sometimes \$2.00), and I made gold crowns for \$5.00. For root canals in the anterior teeth, the fee was \$5.00. I had many sets of dentures in those days, and I did the laboratory work myself. I charged \$30.00 for an upper and lower set. For a full extraction, regardless of how many teeth the patient had, plus a full upper and lower set of dentures, my fee was \$40.00.

My first patient was **Billy Carlen**, I believe, and he was just eight years old at the time. The oldest patient I ever worked on was A. W. Smith. He was 99 years old and made another appointment the last time he was in my office as a patient. I was 79 years old at the time. **A. W. Smith** still had most of his natural teeth then. He was a former dean of T.P.I. and lived to be 102 years old.

One of my first patients (who continued to keep regular appointments until I retired) was **Mrs. Henry V. Lewis**.

In addition to practicing dentistry, I was a musician and took time to play a trombone in the T.P.I. marching band and the symphony orchestra for eight years. I was not a student at T.P.I., but they needed a trombone player, so I kept playing. I also liked string music, and I played a guitar in a band with **Frazier Moss**, the World Champion fiddle player. **Bill** and **Dottie West** and a few others were in the band. In addition to playing the guitar, I did some singing and played the French harp. We had a lot of fun playing for entertainment, etc., and my children really enjoyed the sessions.

My wife, Bessie, and I had three children, and all have various degrees from Tennessee Tech. My older son, **Robert, Jr.**, is manager of Donelson Branch of Fidelity Federal in Nashville; he is also a vice president of that savings and loan institution and is active in emergency medical activities. My younger son, **Dewey Dickson Thurman**, is a mathematics instructor at Tennessee Tech, keeps statistics at Tech's basketball games, and bowls and plays golf. My daughter, **Corinne**, is a Reading Specialist and teaches reading in the White County school system. She is an avid animal lover. My wife, **Bessie**, was a teacher in the Putnam County school system, and operated a private kindergarten in our home for many years.

I hope you have enjoyed this bit of history of Cookeville and my own personal history – Dr. R. W. Thurman.

(1910 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Sparta, White Co., TN: Dwl: 22 Family: 24 -**Robert B. Thurman** is head of household, 27 yrs. old, TN. Occupation: Dentist Own Office, md 5 yrs. to **Willie**, 21 yrs. old, TN, 2 children born, 2 children living. Children: **Robert W.**, 4 yrs. old, TN & Thomas Thurman, 1 2/12 yrs. old, TN).

(1920 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Sparta, White Co., TN: Dwl: 305-180-200 -**Robert B. Thurman** is head of household, 36 yrs. old, TN. Occupation: Dentist, md to **Willie**, 28 yrs. old, TN. Children: **Robert**, 13 yrs. old, TN & Thomas Thurman, 10 yrs. old, TN).

(1930 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., East of Walnut St., Cherry St., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 211-42-44 – **J. O. Cummins** is head of household, 37 yrs. old, TN (24 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage). Occupation: Physician Dentist, md to **Willette**, 37 yrs. old, TN (23 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage). Children: Lucinda, 10 yrs. old; Mary S., 8 11/12 yrs. old; Jno Jr., 3 9/12 yrs. old; Claricle Cummins, 1 4/12 yrs. old. All born in TN. Also living in the household: Mary Cummins, sister, 35 yrs. old, TN. Occupation: Teacher Public School. Also living in the household, **Robert Thurman**, cousin, 24 yrs. old, TN. Occupation: Physician Dentist). \*See Dr. John Oliver Cummins. \*See Dr. Max Winningham.

**Dr. Robert William Thurman Obt.**

**COOKEVILLE** - Funeral services for Dr. Robert William Thurman, 92, of Cookeville will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 15, from the chapel of Hooper & Huddleston Funeral Home. Burial will be in Crestlawn Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 1-4 p.m. and from 6-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Dr. Thurman was dead on arrival at Cookeville Regional Medical Center on Sunday, Sept. 13, 1998.

He was born on Feb. 2, 1906, in McMinnville to the late Robert Benjamin and Willie Goff Thurman. Dr. Thurman was a retired dentist and a member of Central Church of Christ in Sparta.

His family includes his wife, Bessie Thurman of Cookeville; a daughter, Corinne Johnson of Cookeville; two sons, Robert William Thurman Jr. of Brentwood and Dewey Thurman of Cookeville; six grandchildren, Dr. Robert Jason Thurman of Cincinnati, Ohio, Robin Schappert of Henderson, Nev., Terri Taylor of Murfreesboro, Tana Taylor and Dean Johnson, both of Nashville, and Jill Cassford of Cookeville; and one great-grandchild.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Tom Thurman.

Bro. Glen McDoniel will officiate at the services.

Information provided by Thurman Funeral Home of Sparta.

Published Monday, September 14, 1998 12:27 PM CDT: Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN

**Bessie (Dickson) Thurman Obt.**

**COOKEVILLE** -- Funeral services for Bessie Thurman, of Cookeville, will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2003, from the chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Burial will be in Crest Lawn Memorial Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 2-4 p.m., and from 6-9 p.m. today, Tuesday, Dec. 16, at the funeral home.

Mrs. Thurman died on Sunday, Dec. 14, 2003, at her residence.

She was born on March 27, 1907, in Pinkney, to the late John E. and Launa Yarbrough Dickson.

Mrs. Thurman was a retired teacher.

Her family includes a daughter, Corinne Johnson of Cookeville; two sons, Robert William Thurman Jr. of Brentwood, and Dewey Dickson Thurman of Cookeville; six grandchildren, Terri Taylor of Murfreesboro, Tana Taylor of Smyrna, Dean Johnson of Oak Ridge, Jill Cassford of Cookeville, Robin Schappert and Dr. R. Jason Thurman, both of Nashville; and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three sisters, Murl McLaughlin, Blanch Clark and Euna Davis; and two brothers, Frasier D. and John Dickson.

Bros. Glen McDoniel and Gary Hampton will officiate at the services.

Thurman Funeral Home of Sparta is in charge of arrangements.

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**DR. JOHN SAVAGE TRAPP**, b. 26 January 1850, DeKalb Co., TN – d. 10 June 1930, Putnam Co., TN, married on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 1869 to **Isabella S. (Judkins) Trapp**, b. 15 July 1848, NC - d. 25 January 1899 - married on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November 1899, Putnam Co., TN to **Fannie (Farley) Trapp**, b. 25 March 1881, TN – d. 8 April 1910, TN – married on the 24<sup>th</sup> of July 1910, Putnam Co., TN to **Elizabeth “Lizzie” Williams**, b. 20 July 1874, TN – d. 27 November 1955, John, Fannie and Elizabeth are all buried in the Williams Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN, located on the Jay Williams farm. **Isabella S. (Judkins) Trapp** is buried in the Smyrna Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. John Savage Trapp, s/o **John Job T. Trapp** (1810-1884) & **Mary McGinnis** (1811-1884). Elizabeth “Lizzie” Williams, d/o Jesse Williams (1846-1923) & Narcissus Netherton (1850-1908).

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 22: J. S. Trapp married 6 November 1899, Putnam Co., TN to Fannie Farley).

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 576, #1741: Dr. J. S. Trapp married 24 July 1910, Putnam Co., TN to Miss Elizabeth Williams. By whom married: J. W. Foster).

(DC #14281, Putnam Co., TN: **John Savage Trapp**, b. 26 January 1850, TN – d. 10 June 1930, s/o **Jobe Trapp**).

(DC #74, Putnam Co., TN: **Fannie Trapp**, d. 8 April 1910, 29 yrs. old)

Dr. J. S. Trapp Dies East Of Cookeville:

Dr. J. S. Trapp, 80, died at his home about twelve miles East of Cookeville, Tuesday morning. He had been confined to his room for the past four years, but was seriously sick with heart dropsy only six weeks before the end.

Dr. Trapp was one of the most widely known physicians in the eastern part of this County, having practiced his profession in that section for forty-three years. His long life of service to the community in which he lived will be remembered and appreciated by those he served so well.

He is survived by three sons and one daughter, Ernest of Cookeville, Rt. 5, Edward of Akron and Dave of Dayton, Ohio, and Mrs. Willie Bohannon of Cookeville.

Funeral services were conducted by Elders Billy Clouse and W. M. Oakley. Burial at the Williams cemetery in Dry Valley.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 12 June 1930

(1860 census 10<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., post office: Liberty: DeKalb Co., TN: Dwl: 1077: Family : 1065 - **Job Trapp** is head of household, 50 yrs. old, TN, md to **Mary**, 49 yrs. old, TN. Children: Eliza, 15 yrs. old; Amanda K., 14 yrs. old; Samantha J., 13 yrs. old; Rebecca, 11 yrs. old & **John H. Trapp**, 9 yrs. old. All born in TN).

(1870 census 10<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., post office: Liberty: DeKalb Co., TN: Dwl: 104 - **John Trapp** is head of household, 19 yrs. old, TN, md to **Isabella**, 22 yrs. old, NC. Child: Martha Trapp, 6/12 yrs. old, TN).

Census Place: 1880 District 10, De Kalb Co., TN

Source: FHL Film 1255252 National Archives Film T9-1252 Page 187A

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
<b>J. S. TRAPP</b>	Self	M	M	W	29	TN
Occ:	Farmer	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
<b>Isabell TRAPP</b>	Wife	F	M	W	31	TN
Occ:	Keeps House	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
<b>M. H. TRAPP</b>	Dau	F	S	W	10	TN
Occ:	Works In House	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
<b>M. A. E. TRAPP</b>	Dau	F	S	W	7	TN
		Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
<b>W. T. TRAPP</b>	Son	M	S	W	1	TN
		Fa: TN	Mo: TN			

(1900 census 4<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 104 – **John S. Trapp** is head of household, 50 yrs. old, b. January 1850, TN, (father born in KY, mother born in TN). Occupation: Physician, md 0 yrs. to **Fanney**, 20 yrs. old, b. March 1880, TN. Child: Ernest A. Trapp, 15 yrs old, b. February 1885, TN).

(1910 census 4<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist. Cookeville & Board Valley Rd., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 216 – **John J. S. Trapp** is head of household, 59 yrs. old, TN, widow, Occupation: Physician General Practice. Children: Ernest, 23 yrs. old; Edna B., 9 yrs. old; Edward E., 7 yrs. old; David E., 4 yrs. old & Daisy J. Trapp, 19/12 yrs. old. All born in TN).

(1920 census 4<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 179 – **John S. Trapp** is head of household, 68 yrs. old, TN. Occupation: Physician General Practice, md to **Lizzie**, 45 yrs. old, TN. Children: Edward, 17 yrs. old, TN & Davie Trapp, 13 yrs. old, TN).

(1930 census 4<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 71 – **John S. Trapp** is head of household, 80 yrs. old, TN (father born in Ireland, mother born in Russia). Occupation: Physician Medical Retired, (27 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage & 53 yrs. old marriage) md to **Elizabeth**, 45 yrs. old, TN, (17 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage)

**DR. PHILLIP CARLEN WEBB**, b. 29 August 1928 – d. 30 October 1982, buried in the Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. Phillip C. Webb is the son of **Phillip Norman “Buck” Webb** (1902-1980) & **Virginia Carlen** (b. 3 Nov. 1902), both buried in the Cookeville City Cemetery. Dr. Phillip Carlen Webb md **Marcia (unknown) Webb**.

\*See Phillip Norman “Buck” Webb Obt.

\*See Dr. Thomas L. Webb



(DC# 35013, Putnam Co., TN: **Phillip C. Webb**, d. 30 October 1982, Wilson Co., TN age 54, married)

(SS Death Index: Name: **PHILLIP WEBB** - Birth: 29 August 1928 – Death: October 1982 –Last Residence: (Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN) -Last Benefit: (none specified) – SSN: 409-46-5106, TN)

Dr. Webb Killed in Accident:

Services were held yesterday at 2 p.m. for a Cookeville dentist, Dr. Phillip Carlen Webb, who was killed in an auto accident near Lebanon Friday, from the chapel of Hooper and Huddleston Funeral Home with Rev. Maurice Moore officiating.

Dr. Webb was returning to Cookeville from Nashville about midnight Friday when he lost control of his 1980 BMW in the eastbound lane of Interstate 40 east of Nashville, Tennessee, Highway Patrol Dispatcher Jimmy Houston said. Houston said a report prepared by Trooper David Jennings said Webb has apparently attempted to exit the 109 ramp and ran off the road, overturned and was thrown out of his vehicle. Investigators said he was killed instantly.

Survivors include his wife, Marcia Webb, of Cookeville; a daughter, Lucy Jane Webb, of California; a son, Phillip Carlen Webb of Nashville; his mother, Mrs. Virginia Carlen Webb of Cookeville; and a sister Mrs. Frances Fite of Nashville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dr. Phillip Carlen Webb scholarship fund for dental students at the University of Tennessee. The fund has been established at Citizens Bank in Cookeville in Webb's honor.

