

HARVEY R. SHIPLEY OBT.

b. 12 July 1867, Putnam Co., TN – d. 31 January 1934, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 2nd 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 a 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 affairs, a loyal friend, a splendid neighbor, and a good husband and father.

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