

### THE BARNES FAMILY (#323)

Thomas Barnes married Alice Bohannon in 1798 as recorded in Knox County, TN. Alice was the daughter of William Bohannon who migrated from Virginia. Thomas probably migrated from Wilkes Co., NC. In October 1806 there are court minutes concerning road maintenance from the Bohannon farm to the Hunter holding, along what is now the Dry Valley Road, some five to six miles east of Cookeville. In 1806 this was northeastern White County. Bohannon and his family as well as his son-in-law, Thomas Barnes, migrated along the Walton Road to White Plains. They followed the sources of water and beautiful valley land to Dry Valley. Bohannon and his family settled around a large spring which empties into Falling Water River. This spring and the Bohannon's land are immediately east of where I-40 and State Route 70 intersect some five miles east of Cookeville. At this intersection there is a geographical saddle and immediately west of that was Thomas Barnes land. Thomas and Alice had ten children. Alice died in childbirth in 1819 with their fourth son, Thomas Barnes Jr. About two years after Alice's death, Thomas Barnes married Mary "Polly" Strain who lived further down the Dry Valley Road. Thomas and Mary had ten children. Thomas Barnes died in 1851.

The children of Thomas Barnes and Alice Bohannon are:

1. Elizabeth, b. July 8, 1798, married John C. Huddleston
2. Sarah, b. May 5, 1800 married James Bohannon
3. John, b. March 23, 1802 married Margaret Welch
4. Lewis, b. February 22, 1804 married Celia Webb
5. Nancy, b. January 23, 1806 married William York
6. William Hopkins, b. December 7, 1809 married Letita Dodson France
7. Mary Elizabeth "Polly", b. February 26, 1811 married James Denton Buck
8. Susanah, b. August 25, 1814 married a Buckner
9. Rebecca, b. February 23, 1817 married David Buck
10. Thomas E. Jr., b. August 14, 1819 married Mary Oyler

The children of Thomas Barnes and Mary Strain are:

1. Riley, b. November 25, 1822 married Mary Ann Bohannon & Elizabeth Jane Holland
2. Lewisa, b. May 30, 1824 married Kennedy Poteet
3. Roda, b. July 28, 1825 married a Bohannon
4. Jessie, b. November 30, 1828 married Cindarilla Pippin
5. James Marion, b. March 24, 1830 married Sarah Jane Buck
6. Amanda, b. March 2, 1832 married Thomas Jefferson Poteet
7. Lydia, b. May 18, 1834 married Amos Pippin
8. Eleanor, b. 1836 married John Birdsong & John D. Brown
9. Infant, b. & d. 1838
10. Martha Ann, b. 1842 married Gabriel Marion Cooper

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Pgs. 95 & 96: John Adams Barnes, born February 23, 1801, and died November 30, 1874, became a large land owner in January 1826 when Tennessee Governor William Carroll signed a 275 acre land grant in his favor. Mr. Barnes then owned the land from Stevens Street on the northwest by Burgess Falls Road, south by Wilhite School, east by Old Kentucky Road.

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