Pallbearers were Joe Otto, Dr. Zollie Ferrell, Jimmy Carlen, Dr. Jack Tyson, Johnny Anderson, Raymond Brown, Dr. Jim Warren, Hubbie Smith, Buddy Darwin, James Foutch, Billy Robinson, Dr. John Bryan, Billy Lewis, Jimmy Emery and Gilbert Jackson. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Tennessee Dental Association.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 51: Phillip Carlen Webb Jr. married 16 September 1982, age 24, address: 1086 Oaklawn Dr., Cookeville, TN to Laura Lee Foutch, age 27, address: 328 South Maple, Cookeville, TN, name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: James Foutch, 328 South Maple, Cookeville, TN).

**Phillip Norman "Buck" Webb Obt.**

b. 6 February 1902, TN – d. 25 July 1980 md **Virginia (Carlen) Webb**, b. 3 November 1902, d/o **Walter Raleigh Carlen & Frances "Fannie" Richmond**, both buried in Cookeville City Cemetery. Phillip Norman "Buck" Webb, s/o **Dr. Thomas "Tom" L. Webb & Corilla Coffee**.

\*See Dr. Thomas L. Webb

\*See Dr. Phillip Carlen Webb Obt.

(SS Death Index: Name: **PHILLIP WEBB** - Birth: 6 February 1902 – Death: July 1980 –Last Residence: (Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN) -Last Benefit: (none specified) – SSN: 408-26-3066, TN)

**COOKEVILLE** – Funeral services for **Phillip N. Webb**, 78, Cookeville druggist, will be conducted at the chapel of Hooper & Huddleston Funeral Home today, July 27, at 2 p. m. with the Rev. Robert H. Case and Rev. Maurice Moore officiating.

"Dr." Webb died July 25 at Cookeville General Hospital following an extended illness.

He was a native of Putnam County, the **son of the late Dr. Tom and Corilla Coffee Webb** and for **many years owned and operated Webb's Pharmacy in Cookeville**.

Survivors include his **wife, Mrs. Virginia Carlen Webb; one son, Dr. Phillip C. Webb**, Cookeville; one daughter, Mrs. James W. Fite, Nashville; and four grandchildren.

Pallbearers are to be Walter Hill Carlen, Jimmy Carlen, Billy Carlen, Walter Whitson Carlen, Hoke White, Billy Lewis, Robert Greenwood, Carmel Brown, Buddy Darwin, Dero Darwin, Herbie R. Shanks, Bob McMillian, Dr. Thurman Shipley, Hubert Braswell, Phillip Judd, Robert Davis, Frank Alexander, Herman Proffitt and Jere Whitson.

Burial will be in Cookeville City Cemetery.

Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN: 27 July 1980.

**DR. THOMAS L. WEBB**

b. March 1852, TN, md **Corilla (Coffee) Webb**, b. January 1871, TN.

\*See Phillip Norman "Buck" Webb Obt.

(1900 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 445 – **Thomas L. Webb** head of household, 48 yrs. old, b. March 1852, TN. Occupation: Physician md 8 yrs. to **Corrilla E.**, 29 yrs. old, b. January 1871, TN, 3 children born, 2 children living. Children: Thomas C. 21 yrs. old, b. February 1879; Roxie R., 19 yrs. old, b. December 1880; Lockie Lee, 11 yrs. old, b. September 1888; Fowler W., 4 yrs. old, b. April 1896 & Homer H. Webb, 8/12 yrs. old, b. October 1899. All born in TN. Also living in the household: Mary Copeland, servant, 29 yrs. old, b. December 1870, TN, widow & Lucy Rittenberry, boarder, 20 yrs. old, b. December 1870, TN).

(1910 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Cookeville Town, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 258 – **Carrita Webb** head of household, 38 yrs. old, TN, widow. Children: Homer, 10 yrs. old, TN & Phillip Webb, 8 yrs. old, TN).

#### **DR. JOHNATHAN “JOHN” MACMELON WHEELER,**

(Obt. states his name as Dr. James McMullen Wheeler).

b. 29 September 1874, Jackson Co., TN – d. 13 August 1944, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN, practiced medicine for 40 yrs. He married **Ella Mai Smith**, b. 5 August 1890 – d. 11 January 1929, d/o **W. M. Smith** of Smith Co., TN & **Fannie Wiser** of Overton Co., TN. Ella taught school for 22 yrs. Both are buried in Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. **Dr. John Mac Wheeler** md 1<sup>st</sup> on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May, Putnam Co., TN to **Birchie (Marlow) Wheeler**, b. 19 December 1888, TN – d. 10 May 1911, d/o **Simpson P. Marlow & Mary Elizabeth McBroom**. **Birchie (Marlow) Wheeler** is buried in Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. Also buried in Cookeville City Cemetery is **Mary Elizabeth (McBroom) Marlow**, b. 2 February 1856, TN - d. 24 May 1939 next to her daughter **Birchie (Marlow) Wheeler**. (Presbyterian – Mason). (Children: Birch Wheeler of Detroit, MI). Dr. Johnathan Wheeler’s sister is Mrs. Edith (Wheeler) Hoover). ‘Farewell sweet Birchie, thou shalt ever be, A star to guide us up to heaven to thee’

\*See Mary Elizabeth Marlow buried in Cookeville City Cemetery.

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 283, #598: J. M. Wheeler married 25 May 1905, Putnam Co., TN to B. S. Marlow. By whom married: Rev. E. F. Hudgus).

Rites Held Tuesday for Dr. J. M. Wheeler, Baxter:



Rites for Dr. James McMullen Wheeler, Baxter, physician, who died at his home Sunday of a heart attack, were held Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church, Cookeville.

The Rev. J. A. Harris officiated, assisted by the Rev. J. R. Beard and Dr. Harry L. Upperman. Burial was in the City Cemetery. Prayer services were held at the home in Baxter earlier Tuesday.

(Picture courtesy of his granddaughter Pat Wheeler).

Dr. Wheeler, graduate of the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Nashville, practiced in Cookeville for 10 years before going to Baxter, 25 years ago, where he maintained an office until the time of his death.

Dr. Wheeler was married two times, first to Miss Birchie Marlowe, Cookeville, and then to Mrs. Ella Smith, Baxter, both of whom have been dead for several years.



He was a member of the Cookeville Presbyterian Church and the Masonic Lodge.

(Pictured: John Mac Wheeler and his wife. **Source:** photo album in the Nameless Community Center, Jackson Co., TN).

Survivors include a son, Birch Wheeler of Detroit, Mich., and a sister, Mrs. Edith Wheeler Hoover, of Culleoka.



Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 17 August 1944

**Dr. John Mac Wheeler** called **Johnathan McMelon Wheeler** on his DC #17606 was the s/o **Jonathan T. Wheeler** (1843-1918) & **Sarah Jane Brown** (1851-1928). Johnathan T. Wheeler, s/o **William C. Wheeler** & **Edith Rogers**. **Sarah Jane (Brown) Wheeler**, d/o **George Washington Brown** & **Dianah Frankie Pippin**. Johnathan & Sarah Wheeler are buried in the Johnathan Wheeler Cemetery, Davidson Chapel Road, Jackson Co., TN.

(DC #17606, Putnam Co., TN: **Johnathan McMelon Wheeler**, b. 29 September 1874, Jackson Co., TN – d. 13 August 1944, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN, s/o **Johnathan Wheeler**, Jackson Co., TN & **Sarah Jane Brown**, Putnam Co., TN. Wife: **Ella (Smith) Wheeler**, Cookeville, TN. Age at death: 69 yrs., 10 months, 15 days. Cause of Death: Cerebral hemorrhage, duration: 19 ½ hrs. Death occurred: 10:30 p.m. Attended by: R. H. Millis, Baxter, TN. Informant: Sarah Brown, Putnam Co., TN. Undertaker: Whitson Funeral Home, Cookeville, TN).

(DC #2757, Putnam Co., TN: **Ella Mai Wheeler**, b. 5 August 1890 – d. 11 January 1929. Cause of Death: Influenza. Age: 38 yrs., 6 months, 4 days. Death occurred: 11:00 p.m. Attended by: J. Mac Wheeler, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. Undertaker: W. T. Sewell, Baxter, TN)

(DC #4, Putnam Co., TN, **Johnathan T. Wheeler**, b. 6 October 1843, Jackson Co., TN – d. 9 January 1918, s/o **William C. Wheeler**, Jackson Co., TN & **Edeth Rodgers**, Jackson Co., TN. Buried: Johnathan Wheeler Graveyard, Davidson Chapel Road, Jackson Co., TN).

(DC #16629, Putnam Co., TN, **Sarah (Brown) Wheeler**, b. 13 November 1851, TN – d. 6 July 1928, d/o **Washington Brown** & **Frankie Pippin**. Buried: Johnathan Wheeler Graveyard, Davidson Chapel Road, Jackson Co., TN).

(**Mary I. Wheeler**, b. 8 August 1887, TN – d. 2 July 1928, d/o **Johnathan T. Wheeler** & **Sarah Jane Brown**. Buried: Johnathan Wheeler Graveyard, Davidson Chapel Road, Jackson Co., TN).

(**James Wheeler**, b. 5 January 1882, TN – d. 12 September 1895, s/o **Johnathan T. Wheeler** & **Sarah Jane Brown**. Buried: Johnathan Wheeler Graveyard, Davidson Chapel Road, Jackson Co., TN).

(**Martha E. Wheeler**, b. 21 February 1894, TN - d. 17 August 1900, d/o **Johnathan T. Wheeler** & **Sarah Jane Brown**. Buried: Johnathan Wheeler Graveyard, Davidson Chapel Road, Jackson Co., TN).

**Census Place: 1880 District 7, Jackson Co., Tennessee**

Source: FHL Film 1255264 National Archives Film T9-1264 Page 237A

Dwl: 7 Family: 7

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
<b>Johnathan WHEELER</b>	Self	M	M	W	37	TN
Occ: Farmer	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
<b>Sarah J. WHEELER</b>	Wife	F	M	W	29	TN ( <i>Sarah Jane Brown</i> )
Occ: Keeping House	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
<b>Mc Millen J. WHEELER</b>	Son	M	S	W	5	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
<b>Frances E. WHEELER</b>	Dau	F	S	W	1	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				

(1900 census 7<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Jackson Co., TN: Dwl: 74 – **Jonathan Wheeler** is head of household, 56 yrs. old, b. October 1843, TN md 26 yrs. to **Sarah J.**, 48 yrs. old, b. November 1851, TN, 7 children born, 5 children living. Children: **Mac**, 25 yrs. old, b. September 1874, Occupation Phisitian (sic); **Mary R.**, 15 yrs. old, b. August 1884; **Sarah E.**, 6 yrs. old, b. February 1884 & **Martha E. Wheeler**, 13 yrs. old, b. August 1887. All born in TN).

(1910 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Cookeville Town, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 56 – **Mary E. Marlow** is head of household, 55 yrs. old, TN, widow, 1 child born, 1 child living. Living in the household: **John M. Wheeler**, 34 yrs. old, TN. Occupation: Physician General Practice, md 4 yrs. to **Birchie S. Wheeler**, dau, 21 yrs. old, TN).

(1920 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Cookeville Town, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 321 – **Elizabeth Marlow** is head of household, 57 yrs. old, TN, widow. **Birchie Marlow Wheeler**, grandson, 8 yrs. old, TN; **William G. McBroom**, brother, 56 yrs. old, TN, divorced)

(1930 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Cookeville Town, South Washington Ave, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 319 – **Mary E. Marlow** is head of household, 68 yrs. old, TN, widow. Living in the household, **Birchie Wheeler**, grandson, 18 yrs. old, TN).

### **DR. CARTER B. WHITEFIELD**

(1850 census, 12<sup>th</sup> Dist., Jackson Co., TN: Dwl: 563– **Carter Whitefield**, is head of household, 46 yrs. old, NC. Occupation: Physician md to **Polly**, 38 yrs. old, TN. Children: Levi, 21 yrs. old; John, 19 yrs. old; Lucy, 17 yrs. old; Josiah, 12 yrs. old; Dicy, 10 yrs. old; James, 3 yrs. old & Cynthia Whitefield, 1 yrs. old. All born in TN).

(1860 census, Mayfield post office, Dist. 10, So of Cumberland River, Jackson Co., TN: Dwl: 971 – **Carter B. Whitfield** is head of household, 56 yrs. old, NC, Occupation: farmer, md to **Polly**, 48 yrs. old, TN. Children: Dicey, 20 yrs. old; James K., 14 yrs. old; Syntha, 11 yrs. old; Mary, 8 yrs. old & Marindy Whitfield, 6 yrs. old. All born in TN).

