

**JAMES W. WARREN OBT.**

b. 6 August 1860, Overton Co., TN  
d. 16 February 1932, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN  
Buried: Paran Cemetery, Livingston, Overton Co., TN  
Father: Greenberry Warren  
Mother: Abigail Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> w/o Greenberry Warren,  
Wife: Armanda Kate (Poteet) Warren  
b. 10 July 1860  
d. 24 January 1926, Overton Co., TN  
Father: Buchevo Overton Poteet (1821-1868)  
Mother: Mary Adeline Atkinson (1827-1900)  
Buried: Paran Cemetery, Livingston, Overton Co., TN  
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18 February 1932  
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J. W. WARREN, PUTNAM'S LARGEST LAND OWNER, FOUND DEAD IN BED:

Father of Ex-Sheriff Warren Believed To Have Succumbed To Lurking Heart Attack:

J. W. Warren, 72, Putnam county's largest land owner, having 3,000 acres in his name, was found dead in his bed at his 15th district home at 9 a.m. Tuesday morning.

Mr. Warren had attended court at Livingston Monday and was believed to have been in good health. His death came as a surprise and shock to his hundreds of friends throughout the Upper-Cumberland section of the state, where he was widely known.

Death was attributed to a heart attack, which thought in probability to have been lurking for several days, came upon him without warning.

Staunch Democrat -

Born near Paran in Overton county, Mr. Warren lived in Putnam county most of his life, and was one of the most highly respected and esteemed citizens in this section of the state. He was a Democrat and had a record for upholding the principles of his party.

He had engaged in farming during his entire life, and had amassed a vast amount of rich farming land. He had also been prominent as a horse raiser and trainer, and had entered horse and other stock at Putnam county fairs for many years. He had a reputation as a stock breeder of note, and was an authority, recognized as being among the best, at training fine saddle horses.

Mr. Warren was the father of ex-sheriff Marion Warren. His wife died about five years ago. He had been a member of the Paran Methodist Church since early childhood.

Funeral services were conducted this morning at Paran by Rev W. C. Johnson, of Lebanon, and the Rev. C. L. Kelly, of the Algood Methodist Church. Burial was in the Paran cemetery.

Active pallbearers were his sons and grandsons, Charlie, Beale, Zeb, John, Marion, Jim Tom, M. Doss and Clay Warren and Tom Breeding.

He is survived by five sons; Marion, Zeb, John, Charlie and Beale.

**Children of James W. Warren and Armanda Kate Poteet are:**

1. Charlie A. Warren (1883-1959)
2. Winburn K. Warren (1884-1884)
3. John O. Warren (1888-1933)

4. Haddie May Warren (1890-1893)
5. Zebedee Warren (1892-1979)
6. Marion T. Warren (1894-1968)
7. Beal Warren (1897-1966)

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### **DEPUTY SHERIFF ORVILLE MOSS DIES AFTER BEING SHOT IN RAID**

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Was With U. S. Prohibition Agent Plaxco In Search of Still In Jackson County. **Beale Warren** in Critical Condition At City Hospital, Shot At Same Time.

**Orville A. (Amos) Moss**, 43, father of five living children, was killed Tuesday night by bullets supposed to have been fired from the gun of a still operative in Jackson county. Beale Warren, 31, brother of the sheriff, was perhaps fatally injured at the same time. He is at the City hospital in critical condition.

Four men are being held in jail here, pending the outcome of an investigation being made by W. B. Shoffner and Reese Macey, United States attorneys from the Nashville office, assisted by local counsel and numerous officers. The men being held are Hop Anderson, 25, Bill Pippin, 45, Floyd Thomas, 35, and Eph Pippin, 20, son of the other connected with the crime.

**Moss and Warren** sustained their wounds when they attempted to halt a car containing Anderson and Thomas. The officers jumped on either side of the light auto and that action precipitated the shooting. **Warren and Moss** fell, and Zeb Warren, who was in his car near the shooting hastily arrested Anderson. Thomas made a getaway and was caught Wednesday morning near the scene of the tragedy by Sheriff Oplis Smith, of Jackson county, and brought to Cookeville Wednesday afternoon with the other suspected accomplice in the crime, Eph Pippin.

