

## ALMARINDA (SMITH) TERRY

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### MRS. TERRY DIES ENROUTE TO ARKANSAS AFTER VISIT HERE:

Mrs. Almarinda Terry (nee Smith), 84, died Monday afternoon while crossing the Mississippi river at Dyersburg, in the company of her son, E. M. Terry of Blytheville, Ark, on the return trip home from a visit with relatives in Putnam county. (Picture courtesy of Laurie Conklin).



She was the daughter of James G. Smith whom older citizens remember as a leading citizen of the Fifteenth District of Putnam count many years ago, and whose grandfather came directly from Scotland and settled on Williams Mill creek in what was then Jackson county more than a century ago. Her husband was James Terry, son of Elijah Terry, a brother of Will Terry of the Fifteenth District, and a member of one of the most numerous and prominent families in this section of the state.

She and her husband migrated to the state of Missouri nearly sixty years ago, and during this time she has lived in Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas. Since moving west she had made only one visit to Tennessee which she made nineteen years ago accompanied by her husband. Mr. Terry having died four years ago, she requested her son, E. M. Terry to bring her back to her old home for a visit. They arrived here on June 10, having driven from Blytheville, AR, in a little more than six hours. The son returned with the expectation of letting her remain here during the summer, but on last Friday at the home of Mrs. J. A. Grimsley, her only living sister, she was taken seriously ill. Her son, on being notified came immediately. Monday morning she appeared to be much better, and they left here about 8:30 in the morning for Blytheville, AR, in an automobile. Her friends are greatly shocked by the message of her death. She was frail and weak, and it is believed that she died of heart failure.

While here nieces, nephews and cousins in this county would number into the hundreds, the only living member of her father's family is Mrs. J. A. Grimsley, and the only living brother and sister of her husband's family are Will Terry and Mrs. Thomas Lynn of Putnam county and Mrs. Julia Cook of Overton county.

She left a large and interesting family of her own, the names of all of whom are not known to the writer. One son, E. M. Terry who was with her when she died, is president of the Terry Abstract and Realty Company of Blytheville, AR. Another son, Bryan Terry, is postmaster at Broken Arrow, OK.

When parting from her sister, Mrs. Grimsley, her last words were "we will never meet again here, but we will meet up yonder." Thus while crossing the great Mississippi, she crossed the greater river, the River of Death.

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