(1870 census, 10<sup>th</sup> Dist., Gainesboro, Jackson Co., TN: Dwl: **Mary W. Whitefield** is head of household, 58 yrs. old, TN. Living in the household: Polk Whitefield, 23 yrs. old, MO; Martha J. Whitefield, 17 yrs. old, TN & Maranda Whitefield, 15 yrs. old, TN.

**DR. PAYTON VESTA WHITEFIELD, SR.** - b. 6 April 1849, TN - d. 17 July 1927, Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN, s/o Benjamin Franklin Whitefield, b. 1825, NC & Louisa B. Thomas, b. 1823, TN. Dr. Payton Vesta Whitefield Sr. is buried in Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN.  
WIVES: md 1<sup>st</sup> Martha Hester (Alexander) Whitefield, md 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary S. Hoskins Whitefield & md 3<sup>rd</sup> Sarah F. (Davidson) Whitefield, md 10 January 1903, White Co., TN.

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, White Co., TN, pg. 532: P. V. Whitefield married 10 January 1903, White Co., TN to Miss S. F. Davidson).

*Stray Leaves from Putnam County* by Mary Hopson, pg 224: Before 1850, there were at least five Whitefield families living in Jackson County. The heads of those families were all born in North Carolina. They were **William Whitefield** (b. 1802), **Carter Whitefield** (b. 1804), **John Whitefield** (b. 1801), **Josiah Whitefield** (b. 1814), and **Benjamin Whitefield** (b. 1825). All five had married wives born in Tennessee except the oldest, William, whose wife was born in North Carolina. (census record 1850). Ten years later Benjamin, Josiah, and William were living in Putnam County. Putnam became a county in 1854, so it is possible that they lived in an area that was taken from Jackson County to help form Putnam. Benjamin moved to Kentucky and was listed in the Allen County census record of June 27, 1870 with his wife, **Louisa Thomas** (b. 1823), and these children: **Tennessee L. Whitefield**, **Zoura (Missouri) Whitefield**, **Dicy E. Whitefield**, **Vienna L. Whitefield**, **Jasper C. G. Whitefield**, and **Payton V. Whitefield**.

The family returned to Tennessee with **Payton V.** and **Jasper C. G.** settling in Silver Point. But then Payton was on the move again. He lived in Buffalo Valley for a time when he operated a blacksmith shop then later moved to the 8<sup>th</sup> District of Putnam County where he operated a country store. According to the court records in Putnam County, the county court certified “that **Dr. P. V. Whitefield** has this day made satisfactory proof...that he was regularly engaged in the practice of medicine in the county of Putnam .....**Dr. P. V. Whitefield** is entitled to all the privileges contemplated in Act to Regulate the practice of Medicine and Surgery in the State of Tennessee; passed April 3, 1889.” Dr. Whitefield practiced medicine

in Silver Point and the surrounding area until his death in 1927. One of his sons, **V. M. Whitefield**, settled in the Silver Point area where he owned and operated a general store for many years. *Story courtesy of Lois Anderson.*

(1850 census 13th Civil Dist., Jackson Co., TN: Dwl: 184 - **Benjamin Whitefield**, 25 yrs. old, NC md to **Louesa**, 25 yrs. old, TN. Children: Caladona, 2 yrs. old, TN & **Visty**, 1 yr. old, TN).

(1860 census 10th Civil Dist., Byrne, post office, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 1043 - **Benjamin Whitefield** is head of household, 36 yrs. old, NC md to **Louisa**, 37 yrs. old, TN. Children: Caledonia, 12 yrs. old; **Vesta P.**, 11 yrs. old; Tennessee F., 9 yrs. old; Missouri, 8 yrs. old & Dicy E. Whitefield, 6 yrs. old. All born in TN).

(1870 census, precinct no. 1, Allen Co., KY, Scottsville post office: Dwl: 289 - Family: 289 - **Benjamin F. Whitefield** is head of household, 46 yrs. old, NC md to Louisa, 47 yrs. old, TN. Children: Tennessee F., 19 yrs. old, TN; Zoura "Missouri", 17 yrs. old, TN; Dicy E., 15 yrs. old, TN; Vienna L., 9 yrs. old, TN; Jasper C., 5 yrs. old, KY; Payton V., 21 yrs. old, TN & Martha Whitefield, 24 yrs. old, KY

Census Place: 1880 District 9, Putnam Co., Tennessee

Source: FHL Film 1255275 National Archives Film T9-1275 Page 172C

Dwl: 200 Family: 215

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
<b>Paten WHITEFIELD</b>	Self	M	M	W	31	TN
Occ: Blacksmith	Fa: NC	Mo: TN				
(Dr. Payton "Paten" Vesta Whitefield Sr.)						
<b>Mary WHITEFIELD</b>	Wife	F	M	W	32	TN
Occ: Keeping House	Fa: VA	Mo: VA				
Thomas WHITEFIELD	Son	M	S	W	18	TN
Occ: Works On Farm	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
James WHITEFIELD	Son	M	S	W	16	TN
Occ: Works On Farm	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
Elizabeth WHITEFIELD	Dau	F	S	W	14	TN
Occ: At Home	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
George WHITEFIELD	Son	M	S	W	11	TN
Occ: Works On Farm	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
America WHITEFIELD	Dau	F	S	W	9	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
Fanny WHITEFIELD	Dau	F	S	W	9	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
Virgil WHITEFIELD	Son	M	S	W	6	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
Milly WHITEFIELD	Dau	F	S	W	5	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
Louisa WHITEFIELD	Dau	F	S	W	5	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
Missouri WHITEFIELD	Dau	F	S	W	3	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
Emmer WHITEFIELD	Dau	F	S	W	1	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				

(1900 census 13th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 133- **Payton V. Whitefield Sr.** is head of household, 51 yrs. old, b. April 1849, TN, occupation: physician, (father b. in NC, mother b. in TN) md to 31 yrs. to **Mary S. Whitefield**, 54 yrs. old, b. March 1846, TN, parents both born in VA. Children: Payton V. Whitefield Jr., 19 yrs. old, b. April 1881; Mary L. Whitefield, daughter-in-law, 17 yrs. old, b. February 1883, TN. Living with them is: Missouri Maze, dau, b. December 1877, 22 yrs. old, widow, 2 children born, 2 children living; Smith Maze, grandson, b. January 1895, 5 yrs. old; Willie M. Maze, grandson, b.

August 1898, 1 yr. old; also living with the family is: Fred Carr, grandson, b. January 1893, 7 yrs. old. All born in TN).

(1910 census 8<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 110 - **Peyton Whitefield Sr.** is head of household, 55 yrs. old, TN, occupation: doctor, M3, 7 yrs. to **Sarah**, wife, 33 yrs., old, TN, 5 children born, 5 children living. Children: Dearie F. 7 yrs. old; Mareal T., son, 4 yrs. old; Roosevelt, 3 yrs. old; Taft W., 2 yrs. old; Linnie C., 3/12 yrs. old. All born in TN. Living with them is: Smith Mayes, grandson, 14 yrs. old, KY, parents born in KY, occupation: Salesman, Grocery Store; James B. Davidson, father-in-law, 55 yrs. old, TN & Mary Davidson, mother-in-law, 58 yrs. old, TN, 7 children born, 6 children living).

(1910 census 8<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 143 - **Payton V. Whitefield Jr.** is head of household, 28 yrs. old, TN md 10 yrs. to **Mary E.**, 27 yrs. old, TN, 1 child born, 1 child living: Child: William Whitefield, 9 yrs. old, TN).

**DR. JOHN "JOHNNIE" WESLEY WHITEHEAD** - b. 29 January 1864, Putnam Co., TN - d. 27 January 1926, s/o **Daniel Jacob Whitehead & Selie J. "Celia" Cameron**. He married **Marie Mary (Cameron) Whitehead Moren** on the 24<sup>th</sup> of August 1880, Putnam Co., TN. She was b. 21 August 1862, TN - d. 20 December 1947, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **Samuel D. Cameron**, s/o **Mark Cameron & Patsey Young** and **Elizabeth "Besty" Austin**, d/o **William Austin & Sarah McClain**. **Samuel D. Cameron**, b. 5 January 1831, Buffalo Valley, TN - d. 28 July 1911, Boma, Putnam Co., TN & his wife **Elizabeth (Austin) Cameron**, b. 24 June 1833, TN - d. 11 December 1918, both buried in the Tight Fit Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. Dr. John W. & his wife Marie M. Cameron Whitehead are both buried in the Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record: Vol. 1, pg. 245, certificate ?, Putnam Co., TN: John W. Whitehead married 24 August 1880, Putnam Co., TN to Mary Cameron).

#### **Dr. John Wesley Whitehead Story**

by Raymond and Rebecca C. Whitehead, grandson of Dr. John & Mary Cameron Whitehead

My grandfather, **John W. Whitehead**, was born 29 January 1864, Putnam Co., TN to **Jacob D. Whitehead** and **Celia Stewart**. He was a country doctor and store operator. He rode a horse to people's houses to treat them for illnesses. Dr. John ran two general merchandise stores, one in Crab Orchard and one in Boma. He showed silent movies in the back of one of the stores.



**Dr. John** married **Mary Cameron**, daughter of **Samuel Cameron** and **Betsy E. Austin**. She was born 21 August 1862 in Putnam Co., TN. They had four sons and four daughters. The sons were: John, Alvin, Floyd, and Fred, my father. The daughters were: **Ova Whitehead Moran**, **Delia Whitehead Jared**, **Sobrima Whitehead Butler**, and **Martha Whitehead Ward**.

Dr. John passed away on 27 January 1926, Mary passed away 20 December 1947. Both are buried in Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN.

Story by: Raymond & Rebecca C. Whitehead, grandson of Dr. John & Mary Cameron Whitehead.

(**Daniel J. Whitehead**, b. 29 March 1841, TN - d. after 1920, md **Celia/Selie Jane Stewart**, b. 19 September 1840, TN - d. 28 December 1912, both buried in the Boma Cemetery, located at the New Home Baptist Church, Boma, Putnam Co., TN).

(1850 census 13th Civil Dist., Jackson Co., TN: Dwl: 175 - **Moses Whitehead** is head of household 38 yrs. old, TN md to **Mary**, 36 yrs. old, KY. Children: George, 15 yrs. old; James, 13 yrs. old; Elizabeth, 12 yrs. old; **Daniel**, 10 yrs. old; Jane, 9 yrs. old; William, 7 yr. old; Malinda, 5 yrs. old; Anna, 3 yrs. old & Luvina Whitehead, 2 yrs. old. All born in TN).

(1860 census 11th Civil Dist., Byrne, post office, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: **Moses Whitehead** is head of household, 47 yrs. old, TN md to **Mary**, 46 yrs. old, TN. Children: Elizabeth, 20 yrs. old; **Daniel J.**, 19 yrs. old, Malinda, 15 yrs. old, Ann F., 13 yrs. old; Nicy M., 10 yrs. old; William W., 14 yrs. old; Felix, 9 yrs. old; Richard W., 7 yrs. old & Elisha Whitehead, 3 yrs. old. All born in TN).

(1870 census 13th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 62 - **D. J. Whitehead** is head of household, 29 yrs. old, TN md to **Celia M.**, 30 yrs. old. Children: **John W.**, 6 yrs. old; Jacob W., 4 yrs. old; William J., 3 yrs. old & Sarah A. Whitehead, 1 yrs. old. All born in TN).

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

Source: FHL Film 1255275 National Archives Film T9-1275 Page 197B

Dwl: 158 Family: 162

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
<b>D. J. WHITEHEAD</b>	Self	M	M	W	39	TN
Occ: Farming	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
<b>Celia WHITEHEAD</b>	Wife	F	M	W	39	TN
Occ: Keeping House	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
<b>John W. WHITEHEAD</b>	Son	M	S	W	16	TN
Occ: Works On Farm	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
Jacob W. WHITEHEAD	Son	M	S	W	14	TN
Occ: Works On Farm	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
William J. WHITEHEAD	Son	M	S	W	13	TN
Occ: Works On Farm	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
Sarah A. WHITEHEAD	Dau	F	S	W	11	TN
Occ: At Home	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
Francis M. WHITEHEAD	Sister	F	S	W	9	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
Mary S. WHITEHEAD	Dau	F	S	W	7	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
James L. WHITEHEAD	Son	M	S	W	5	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
Asbury S. WHITEHEAD	Son	M	S	W	3	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				
Joseph T. WHITEHEAD	Other	M	S	W	1	TN
	Fa: TN	Mo: TN				

(1900 census 17th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 118 - **John Whitehead** is the head of household, 37 yrs. old, b. January 1863, TN, occupation, merchant, md 20 yrs to **Mary**, 37 yrs., old, b. August 1862, TN, 10 children born, 8 children living. Children: Martha, 14 yrs. old, b. September 1885; Selia, 12 yrs. old, b. April 1888; **John**, 9 yrs. old, b. July 1890; Oma F., 7 yrs. old, b. June 1892; Ova, 6 yrs. old, b. May 1894; Fred, 3 yrs. old, b. January 1897 & Alvin Whitehead, 11/12 yrs. old, b. June 1899. All born in TN).