The raid was conducted by John Plaxco, United States prohibition agent, who was last week transferred to Cookeville from Memphis, where he had been since 1916 in undercover service. He deputized the three officers to assist him in the raid, which fact accorded them the rank of Government officers. They left Cookeville on the fatal trip at 5:30 Tuesday afternoon. The shooting occurred at some time between 7 and 7:15, nearly three hours later. Zeb Warren rushed the injured men to the City hospital and Plaxco accosted the prisoners, Anderson and the elder Pippin. Pippin was alleged to have had a sack filled with a quantity of liquor. He was handcuffed at the time of the shooting, being placed under arrest before the arrival of the death machine.

At the hospital Moss was given a hasty examination and doctors pronounced no hope for his life. He was shot in the side, the bullet, or bullets, ranging upward and destroying vital organs near the heart. His loss of blood was great and removed all chances of a possible recovery. He died at 10 o'clock, after making a statement to his chief about the fray.

Warren was rushed to the operating table where a valiant effort to save his life was made. It was found that bullets had penetrated a section of the small intestine over a six inch area nine times, and had passed thru the bladder. Attending physicians expressed the belief that he had a small chance for life.

Both men were shot by a .32 caliber gun. Officers removed an automatic pistol of this size from Anderson, it was reported Wednesday. No statements from the accused have been allowed the press. Authorities believe that they can announce formal charges to be brought against the quartette late today or Friday.

Funeral services will be held for Moss at Baxter from the Methodist church this afternoon at one o'clock. Interment will take place at the Baxter cemetery. Moss is survived by his widow, five children, Mrs. Essie Jared, Velma, William, Ruth, and Christine, his mother and father, six brothers and six sisters.

Upon news of his death Tuesday night, citizens of Baxter and friends in other parts of the county united in expressing to the grief stricken family their sincere sympathy. He had been known as an unusual upholder of the law and an officer who felt his duty a sacred instinct. He is the second deputy in sheriff Warren's regime to die in the execution of his duty, the other being C. L. Brown, who was killed in a car wreck in January.

Excitement was high for some time when the news spread of the death of Moss, but at no time did it hint of violence in any form.

The scene of the tragic episode in law enforcement is near the Putnam and Jackson county line, in the community surrounding Lee Vickers' and Byers' stores. It has been noted as a place not frequented by revenue officers since the death of Bud Lynch, some ten years ago, who was shot in the back and died from the wound. The tragedy has caused widespread attention and opened avenues for bitter attack on the liquor traffic in the Upper Cumberland section of the state.

The quartette was taken before U. S. Commissioner J. B. Barnes this afternoon for preliminary hearing, and their bond was set at \$13,000 each.

(Orville Amos Moss, b. b. 4 April 1886, TN - d. 22 April 1930, City Hospital, Putnam Co., TN, md 26 March 1904, Putnam Co., TN, Lethea Emeline (Roberts) Moss, b. 15 April 1887, TN - d. 23 January 1969, Dayton, Montgomery Co., OH, d/o Henry Ervin "Tinker" Roberts & Sarah C. Vickers. Orville Amos Moss, s/o Charlie Moss (1854-1941) & Julia Burton (1857-1944). Orville and Lethea (Roberts) Moss are both buried in the Smellage Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN).

(Beal Warren, b. 2 July 1897, Overton Co., TN - d. 27 July 1966, Overton Co., TN, md on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August 1919, Putnam Co., TN to Ocie (Thompson) Warren, b. 19 July 1898, Putnam Co., TN - d. 24 June 1990, FL. Beal Warren, s/o James W. Warren (1860-1932) & Armanda Kate Poteet (1860-1926). Beal and Ocie (Thompson) Warren are both buried in the Paran Cemetery, Livingston, Overton Co., TN).

**PORT RICHIE, FLORIDA Funeral services for Ocie Warren, 92, will be held Sunday, June 24, at 2 p.m. in Paran Methodist Church with burial in the Paran Cemetery.**

Mrs. Warren died Thursday (June 21, 1990) in Florida

She was the widow of Beal Warren and was a former native of Putnam County.

Her family includes one daughter, Sara Broyles of Port Richie, Florida; one sister, Josie Breeding of Crossville; one grandson, George Daniels; three great-grandchildren, Randy, Jeff and Dana Daniels, all of Detroit.

The family will receive friends in the chapel of Hooper & Huddleston Funeral Home after 2 p.m. Saturday. Rev. Glen Shelley will officiate at the services.

Hooper & Huddleston Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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