(1910 census 17th Civil Dist., Buffalo Valley Rd., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 163 - **John W. Whitehead** is head of household, 48 yrs. old, TN md 31 yrs. to **Mary**, 48 yrs. old, TN, 12 children born, 9 children living. Children: **John M.**, 21 yrs. old; Fred, 11 yrs. old; Alvin, 9 yrs. old & Floid, 7 yrs. old. All born in TN).

(Daniel J. Whitehead, b. 29 March 1841, TN - d. after 1920, md Celia/Selie Jane Stewart, b. 19 September 1840, TN - d. 28 December 1912, both buried in the Boma Cemetery, located at the New Home Baptist Church, Boma, Putnam Co., TN).

(1920 census 17th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 82 - **John M. Whitehead** is head of household, 29 yrs. old, TN, occupation, laborer railroad, md to **Iona M.**, 29 yrs. old, TN. Children: Mary F., 4 11/12 yrs. old, TN; Maxwell R., 2 7/12 yrs. old; Ralph, step-son, 11 yrs. old & Pearce Whitehead, step-son, 9 yrs. old. All born in TN).

(1920 census 17th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 83 - **John W. Whitehead** is head of household, 53 yrs. old, TN, occupation, Physician, General Practice, md to **Marie M.**, 56 yrs. old, TN. Children: Alvin,

21 yrs. old, TN, widow, occupation, second hand railroad; Floyd, 19 yrs. old, single, occupation, driver, pole team, TN).

(1930 census 17th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 102 - **Mary Whitehead** is head of household, 69 yrs. old, TN (census states 79 yrs. old), (19 yrs. old 1st marriage), widow. Children: Floyd, son, 27 yrs. old; ? grandson, 18 yrs. old; Mary F., granddaughter, 8 yrs. old; Saberina (sp), granddaughter, 7 yrs. old; grandsons, 5, 7 & 3 yrs. old (census hard to read). All born in TN).

(**John M. Whitehead**, b. 30 July 1890, TN - d. 7 September 1961 & his wife, **Inez R. Whitehead**, b. 18 September 1890 - d. 24 January 1967; **Joseph T. Whitehead**, b. 1 January 1879, TN - d. 8 March 1902 & **Frank Whitehead**, b. 15 July 1894, TN - d. 4 November 1908, all buried in the Boma Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN, located at the New Home Baptist Church).

**DR. GEORGE W. WHITNEY**, b. April 1834, ME, married **Emily**, b. June 1839, ME.

(1900 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 360 – **George W. Whitney** is head of household, 66 yrs. old, b. April 1834, ME. Occupation: Physician, md 39 yrs. to **Emily**, 61 yrs. old, b. June 1839, ME, 3 children born, 1 child living).

### **DR. CLAUDE “MACK” WILLIAMS**

**COOKEVILLE** -- Funeral services for Dr. Claude McKnight “Mack” Williams, 89, will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31, from the Cookeville Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Interment, with military honors, will follow in Crest Lawn Memorial Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 5-8 p.m. today, Friday, Oct. 30, and from 9 a.m. until time of services on Saturday at the funeral home. Dr. Williams died Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2009, in Cookeville Regional Medical Center.



He was a native of Gibson County and was born May 22, 1920, in Humboldt to the late Claude Miles and Tessie Warren McKnight Williams. Dr. Williams attended what was then called the University of Tennessee Junior College in Martin. Upon graduation, he volunteered in the Army Air Corps in 1941. He became a B-17 pilot and flew out of the 8th Air Force in England. His plane was shot down on his 10th mission on March 8, 1944, and he then spent 14 months as a prisoner of war in Germany and was honorably discharged in December 1945 as a First Lieutenant.

After the end of the war, he received his undergraduate degree from the University of Tennessee Knoxville, where he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. He then entered the UT College of Medicine in Memphis, graduating in 1949. While in medical school, he was a member and president of Phi Chi Medical Fraternity, was president of his graduating class and was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha National Honor Scholastic Society. He later served on the U.T. College of Medicine Alumni Council. Following an internship at Nashville General Hospital, he was associated with Drs. Leonard Dunavant, Raymond Webb and Fred Moore for six years in the general practice of medicine in Ripley Clinic of Ripley, Tenn. Thereafter, he completed a radiology residency with the city of Memphis Hospitals and the Kennedy V.A.H.

In 1960, he moved his family to Cookeville and established his radiology practice. At that time, he was the only hospital-based radiologist between Nashville and Knoxville and was the first board-certified physician in Cookeville.

During his 31 years of medical practice, he was active in medical affairs at the state and local levels. Locally, he served as chief of staff of Cookeville General Hospital and as president of the Putnam County Medical Society. In 1992, he received the Fred-Roberson award for service to Cookeville General Hospital and the community. At the state level, he served as president of the Tennessee Radiological Society, was on

the Governor's Health Council and was on the executive committee of the Tennessee Medical Association. In 1977, the American College of Radiology conferred on Dr. Williams a fellowship degree. In 1989, he was awarded the "Outstanding Service Award" by the Tennessee Radiological Society and, in 1991, the degree of Fellow Emeritus was conferred upon him by the American College of Radiology.

Dr. Williams was a member of Cookeville First United Methodist Church, **Sons of the American Revolution**, Sons of the Confederate Veterans, and a member of the Cookeville Country Club of which he was a past president. For several years, he served on the board of First Tennessee Bank. His family includes his wife, Patricia Hicks Williams of Cookeville; a daughter, Claudia Williams of Nashville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Craig Williams M.D. and Robin Williams of Cape Girardeau, Mo., and Ken Williams, an attorney in Cookeville, and wife Cari Williams; and four grandchildren, Warren, Katie, Mack and Helen Williams.

Pallbearers will be family and friends. Honorary pallbearers will be Glen Ramsey, Eddie Scott, Travis Anderson, Bill Taylor, Dave Thomas, Bobby Boles, James Kidd Jr. and Palk and Lem McSpadden. Memorial donations may be made to the charity of choice, or that you perform one good deed in his name.

Revs. Max Mayo and Drew Shelley will officiate at the services. You may share your thoughts and memories at [www.hhhfunerals.com](http://www.hhhfunerals.com), 526-6111.

Friday, Oct 30, 2009: Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN

**DR. MAX WINNINGHAM OBT.**, b. 1897, Henderson, TN – d. 1939, Sparta, TN, md on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October 1932, Warren Co., TN to **Ruth Ann (Smith) Winningham**. Buried: Henderson City Cemetery, Chester Co., TN.

\*See Dr. Robert William Thurman

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Warren Co., TN, Pg. 481: Max Winningham married 19 October 1932, Warren Co., TN to Ruth Ann Smith).

Funeral services for Dr. Max Winningham, 42, Cookeville dentist, who died at a Sparta hospital Sunday, following an illness of several months, were conducted at the Whitson Funeral Home chapel here Monday afternoon, the Rev. Harvey Seay and the Rev. Hugh L. Goodpasture officiating. Burial was in the Henderson cemetery Tuesday.

Dr. Winningham was a native of Henderson and after attending Vanderbilt University Dental School, practiced dentistry here for over 18 years until poor health forced his retirement this year. He was formerly Middle Tennessee vice-president of the State Dental Association.

He was a member of the Methodist church, a Mason, a member of the Cookeville Lions Club and of the Modern Woodmen of America.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ruth Smith Winningham of Cookeville; one sister, Mrs. Cora Ray of Acworth, Ga., and three brothers, Jim Winningham and Seibert Winningham of Henderson, and Pierce Winningham of Cookeville.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: 7 December 1939.

#### Dr. Winningham To Lead Dental Clinic:

Dr. Max Winningham, Cookeville dentist, has been appointed director of the Putnam County Dental Survey of Grammar School Children, and he has name other dentists in the county to aid him in holding clinics throughout the county for the examination of children.

This work is part of a state-wide move being sponsored by the State Health Department and the United States Public Health Service, to determine the condition of Tennessee school children from the first to the



eighth grades. Dr. Winningham said Tuesday that he is preparing to begin the survey next week, and he asked the aid of teachers and parents in making this survey which is an arduous task.

Other dentists aiding Dr. Winningham are Drs. Reeves, Terry, Thurman, of Cookeville, and Dr. Bolt, of Baxter, and Dr. Speck, of Monterey. They will visit the 67 schools in the county at stated intervals. The survey will include 6,873 children.

Dr. Winningham was appointed Putnam county director by Dr. C. H. Dowell, of Livingston, who is district director in this work.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 18 January 1934.

(1930 census, Cookeville Twp. East of Walnut, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 716 – **Walter McClain** is head of household, 61 yrs. old, TN (31 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) md to **Minnie**, 51 yrs. old, MI (21 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage). Living in the household: **L. R. McClain**, 86 yrs. old, MO, widow, (21 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage); Mary O. Carpenter, 19 yrs. old, TN, boarder, Occupation: Bookkeeper shirt factory & **Max Winningham**, boarder, 32 yrs. old, TN, Occupation: Physician Dentist).

**REDDING L. WITHERINGTON M. D.**, b. 11 November 1874, TN – d. 8 August 1966, Clearwater, FL, md 1<sup>st</sup> on the 27<sup>th</sup> of December 1900, Dyer Co., TN to **Minnie (Holder) Witherington** – md 2<sup>nd</sup> 1913, Gibson Co., TN to **Nannie (Vinson) Witherington**, b. 29 November 1885, TN – d. 19 July 1972. **Julia Witherington**, b. 1915 – d. 19 August 1935, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **Redding L. Witherington & Nannie Vinson** is buried next to her parents in Cookeville City Cemetery.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Dyer Co., TN, pg. 342: Redding Witherington married 27 December 1900, Dyer Co., TN to Minnie Holder).

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Gibson Co., TN, pg. 342: R. L. Witherington married 1913 to Nannie D. Vinson).

Dr. R. L. Witherington

A Cookeville physician for many years died Monday in Clearwater, FL, where he has resided since retirement, after an extended illness.

Prayer service will be held at Whitson Funeral Home Thursday. Burial will be in the Cookeville City Cemetery. The body is at the funeral home.

Dr. Witherington was a member of the Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife Mrs. Nannie Vinson. Three daughters, Mrs. Ruby Huckabee of Lubbock, TX, Mrs. J. Harold \_\_\_\_\_  
The Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 9 August 1966.

(1910 census 20<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Gibson Co., TN: Dwl: 129 Family: 130: **Dr. Redding L. Witherington** is head of household, 35 yrs. old, TN, Occupation: Doctor Country Practice, (father born in NC, mother born in TN) md 9 yrs. to **Minnie** 31 yrs. old, (father born in AL, mother born in TN), 1 child born, 1 child living. Child: Ruby V. Witherington, 6 yrs. old, TN. Also living in the household: Mary V. Holder, mother-in-law, 49 yrs., old, TN, widow, 10 children born, 6 children living. Lucile Holder, sister-in-law, 35 yrs. old, TN).

(1920 census 15<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Dyer Co., TN: Dwl: 106 Family 117: **Redding L. Witherington** is head of household, 45 yrs. old, Occupation: Physician Medical, md to **Nannie** 34 yrs. old, TN (parents both born in TN). Children: Ruby, 15 yrs. old; Julia, 4+ yrs. old; Janey, 3 + yrs. old & Brownie (sp) Witherington, 1+ yrs. old. All born in TN).

**CHARLES R. WOMACK**, b. 29 April 1861, Warren Co., TN – d. 21 February 1953, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN, md **Shellye (Barker) Womack**, b. 1 August 1877, TN – d. 5 January 1956, Davidson Co., TN, d/o **Peter Barker & Kittie Lawrence**. Dr. Charles R. Womack, s/o **Harold Burgess Womack** (1832-1907) & **Mary Elizabeth Potter** (1834-1894). Buried: Spring Hill Cemetery, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN.

Nashville Rites For Dr. Charles Womack:

Funeral services for Dr. Charles Womack, 91, former Cookeville drug store operator who died at his home in Nashville Saturday, were conducted Monday morning at Cosmopolitan Funeral Home, Nashville. W. Clyde Hale officiating. Burial was in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Dr. Womack was born in Warren County but lived in Nashville until 28 years ago when he moved here where he owned and operated what are now Marchbank's and West Side Drug Stores.

He retired and moved back to Nashville eight years ago, after operating pharmacies in Cookeville, Alexandria and Nashville. He operated Womack's Pharmacy in Nashville for 27 years.

Dr. Womack received his pharmaceutical education at the old Pure Fountain College in McMinnville.

He was married 56 years ago to the former Miss Shellye Barker of Murfreesboro, who survives. He was a member of the West End Church of Christ.

He died after an illness of about 15 months

In addition to his widow he is survived by two sons, Dr. J. Ray Womack and Charles R. Womack Jr., both of Nashville; and three grandchildren.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: 26 February 1953

## **OVERTON COUNTY TENNESSEE**

*Bicentennial echoes of the History of Overton County Tennessee*

By Robert L. and Mary Eldridge - 1976

### Chapter 27: **THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE**

A large part of the early history of the healing arts or the practice of medicine in this county is fragmentary. The names of the first doctors who practiced in this section are not know to the writer. It is perhaps safe to say that many of the early doctors in this wilderness section practiced without a formal degree from a medical school. Many herbs, roots, barks, mineral waters and chemicals were used as remedies, some of which were learned from the Indians. The treatment of typhoid, pneumonia, and tuberculosis were not generally successful and these diseases were known as the vicious killers.

Many of the pioneer family doctors were long remembered with affection and gratitude. They traveled horseback over rough, dusty or muddy roads, fording swollen streams, carrying their pillbags containing many of their remedies, which were dosed out with a penknife. They also carried forceps for pulling teeth, lances and a few sedatives and supplies for minor operations. They were frequently called to attend childbirth, set broken bones, dress wounds and pull teeth, giving hope to the sick. Operations were performed in the home, many times on the dining table, as no hospitals were available.

One of the earliest doctors in this section of which we find a record was **Dr. Titus T. Barton**, (1766-1827), a graduate of Darmouth College, an ordained minister of the Congregational Church and a medical doctor, who came to Hilham in the year 1817, where he practiced for ten years, when he left for Jacksonville, Ill., and died enroute.

Another early doctor in this section was **Dr. Samuel Sevier**, (1785-1849), a son of Gov. John and “bonnie Kate” Sevier, who lived on Obey River where he practiced for several years. He later moved with his mother to Russellville, Ala. About 1834, where they both died.

**Dr. John G. Goodpasture**, born in 1822, a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Goodpasture of near Hilham; served as a soldier in the Mexican War; studied medicine and practiced at Hilham, Algood and Cookeville; moved to Carthage in 1870.

**Dr. James M. Goodpasture** (1827-1876), a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Goodpasture of Hilham; studied medicine and practiced in Cookeville for many years.

**Dr. Arkley Fisk**, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Fisk of Hilham; studied medicine and moved to Missouri in 1858. He was murdered by two Negroes one night while making a professional call. The Negroes were apprehended and burned at the stake.

**Dr. Simeon Hinds**, a son of Capt. and Mrs. Simeon Hinds of near Hilham; educated at Alpine Institute; studied law and admitted to the bar; medicine and practiced medicine at Cookeville for many years.

**Dr. H. V. Copeland**, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Benton Copeland, a native of Overton County; educated at Alpine Institute; studied medicine; moved to Texas and became the dean of the medical profession in Grand Prairie, where he practiced for around fifty years.

**Dr. Spencer McHenry** practiced medicine at Monroe and Livingston for a number of years; served as postmaster at Livingston in 1840.

**Dr. Michael Gabbard** was practicing physician at Overton, now Livingston, as early as 1823. He was perhaps one of the first doctors to practice here.

**Dr. John McDonald** (1806-1860), is buried in the Alpine Cemetery. He was an uncle of Gov. Albert H. Roberts.

**Dr. J. G. Whitney** came from Missouri and settled near Monroe. He practiced medicine in that community before, during and after the Civil War.

**Dr. David W. Davis** was a doctor in the Union Army during the Civil War. He practiced in the Allons community for many years.

**Dr. M. G. Sadler**, a doctor in the Union Army of the Civil War, was murdered by Confederate guerillas during the war.

**Dr. V. A. Biggerstaff** practiced medicine in the Hilham community for several years following the Civil War.

**Dr. John A. Reece**, a native of the Fifth District of Overton County, a confederate veteran, practiced medicine at Algood for several years.

**Dr. W. Hamilton Ledbetter** (1830-1911), a Confederate veteran, studied medicine for a short while and practiced in the Poteet community for several years. He is buried at Bethsaida.

**Dr. Amos Hancock**, a Confederate veteran who lived in the Wirmingham community, received some recognition as a doctor of pneumonia. It was said that he used in the treatment of pneumonia a certain mold found on mushrooms, which could have been a form of penicillin.

**Dr. Daniel B. Reed** (1835-1906), practiced medicine in Livingston for a number of years. He also operated a drug store and hotel.

**Dr. William W. Nash**, a doctor in the Ninth District around 1880, later moved to East Tennessee.

**Dr. Robert L. Ray**, who attended Oak Hill Institute in 1883, practiced medicine in Monterey for several years.

Two brothers, sons of **Mr. and Mrs. Mike Speck** of the Rushing Springs community, studied medicine at the University of Nashville. **Dr. Horace Speck**, who graduated in 1905, practiced medicine for a number of years. **Dr. Luther P. Speck** (1883-1954), practiced medicine for a short while and moved to Monterey where he served as postmaster for 18 years, and was a hardware merchant.

**Dr. J. R. Thompson** and **Dr. A. J. Reed** practiced medicine in the Second District for a number of years.

**Dr. Henry M. Colquitt** came from Mississippi in 1850 and located in Livingston, where he practiced medicine for many years. He served as a District Representative in the General Assembly in 1955 and 1855 and 1871, and as State Senator in 1885.

**Dr. Jacob B. Herriford** came from Cumberland County, KY, to Livingston where he practiced medicine for several years. He served as trustee of Overton County 1870-72. He also was a merchant and also owned a water mill in the western part of the town. He died in 1881.

**Dr. J. Lafayette Colquitt** was a practicing physician in Livingston around the year 1880. He moved to Plano, Texas.

**Dr. James G. Brown** (1841-1891), was a medical doctor in Livingston for a number of years. He was a minister of the Christian Church.

**Dr. Henry Stephens** (1825-1896), practiced medicine in the Alpine and Monroe communities for a number of years. He was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

**Dr. Vollie Waddle** lived and practiced medicine in the Hilham community around the year 1890.

**Dr. F. Marion Bilbrey**, who lived in the Flat Creek community around the turn of the century, was a herb doctor.

**Dr. Dawson Morgan**, (1856-1897), practiced medicine in the Hilham community around the year 1890.

**Dr. Isaac O. Turitt** was a doctor in Living around the year 1880. He also operated a drug store which was located on the north side of the Public Square.

**Dr. J. N. Chism** was a practicing physician in Livingston for a number of years prior to 1885. He also operated a drug store with his brother L. B. Chism.

**Dr. John F. Kile** was for many years a practicing physician in the Fourth District of Overton County.

**Dr. Jacob M. Shelton** lived at Monroe and practiced medicine in that community for a number of years. He also operated a general store at Monroe and was very active in the work of fraternal orders. He moved to Bushnel, Florida and died in 1915.

**Dr. Thomas B. Langford** (1855-1942), practiced medicine in the Hilham community for around sixty years.

**Dr. R. L. Burks** (1848-1925), a native of Bedford County, a Confederate veteran; located at Beaver Hill and was the only doctor in the Eight District around 1880. He moved to Livingston where he practiced medicine and operated a drug store for many years.

**Dr. Melville Boozer Capps** (1858-1921), a graduate of Vanderbilt University in 1880 and the University of Nashville in 1881; practiced medicine in Livingston for around forty years. He served as mayor of Livingston, 1905-06; postmaster of Livingston, 1914-20; and Grand Illustrious Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons of Tenn. in 1915. He was the father of **Dr. J. Doak Capps**.

**Dr. John Bigelow Cummings** (1858-1958), born at Myers Mill in Overton County; taught school at Hilham; attended Sewanee College; MD degree at the University of Nashville in 1898; located at Fort Worth, Texas. He celebrated his one hundredth birthday in Cookeville, Tenn. on Nov. 7, 1958, when he was honored as the Nation's oldest practicing physician. He died a few weeks later.

**Dr. William Lafayette Wisner** (1860-1945), a son of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Henry Wisner and a great-grandson of Gov. John Sevier; studied medicine for four years under his father-in-law, Dr. James g. Whitney, and practiced medicine in the Monroe community for around fifty years.

**Dr. David Reeves**, a doctor in the Seventh District of this county and a colonel in the Union Army of the Civil War, was killed at the Battle of Shiloh.

**Dr. P. D. Sims** (1829-19 ), a native of Overton County, studied medicine and practiced for many years. He moved to Chattanooga, where he served as city physician for contagious diseases; was crippled in 1914 by being stepped on by a horse.

**Dr. Commodore P. Waddell** was a practitioner in the Seventh District of Overton County around the year 1880.

**Dr. Hale** and **Dr. Graham** are mentioned by Mary Spraul in her diary written here during the War Between the States. She was a teacher in Livingston when the war started in 1861.

**Dr. J. C. Davis** was a practicing physician at Monroe around the year 1888.

**Dr. H. M. Kelso**, received his MD Degree at the University of Tenn. in 1927. He served as director of the Tri-County Health Department which was organized in Livingston in 1936.

**Dr. Leopole Hiram Reeves** (1878-1968), a native of Overton County, attended school at Good Hope, Livingston Academy and Tulane. He received his MD degree at the University of Tenn. in 1901. He moved to Fort Worth, Texas where he practiced medicine for over sixty years and was active in the medical societies. He represented Texas in the Western Hemisphere Conference of World Medical Associations, which was held in Richmond, VA in 1953.

**Captain Jessie Arnold**, a native of Rhode Island, commander of a merchant ship in the War of 1812, came to Hilham in 1817, where he operated a general store and practiced medicine until his death in 1847.

**Dr. John T. Chowning** (1850-1925), who practiced medicine for a number of years in Clay County, moved to Livingston for a number of years. He also operated a drug store in Livingston.

**Dr. James W. Davis** (1868-1925), a son of **Dr. and Mrs. David W. Davis**, received his MD degree at Columbia University in Mo. In 1896. He practiced medicine at Allons, Windle and Livingston for a number of years. He also operated a drug store in Livingston.

**Dr. Milton H. Wells**, a native of the Oak Hill community of Overton County; received his MD degree at the University of Nashville in 1902. He located in Hilham and practiced medicine at Oakley in 1901. He also practiced medicine at Willow Grove and Livingston, before moving to Granite, Okla. He was actively engaged in the practice of medicine for around fifty years.

**Dr. J. B. Lansden** (1877-1954), born in Livingston, a son of the Rev. and Mrs. John M. Lansden. He was a graduate of Sewanee and the University of Tenn. He began the practice of medicine at Oakley in 1901.

He also practiced medicine at Willow Grove and Livingston, before moving to Granite, Okla. He was actively engaged in the practice of medicine for around fifty years.

**Dr. Walter Frank Sidwell** (1876-1953), born and reared at Willow Grove in Clay County; a graduate of the University of Nashville and the University of Tenn.; he practiced medicine in Clay and Overton Counties for many years. He died in Livingston at the home of his son, **Dr. Frank L. Sidwell**.

Dr. Walter Sidwell Rites Wednesday: **Dr. Walter Frank Sidwell**, b. 11 February 1875, Clay Co., TN – d. 12 January 1953, Livingston, TN, md on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March 1899, Clay Co., TN to **Ada A. (Arms) Sidwell**, b. 23 December 1877 – d. 29 November 1962, both buried in the Good Hope Cemetery, Livingston, Overton Co., TN.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Clay Co., TN, pg. 419 – Walter F. Sidwell married 28 March 1899, Clay Co., TN to Ada A. Arms).

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon for Dr. Walter F. Sidwell, 77, prominent physician of Celina, who died at the home of his son, Frank Sidwell of Livingston on Monday. The services were held at the home of his son, Frank Sidwell, of Livingston on Monday. The services were held at the home of his son and burial was in Good Hope Cemetery near Livingston.

Dr. Sidwell was a native of the Willow Grove community in Clay County and returned there to practice after receiving his medical training at the University of Tennessee and the old University of Nashville. He practiced in this section for forty years until the area was covered by the Dale Hollow reservoir at which time he moved his practice to Celina.

Dr. Sidwell was known as a physician who would make every effort to answer any call anywhere and at an time. He used to ride a horse to make his calls. He practiced in Clay, Overton, and Pickett counties in Tennessee and Cumberland and Clinton counties in Kentucky and had been active until he became ill a few weeks before his death.

He was married to the former Miss Ada Arms, who survives.

He was a member of the Church of Christ.

**Dr. Myrtle Lee Smith**, b. 22 July 1900 –d. 1 June 1954, a daughter of Barton Obediah Smith (1874-1956) and Margaret Victoria Dillion (1873-1968) of Livingston; received her MD degree at the University of Tenn. in 1926, and studied in Philadelphia; served as a medical missionary in Belgian Congo around 1930 for the Disciple of Christ Church., in which church she was an ordained minister. She practiced medicine in Livingston and served as head of the Tri-County Health Department. She was killed in a car accident near Carthage. She is buried in the Cash Cemetery, Overton Co., TN.

**Dr. John T. McDonald** (1858-1958), a native of the Alpine community, received his MD degree at the University of Nashville in 1900, practiced medicine around Alpine for over 50 years, traveling horseback for many years. He was a Mason and Catholic. He was the last country doctor to practice in Overton County. He is buried in the McDonald Cemetery.

**Dr. William M. Breeding** (1876-1951), a native of White County, received M. D. degree at the University of Nashville in 1900; came to Livingston where he practiced for over 50 years. He was president of the Overton County Railroad in 1906. He is credited with diagnosing the first case of hookworm in Tenn., and diagnosed the first case of smallpox in Overton County since the Civil War. Served on the County Exemption Board in WWI.

**Dr. John Doak Capps** (1884-1959), a son of Dr. and Mrs. M. B. Capps, graduate of the University of Nashville in 1908. He practiced medicine in Oklahoma for three years, moved back to Livingston and practiced for over 50 years. He was recognized as one of the best diagnosticians. He was a first lieutenant surgeon in the First Tenn. Regiment in WWI. He is the father of **Dr. Joe Capps** of Nashville.

**Dr. William Meridith Brown** (1882-1959), a native of Hilham, he received his M. D. degree at the Louisville Medical School in 1915 and attended Tulane University. He practiced medicine at Hilham for nine years and moved to Livingston in 1926. He was also an optometrist. Dr. Brown and his brother-in-law, **Dr. Herman B. Nevans**, opened the Lady Ann Hospital in Livingston in 1937.

**Dr. Albert Butler Qualls** (1884-1964), received his M. D. degree at the University of Nashville in 1909, and practiced medicine at Livingston for over fifty years, during which time he estimated that he had delivered sic to eight thousand babies. He was examining physician for four counties in WWI. He is the father of **Dr. Donald M. Qualls** of Philadelphia, Pa.

Dr. E. W. Mitchell (1885-1962), a son of Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Mitchell of Livingston; received his M.D. degree at the University of Nashville in 1909; practiced medicine at Crossville for around fifty years and was a vice president of the First National Bank. He was a brother of Congressman J. Ridley Mitchell.

Dr. James Preston Miller (1875-1958) a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Miller, a native of Overton County; received his M. D. degree at the University of Pennsylvania and studied medicine in Budapest and Vienna. Practiced medicine in Nashville and Florida. Died in DeLand, Fla., and buried in Good Hope Cemetery in Livingston.

**Dr. Harlan H. Taylor** (1899-19 ), a son of **Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Taylor** of Livingston; received his M. D. degree at Vanderbilt University in 1925; practiced medicine at Cookeville several years with his uncle **Dr. W. A. Howard**; received an appointment to West Point in 1918 through Cordell Hull; served in medical corps of the U. S. Army and retired as a colonel; now located in San Francisco, Calif.

**Dr. James Elmo Smith** (1883-1927), a native of the Alpine community, received his M. D. degree and practiced medicine at Monroe, Willow Grove, Hilham and Livingston; moved to Smith County in 1915, later moved to Denton, Texas, and was killed in a car accident.

**Dr. Andy Boswell**, a native of Overton County, studied medicine, located in Texas where he practiced for several years. He died in 1926.

**Dr. John M. Ford**, a native of Morgan County; located in Rickman and practiced medicine for about two years before he was shot and killed in 1925.

**Dr. Reid Russel** practiced medicine at Hilham in 1925.

**Dr. L. A. Ledford** located at Rickman in 1914 and practiced medicine there for several years.

**Dr. F. O. Pierson** of Davidson County, was director of the Upper Cumberland Health Department here in 1937.

**Dr. P. A. Ogle** (1867-1939), was a medical doctor for over 40 years, practiced for many years in the Hanging Lime community of Overton County, where he died.

**Dr. Louis F. Zachry** (1865-1933), a native of Pickett County, practiced medicine at Byrdstown for several years, moved to Livingston around 1915 and practiced medicine for a number of years, where he also operated a general store with a drug department.

**Dr. Edward W. Clark** (1879-1947), a native of Overton County, a graduate of the University of Nashville in 1907. He practiced medicine at Willow Grove and Celina for a number of years, moved to Livingston where he served as director of the Upper Cumberland Health District for 4 years.

**Dr. Frank L. Sidwell** (1905-1957), a native of Willow Grove, a son of **Dr. and Mrs. Walter F. Sidwell**, taught school for several years; received his M. D. degree at the University of Tenn. in 1945, and practiced medicine in Livingston for about 10 years, and was killed in a car accident.



He is the father of **Dr. Walter F. Sidwell** of Florida and **Dr. Robert Sidwell** of Decatur, Ala.

**Dr. Herman Blue Nevans** (1906-19 ), a native of Clay County, received his M. D. degree at the University of Tenn. in 1934. He served as a surgeon in WWII. He, with his brother-in-law, Dr. W. M. Brown, established the Lady Ann Hospital in Livingston in 1937, in the Sarah Preston dormitory building on Preston Street. He is one of the leading surgeons of the Upper Cumberland. He is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Nevans.

**Dr. Denton D. Norris** (1918-19 ), a native of the Alpine community received his M. D. degree at the University of Tenn. in 1945. He practiced medicine at Jamestown and moved to Livingston in 1952, where he has a large practice. He has an interest in the Holt-Norris Drug Co. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Center Norris.

**Dr. Joe Melville Capps** (1925-1973), a son of Dr. and Mrs. J. Doak Capps of Livingston; received his M. D. degree at UT School of Medicine in 1946; practiced for a while in Livingston and moved to Nashville and became a noted surgeon.

**Dr. John Kelly Wright** (1937-19 ), a son of Mr. and Mrs. Carson Wright of Livingston; received his M. D. degree at University of Tennessee in 1959. He located in Nashville.

**Dr. William C. Dowell**, (1933- ), son of **Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Dowell** of Livingston; received his M. D. degree at the University of Tennessee in 1958; served in the U. S. Army in Germany; now located in Chattanooga.

**Dr. William S. Taylor** (1927-19 ), a son of Mr. and Mrs. Cato C. Taylor of Livingston; received his M. D. degree at the University of Tennessee in 1951, now located in Cookeville, Tenn.

**Dr. Fred Allred** (19 - 19 ), son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Allred of Allred, Tenn.; received his M. D. degree at the University of Tennessee in 1953; now located in Cookeville, Tenn.

**Dr. William G. Quarles, Jr.** (1933-19 ), a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Quarles, a native of Gainesboro, Tenn.; received his M. D. degree at the University of Tennessee in 1958; located in Livingston in 1959.

**Dr. Malcolm Clark** (19 -19 ), a son of **Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Clark** of Willow Grove; received his M. D. degree at the University of Tennessee in 1946; practiced medicine at Byrdstown for 12 years; located at Livingston in 1959.

**Dr. Willie Ray Jouett** (1930-19 ), a son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Jouett of Route 2, Livingston; received his M. D. degree at the University of Tennessee in 1955; served as a surgeon in the U. S. Army; now located in Nashville.

**Dr. Fred B. Looper**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Looper of Livingston; received his M. D. degree at the University of Tennessee in 1955; now located in Decatur, Ala.

**Dr. Jack M. Roe** (1932-19 ), a native of Cookeville; received his M. D. degree at the University of Tennessee in 1957; served as a doctor in the U. S. Army, located in Livingston in 1963.

**Dr. Donald M. Qualls**, (1919-19 ), a son of Dr. and Mrs. Albert B. Qualls of Livingston, received his M. D. degree and spent five years, 1948-53, in Liberia, Africa, where he served as a doctor for the Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. He is now located in Philadelphia, Pa.

**Dr. Lester Clay Holman**, a son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Holman of Livingston, received his M. D. degree at the University of Tenn. in 1965. He worked for some time in the University Hospital in Honolulu.

**Dr. Danny Myers**, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie W. Myers of Livingston, received his M. D. degree at Meharry medical College in June 1975. He will do his intern work in surgery at the Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

**Dr. Gerald Arney**, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady J. Arney of Route 2, Monroe, received his M. D. degree at the University of Tennessee in 1971, and his intern work with the U. S. Army.

**Dr. B. H. Copeland**, born in 1937, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Copeland of Pickett County, received his M. D. degree at the University of Tennessee in Memphis in 1968. He opened his office in Byrdstown in 1969, and also has a good practice in Overton County.

**Dr. J. L. Shipley**, born in 1944, a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Shipley of Putnam County, received his M. D. degree at the University of Tennessee in Memphis in 1968, and opened his office in Livingston in 1971.

### LADY ANN HOSPITAL

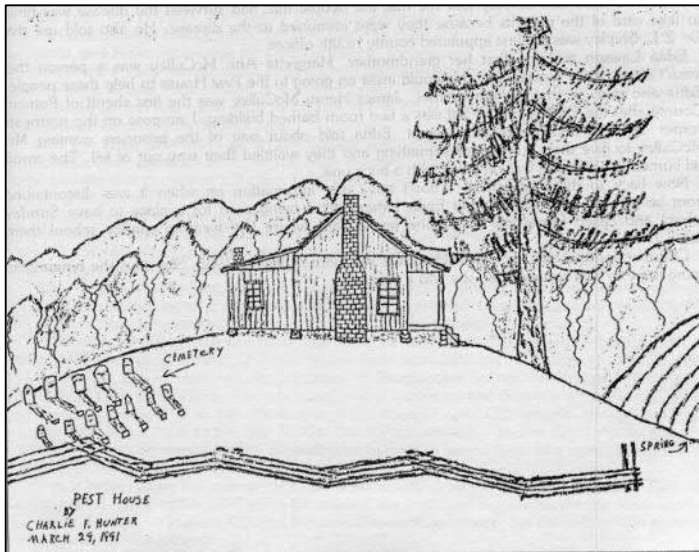
The first hospital in Livingston was opened in 1837, known as the Lady Ann Hospital, and was operated by Dr. William M. Brown and Dr. Herman B. Nevans, who purchased the Sarah Preston Home located on Preston Street, which was formerly operated as a girls' dormitory by the Livingston Academy, under the auspices of the Christian Women's Board of Missions of the Disciples of Christ Church.

This hospital, named for Mrs. Ann Brown, wife of Dr. Brown and a sister of Dr. Nevans, was operated for a few years and was the only hospital in the Upper Cumberland section, until World War II, when Dr. Nevans entered military service as a surgeon, and the hospital was closed, sold and made into a apartment house.

After the close of World War II Dr. Nevans returned to Livingston and soon afterwards a new corporation was formed to build a new hospital, also named Lady Ann Hospital. The new corporation was composed of Dr. W. M. Brown, Dr. H. B. Nevans, J. A. Allred, J. W. Allred, W. B. Brown, A. D. McCormick, and C. R. McCormick. This new hospital was located on a lot purchased on the south side of University Street, just south of the Livingston Academy, where a new building was erected in 1946 and 1947 and dedicated with an opening on May 27, 1947. This new hospital started with 20 beds, modern hospital equipment and trained nurses. A new wing was added in 1956 and other additions made.

A new corporation was formed for the operation of this hospital on January 13, 1961, chartered under the name of the Lady Ann Memorial Hospital, with corporation members listed as Dr. W. M. Brown, Dr. H. B.

Nevans, G. S. Shanks, C. R. McCormick, Dr. W. E. Clark, A. D. McCormick, Dr. W. G. Quarles, Willie Mae Stroud, Dr. Joe Clark, Dr. C. E. Clark, Dr. D. D. Norris, Dr. J. R. Billings and G. F. Winningham.



A new lady Ann Memorial Hospital for Livingston is now under construction. This new building will be located on Oak and First Streets, is being erected by the Hospital Corporation of America, with Rogers and Associates as general contractors, with an area of 50,000 square feet.

### THE PEST HOUSE

By Charlie F. Hunter  
Siftings from Putnam County

Tennessee

By Mary Hopson  
Pgs. 9 & 10

The Pest House was a place where people were taken for quarantine when they had the smallpox.

On January 25, 1991 Paul McCulley went with me and showed me where the house was located. To get there from the Gainesboro Grade road, go north on Sherwood Lane to the end of the street which is 4/10 mile. Then, we walked through the woods down a small hill then up to the top of a small round hill which is about 400 yards. The house set on a practically flat place on top of the hill.

Paul McCulley and his sister Edna Lawson described the house to me and I was able to make a pencil drawing that they said looked like it.

The house was a three room boarded house with a fireplace and chimney at one end for heat. There was one large pine tree in front of the house. There was no plumbing or electricity. The house faced the southeast and about 100 yards down the hill in front of the house was the spring where they got water. Out at the back of the house about a couple of 1—feet was a cemetery. If someone died, they just buried them in that cemetery.

The farm where the Pest House was located joined the McCulley farm where Paul and Edna was raised is why they remembered it so well. Paul thought the state had purchased the land for this purpose and after the Pest House was closed Tennessee Tech used the land to farm.

Smallpox had been a dreaded disease for many years, but a vaccine had been used successfully as early as 1721.

In October of 1900 two prisoners of the Putnam County Jail contacted what appeared to be smallpox. Dr. Jeff Dyer was county health officer at that time. At his request a physician from the state board of health came from Nashville and confirmed the diagnosis. Even though the jail was quarantined, eventually thirty-seven people contacted the disease. The board of health thought the danger was over, but in 1904 an epidemic struck again and twenty people contacted the smallpox.

With the cooperation of the county health department and the Oddfellows lodge, the Pest House was built and someone was hired to look after it. This was a primitive way of taking care of the problem. I understand if the person got well of the smallpox they were left badly scarred. Dr. Thurman Shipley told me that the people that had survived the disease was hired to take care of the patients because they were immune to the disease. He also told me that Dr. Z. L. Shipley was the first appointed county health officer.

Edna Lawson told me that her grandmother, Margrette Ann McCulley was a person that wasn't afraid of the disease and she would insist on going to the Pest House to help these people. Edna also told that her grandfather, James Henry McCulley was the first sheriff of Putnam County after the Civil War. The jail was a two room framed building. I suppose on the northeast corner of Boyd and Washington Street. Edna told about one of the prisoners wanting Mr. McCulley to give them a knife for something and they whittled their way out of jail. The wood jail burned in 1894 and was replaced with a brick one.

Now back to the Pest House. I don't have any information on when it was discontinued from being used for smallpox, but Edna remembers it being used for a place to have Sunday school and called Lonesome Pine. She has a card where she went to Sunday school there dated 1915.

Christine Jones thinks the old building was still there as late as 1935. She says she remembers going there to pick berries when she was a girl.

#### **Cookeville City Cemetery, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN**

**\*James Henry McCulley, b. 1829 – d. 11 November 1881**

**\*Margaret Ann (Atkins) McCulley**, b. 1836 – d. 26 January 1929  
Both buried in the Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

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**Source:** *History of Smith County Tennessee*– Sponsored by Smith County Homecoming '86, Heritage Committee – 1987 Sue W. Maggart, Nina R. Sutton, Editors

#### **SMITH COUNTY TENNESSEE DOCTORS (ENIGMA COMMUNITY):**

Pg.. 200: Our doctors have been **Dr. R. L. Robinson** living at Enigma and a Dr. Brown. (Ms. Emma Ruth Robinson is a granddaughter of Dr. Robinson). **Dr. L. M. Freeman** who lived near Granville and practiced there for many years made many calls in the Enigma area.

Raymond H. Webster a native of Enigma made a medical doctor and has practiced in Springfield, Tennessee for a number of years.

#### **SMITH COUNTY TENNESSEE DOCTORS (LANCASTER COMMUNITY):**

Pg. 239: Doctors: We were very fortunate to have members of the medical profession not only close by but actually living in our community. Among the early doctors, were Dr. King, Hardcastle, Jim Fisher, Charles Humphrey, David Rose and John Mason. As often happens, down through the years some of the first names are lost in history. These doctors were lovingly known as “family doctors.” Dr. Grover Reynolds was a dentist who moved to Nashville and he was very successful.

The building, which now houses our U. S. Post Office, was originally built by Dr. John Mason for his office. Dr. Mason was the father of the late Dr. Odell Mason, whose son Alan O. (Betty) Masson, II is the present owner of the building. Dr. Reynolds, dentist, had an office in the rear of Dr. Mason’s building.

Drs. Fisher and Davis had their offices in their homes. Dr. Fisher lived in a house across the railroad tracks that was occupied for many years by Johnny and Kate (Bennett) Overstreet. Dr. Davis’ office and home were located on a long narrow lot next to the Wirt Ray house. The house owned in later years by Willie and Artie (Adams) Bennett was torn down several years ago.

Many babies were brought into this world without benefit of a doctor. Lancaster was fortunate to have such a person who was called “Grannie Lady.” Today she would be called a midwife. Aunt Mattie Bennett had the opportunity to help many babies become residents of Lancaster.

#### **SMITH COUNTY TENNESSEE DOCTORS (ROME COMMUNITY):**

Pg. 294: Physicians – It has been pointed out that John McCall was the first doctor at Rome, setting up there in 1829. By 1850, James L. Thompson has begun practice in addition to David and Joseph McCall who joined their father in this medical practice. By 1860 several other physicians and surgeons had moved into the twelfth and thirteenth districts. These include in addition to the McCalls and Dr. Thompson, John W. Gray, from Alabama, James B. and Samuel B. Wilson, Jefferson Link, a native Virginian, and S. o. McDonald. Samuel D. Dirickson was a medical student in 1860 studying under Dr. McDonald. Five of the seven practiced in Rome while the other two, Dr. Gray and Dr. Link were “country doctors” and kept offices in the more rural areas of the districts.

Although most physicians kept necessary drugs in their offices, there was still room for two druggists in Rome before the Civil War. G. G. Dillard and Samuel B. Wilson sold drugs in addition to those he prescribed.

**DR. WILLIAM EXUM WHITLEY** – b. 24 August 1846 – d. 26 February 1928, Gordonsville, TN, s/o **William Bennett Whitley & Ann E. Carter**. Dr. William E. Whitney md **Fredonia “Donie” (Maddux) Whitley**, d/o **Thomas Jefferson Maddux & Elizabeth James Garrett**.

### One of County's Oldest Physicians Passes:

In the death of Dr. W. E. Whitley who died at his home in Gordonsville last Sunday, February 26, 1928, Smith County lost one of its oldest physicians. For some time Dr. Whitley had been in declining health but did not become confined to his bed until about a week before he expired.

Dr. Whitley was about 81 years of age. He was born and reared in Gordonsville Community and spent all his life there. He began the practice of medicine some 50 or 60 years ago, in which profession he was active until some few years ago when he was forced to retire to a great extent on account of his age and health. During the time he was in active practice he no doubt rode horseback which was the chief way of travel for doctors in his time, as much as any doctor in the Upper Cumberland section. He ministered to the sufferings of the people to the best of his ability and he was classed as a good doctor.

**Dr. Whitley was preceded to the grave some 5 or 6 years ago by his wife (Fredonia "Donie" Maddux).** He was the father of 2 sons, Will Whitley, a resident of Gordonsville; the other son, Elbert Whitley died at his home in Gordonsville about 10 years ago. For the past several years, E. Whitley's widow, Mrs. Mollie Whitley and two children, Maddux and Ellen Lee Whitley, have been residing with the aged physician.

For many years, Dr. Whitley had been a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Funeral services were conducted last Monday at the Gordonsville Methodist Church by Rev. Joe Barbee, a former pastor and old time friend, assisted by Rev. J. R. Wright and Rev. Nan Smith. Burial was in the family lot in the Gordonsville Cemetery.

For over 50 years, Dr. Whitley had been a member of the Masonic Lodge, he perhaps, being one of the oldest Masons in the country.

Carthage Courier, Smith Co., TN: 1 March 1928, front page.

(1900 census 15<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Smith Co., TN: Dwl: 192 - **William E. Whitley** is head of household, 53 yrs. old, b. August 1846, TN, Occupation: Farmer, md to **Donie**, 43 yrs. old, b. September 1856. Children: William B., 25 yrs. old, b. April 1875, TN & Elbert Maddux, 16 yrs. old, b. February 1884, TN).

(1910 census 15<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Smith Co., TN: Dwl: 38 - **William E. Whitley** is head of household, 63 yrs. old, TN, Occupation: Doctor Medicine md to **Dona**, 52 yrs. old, TN. Living in the household: Joseph B. Whitley, half brother, 56 yrs. old, TN).

(1910 census 15<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Smith Co., TN: Dwl: 37 - **Elbert M. Whitley** is head of household, 26 yrs. old, TN, Occupation: Farmer, md to **Mollie**, 25 yrs. old, TN. Child: William M. Whitley, 2 yrs. old, TN).

(1920 census 15<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Smith Co., TN: Dwl: 3 - **William E. Whitley** is head of household, 73 yrs. old, TN, Occupation: Physician, Practice md to **Donie**, 63 yrs. old, TN. Living in the household: Mollie Whitley, daughter-in-law, 35 yrs. old, TN; Maddox, grandson, 12 yrs. old, TN & Helen Lee Whitley, granddaughter, 8 yrs. old, TN).

### **Elbert Maddux Whitley Ob.**

**Elbert M. Whitley** died of influenza Sunday night, December 8, 1918 at the home of his parents, **Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Whitley** of Gordonsville, with whom he had recently been living. The remains were interred the following day in the Gordonsville Cemetery, after impressive funeral services had been conducted by Rev. T. E. Marshall from the Presbyterian Church of which he was a member.

Mr. Whitley was about 37 years of age and one of Gordonsville's best citizens. For a long time he has been identified with his father in farming and the stock business, was regarded as a success in this line. His wife and 2 sweet little children survive, beside his parents and 1 brother.

Mrs. Whitley, who was seriously ill of influenza at the time of his death of her husband, is reported to be improving, and hopes are now held out for her recovery.

Citizen, TN: 12 December 1918, front page.

**Mollie (Lee) Whitley Obt.**

Mrs. Mollie Whitley, 77, of Gordonsville, died Saturday at the Smith County Hospital in Carthage, TN after suffering a heart attack.

Services were held at Bass Funeral Home in Gordonsville Sunday. Rev. J. O. Jones and Rev. Stan Webster officiated. Burial was in the Gordonsville Cemetery.

Mrs. Whitley, **widow of Elbert Maddux Whitley**, was a native of Putnam County, daughter of Thomas J. and Tennessee (Stanton) Lee. Mollie was born and reared at Gabatha, a small community off Martin's Creek in Putnam County, TN. During her childhood there was a post office at Gabatha. She had lived in Gordonsville since 1902.

She was a member of the Methodist Church. Mr. Whitley died in 1918.

Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. (Helen) Robert Dalton, Nashville; a son, Maddux Whitley, Ashboro, NC; brother, Thomas Lee, Detroit, MI; 2 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Several nieces and nephews, among them are: Miss Rebecca Reagan, Cookeville; Mrs. Juanita Oliver Shields of Washington D. C.; Hugh Lee and Jeff Reagan of Nashville; John Reagan, Denver, CO; Ernest Lee, Howard Lee, Martin's Creek; John Lee Gwaltney, Gordonsville; Joe and Grover Anderson, Jr., Washington D. C.

Citizen, TN: Tuesday, 10 October 1961

**Robert Bart Dalton Obt.**

**Robert Bart Dalton**, 71 year old resident of Donelson and former Gordonsville resident, died June 21, 1979 after a long illness.

He was a son of the late **Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Dalton**, a long time residents of Gordonsville. He was a graduate of Gordonsville High School and attended the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and Peabody College for Teachers. He was a member of Andrew Price United Methodist Church in Donelson and a Mason. He was a retiring employee of the H. G. Hill Company.

Dalton is **survived by his wife, Helen Whitley Dalton**; 1 daughter, Mrs. John (Jane Lee) Marshall; 2 brothers, Chester Dalton, McKendree Manor and George Dalton of Hermitage; 3 sisters, Mrs. Paul (Daisie) Dowell of Murfreesboro, Mrs. Dave (Linnie) Huddleston of Hermitage, and Mrs. Huber (Anna) Butler of Carthage; and 3 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Hibbit-Hailey Chapel at 2:00 on Friday, June 22 in Donelson with the Rev. Gene Gober and the Rev. Ken Usselson officiating. Masonic graveside services were conducted in the Gordonsville Cemetery where he was buried.

Courier, TN: 28 June 1979, pg. 5.

**Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:**  
Thursday, 30 January 1930

Dr. D. T. Pettross Will Go To Nashville:

Dr. D. T. Pettross will open his chiropractic offices in the Hitchcock building in Nashville on February 1<sup>st</sup>, leaving Cookeville the latter part of this week.

He will be connected with the athletic departments of Vanderbilt, Peabody, Hume-Fogg, Central High and Cathedral, as head of the medical corps of those schools.

Dr. Pettross came to Cookeville in 1927 and has had a wide practice since his stay in this city.

He is a well known and popular man and has been with the athletic department at T.P.I. for a number of years.

It is with regret that Cookeville loses Dr. Pettross, but his wider opportunity has been a source of pleasure to his many friends.

**Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:**

18 January 1945.

**Ida Neal Reeves Obt.**

b. 26 April 1875, TN – d. 14 January 1945, Alexandria, DeKalb Co., TN, md on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February 1894, Sumner Co., TN to **Jesse M. Reeves**, b. 28 July 1873, Watertown, Wilson Co., TN – d. 15 November 1928, Alexandria, DeKalb Co., TN, s/o **Thomas Alexander Reeves** (1824-1889) & **Evaline Loyd** (1840-1889). Both Buried: Salem Baptist Church Cemetery, Liberty, DeKalb Co., TN. (Children: Lillian Lee (Reeves) Evans (1873-1928) md Robert Garland Evans (1887-1969); Walter B. Reeves (1902-1965), md Mary M. (unknown) Reeves (1909-1999); Thomas Lunsford Reeves (1908-); Howell Jesse Reeves (1911-1976) md Martha E. Callahan (1913-1984). Ida (Neal) Reeves, d/o **Lunsford W. Neal** (1851-1917) & **Martha J. Vantreas** (1854-1892).

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Sumner Co., TN: pg. 424: Jesse Reeves married 21 February 1894, Sumner Co., TN to Ida Neal).

Funeral Monday In Alexandria For Mrs. J. M. Reeves, 69:

Funeral services for Mrs. Ida Neal Reeves, 69, widow of J. M. Reeves, were conducted Monday at the Alexandria Methodist church, with the Rev. Parker of Alexandria, and Rev. T. W. Mayhew, of Cookeville, officiating.

Mrs. Reeves suffered a heart attack more than a week ago which resulted in her death Sunday at her home, in Alexandria. A native of Franklin, KY, she had lived all her married life in Alexandria, where her husband had business connections for many years. She was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, but as no congregation of this denomination was in Alexandria, she was affiliated with the Methodist church there. Mrs. Reeves has spent much time in Cookeville in the past few years, since her son, **Dr. L. T. Reeves, Major, U. S. Dental Corps, now serving on military duty in England**, became a citizen of this city.

(1910 census 13<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Wilson Co., TN: Dwl: 40 – **Jessie M. Reeves** is head of household, 36 yrs. old, TN, md to **Idar**, 35 yrs. old, TN, 3 children born, 3 children living. Children: Lillian, 11 yrs. old; Walter, 7 yrs. old & **Thomas L. Reeves**, 2 yrs. old. All born in TN).

(1920 census, 13<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Wilson Co., TN: Dwl: 69 - **Jess Reeves** is head of household, 46 yrs. old, TN, md to **Ida**, 44 yrs. old, TN. Children: Walter, 18 yrs. old, **Lunsford**, 12 yrs. old & Howell Reeves, 8 yrs. old. All born in TN).

**Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:**

29 April 1943



After a week's visit in Cookeville, Alexander and Allensville, KY, **Major and Mrs. L. T. Reeves** have returned to Ft. Jackson, Columbia, SC, where the former has been stationed on military duty since the autumn of 1942. Major Reeves was with the Army Reserves and before reporting for active duty was one of the **leading dentists of the city**. Major and Mrs. Reeves spent their time here at their home on Washington Ave.

**Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:**

24 August 1944

**Major L. T. Reeves, U. S. Army Dental Corps**, has been in England since early summer, and shortly after his arrival there, had the pleasure of visiting with friends from home. One occasion was when he and Lt. Col. F. U. Foster were privileged to be together and in the past few days, he and Major A. L. Campbell were together for possibly two days.

**Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN:**

7 December 1944

In a letter to **Mrs. L. T. Reeves, Major Reeves**, who has been in England since early summer, writes most interestingly of a recent visit to London, where he spent his leave of several days. Major Reeves has in the past few weeks been paid a very high compliment by the Inspector General, relative to his clinic, saying it was superior to any **dental clinic in the United Kingdom**.

**Livingston Enterprise June 28, 1935**

28 June 1935

**Thomas Franklin Moore Obt.**

b. 1 March 1849, Putnam Co., TN – d. 26 June 1935, Algood, Putnam Co., TN md Elizabeth "Bettie" Love (Fraser) Moore, b. 23 December 1849 – d. 1 January 1895 – md Mary (Hunter) Huges Moore.

The death of T. F. Moore of Algood at 5:15 Wednesday morning was a shock to the community. Although he had been sick for several weeks at the home of his son, Dr. J T Moore, his going away was sudden. Mr. Moore was 84 years old. He was born and reared on the Calfkiller River in Putnam County. After living there for many years, he moved to Sparta and later to Algood, about 13 years ago, making his home with his son, Dr. J. T. Moore. He was a farmer and merchant, and his mercantile business near Johnson Church was for many years a successful one. After moving to Sparta, he was City Judge for a number of years; secretary and treasurer of the Masonic Lodge for twenty years. When he came to Algood, he was made City Judge and has held that office for twelve years. He was a Royal Arch Mason and a member of the Methodist church.

Mr. Moore was active in civic affairs and all public interests, and a progressive man for his age. As an example of his progress and intelligent spirit, he requested that after his death a post-mortem examination should be held in order that the doctors might know the cause of his illness and death. This was done by doctor friends of Dr Moore and it was found that he had a tumor in his stomach. This request is unusual, but if more people would agree to post-mortem examinations, it would be a blessing to the medical profession....

Mr. Moore was the father of nine children; two daughters dead, one living daughter, Mrs. F. B .Campbell of Nashville; six sons, John Thomas Moore Sr.; Fred L., Algood; J. M., OK; H. C. and R. H. of Eldorado, OK.; and H. H. Moore of Harriman.

The funeral services will be conducted by Dr. M. O. Nelms at the home of Dr. & Mrs. J. T. Moore at Algood Friday morning at 10 o'clock, and burial at Johnson Church near Sparta will be conducted by the Masonic Lodges of Sparta and Cookeville.

**Dr. James Frederic Terry Jr., M.D**

b. 24 March 1935, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN – d. 25 July 2019, Springfield, Greene Co., MO, md **Nancy (unknown) Terry**. Dr. James Frederic Terry Sr. (1903-1978) & **Margaret Katherine Harris** (1911-2000), both buried in Crest Lawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

\*See Dr James Frederic Terry Sr.

**MISSOURI** — James F. Terry Jr., M.D., died Thursday, July 25, 2019, from complications from a fall in October and strokes.

A proud native of Tennessee, he was born March 24, 1935, in Cookeville.

He was a descendant on his father's side of early settlers in the foothills of the Cumberland Mountains in 1830. **His mother's Harris and Isbell family tree made her a member of the DAR.**

Jim was educated in local schools, graduating from Tennessee Polytechnic Institute (now Tennessee Technological University) in 1955, and followed in his father's footsteps to medical school at the University of Tennessee Medical School in Memphis.

Both father and son married U.T. nurses. Jim and Nancy married in 1957, and graduated together in December 1958. His subsequent training included internship at Cook County Hospital in Chicago, surgical residencies at St. Thomas and Nashville General in Nashville, Tennessee, urology residency at U.T. in Memphis, University of Kansas in Kansas City and two years Army base surgeon from 1961-1963 at Yuma Test Station in Yuma, Arizona.

His original urology practice was with Drs. E.M. Powell and Harry Ellis in the Professional Building and served both St. John's (now Mercy) and Cox. The office moved to Fremont Building at Cherokee and Fremont. He retired after 33 years.

Although never a weekly player, he loved and followed golf at Hickory Hills Country Club and on TV.

A rustic Table Rock duplex, owned jointly with the James Cardonnier family at Shell Knob, was his unwinding spot until the family moved to 25 acres on Highway 125 for 25 years. There, he enjoyed bush hogging, gardening and caring for a menagerie of dogs, cats, a Hereford heifer, an aging 30-year-old walking horse, and a stubborn old Sicilian donkey named John Henry. Later years, Nancy and Jimmy (as he was known to her) traveled to five continents with friends Linda and Don Overend and also toured about the 48 states with their dog, Zipper.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Nancy; son, Fred with wife, Lan and stepdaughter, Ng, living in Vietnam; daughter, Jean Terry of Springfield; brother, Richard Terry, M.D. and wife, Lynn; and niece, Kate of Nashville.

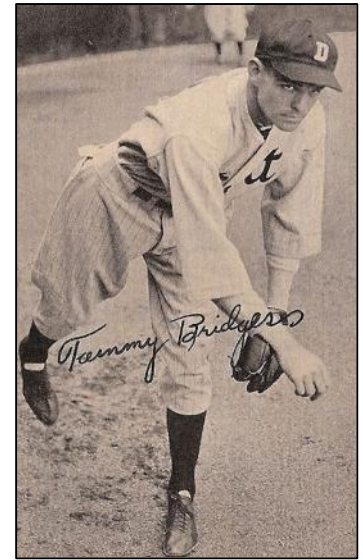
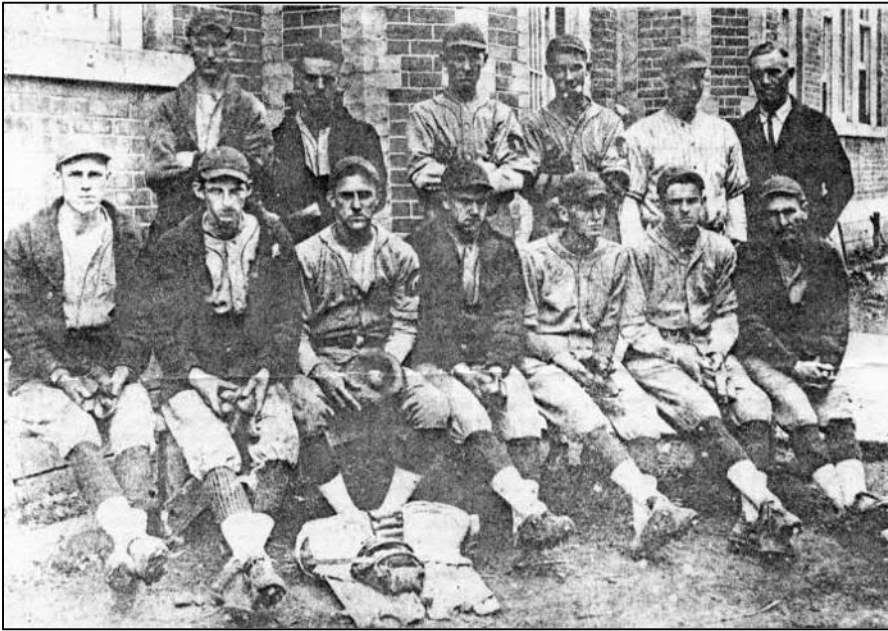
Our special thanks to the compassionate care of Fremont Memory Care and Good Shepherd Hospice.

A memorial visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. today, Sunday, July 28, 2019, at Greenlawn Funeral Home East.

No flowers are requested. If friends wish, memorials may be made to Greene County Humane Society, 3161 Norton Road, Springfield, MO 65803; C.A.R.E., 1328 W Sunshine St., Springfield, MO 65807; Honor Flight of the Ozarks, PO Box 3964, Springfield, MO 65808; or the donor's choice.

Arrangements by Greenlawn Funeral Home East, 3540 E. Seminole, Springfield, MO 65809, 417-887-6565, fax 417-887-6660.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 28 July 2019



**Tommy Bridges**, recently inducted (1971) into the Tennessee Sport Hall of Fame, was a member of this 1924-25 Gordonsville High School baseball team. The team above had a spectacular record, taking wins from Gallatin, Hartsville, Lebanon, Cookeville and other Middle Tennessee towns.

Pictured: left to right front row, Charlie Vaden, Bill "Wormy" Thomas, Charlie Gwaltney, Ben McDonald, Frizier Dicks Armistead, **Tommy Bridges**, Bob Dalton.

Standing: left to right: Dewey Preston, **Maddux Whitley**, Ernest Martin, Robert Nixon, Floyd Crawford, Jim Moore, coach.

**Tommy Bridges** was born on Friday, December 28, 1906, in Gordonsville, Tennessee. Bridges was 23 years old when he broke into the big leagues on August 13, 1930, with the Detroit Tigers. **Thomas Jefferson Davis Bridges** (December 28, 1906 – April 19, 1968) was an American right-handed pitcher in Major League Baseball who played his entire career with the Detroit Tigers from 1930 to 1946. During the 1930s he used an outstanding curveball to become one of the mainstays of the team's pitching staff, winning 20 games in three consecutive seasons and helping the team to its first World Series championship with two victories in the 1935 Series. He retired with 1674 career strikeouts, then the eighth highest total in American League history, and held the Tigers franchise record for career strikeouts from 1941 to 1951.

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