

**Victoria (Jared) McGinness Obt.**

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Mrs. McGinness Dies at Carthage, TN  
From the Hartsville Vidette, May 21, 1953

Mrs. Victoria Jared McGinness, 96, oldest resident of Carthage, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G.A. Drake, Friday night after a long illness.

Mrs. McGinness was believed to have been the last surviving grandchild of a Revolutionary soldier in Tennessee.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Carthage Methodist Church with the Rev. Ewing Weakley and the Rev. Herman Norton officiating. Burial was in Ridgewood Cemetery. (*Carthage, Smith Co., TN*).

Mrs. McGinness was a native of Putnam County and was one of nine children born to Josiah and Frances Bennett Jared.

Her grandfather, Joseph Jared, who was born in 1760, was a Virginian and soldier of the American Revolution.

Mrs. McGinness had resided in Carthage over 50 years and had been a member of the Methodist Church over 80 years.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. W.S. Farmer, Mrs. G.A. Drake and Miss Allie Mai McGinness of Carthage; three sons, H. B. (*Housten Bradley*) McGinness, *Carthage Lawyer*, Roscoe McGinness of Carthage, and D.C. (*DeWitt Clinton*) McGinness of San Francisco; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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**Victoria (Jared) McGinness Obt. #2**

b. 30 November 1856, Putnam Co., TN – d. 15 May 1953, Carthage, TN md 24 February 1875, Carthage, TN, **Felix Patterson McGinness**, b. 5 July 1849, TN – d. 28 Feb 1935

Both Buried: Ridgewood Cemetery, Carthage, Smith Co., TN (Section 100) East 3<sup>rd</sup> Av., Carthage.

Funeral services for Mrs. Victoria Jared McGinnis, 96, widow of the late Felix P. McGinnis, were conducted at the Carthage Methodist Church Sunday afternoon by the pastor, the Rev. E. S. Weakley and the rev. Herman Norton, minister of the Christian church. Burial was in Ridgewood Cemetery.

Mrs. McGinnis was the daughter of the late Josiah and Frances Bennett Jared of Putnam County, the late survivor of their 9 children. Her grandfather, born in 1760 was a Virginian and a soldier of the American Revolution. It was thought probable too that Mrs. McGinnis was the last surviving grandchild of a Revolutionary War soldier in Tennessee. Her maternal grandmother, who was before her marriage, Miss Hettie Houston, was a near relative of General Sam Houston.

Mrs. McGinnis lived in Carthage more than 50 years and was the town's oldest citizen. She had been a member of the Methodist church for more than 80 years.

Survivors are 3 daughters, Mrs. W. S. Farmer, Mrs. G. A. Drake, and Miss Allie Mae McGinnis of Carthage, and 3 sons, H. B. McGinnis, Roscoe McGinnis, of Carthage, and Dewitt C. McGinnis of San

Francisco; 3 grandchildren, Mrs. Katherine Gore, Carthage, Mrs. Kenneth Robinson, Norfolk, VA, and Houston McGinnis, Los Angeles; 3 great grandchildren, Jane and John Gore and Don Robinson.

Carthage Courier, TN: 21 May 1953, front page.

### **Victoria (Jared) McGinness Obt. #3**

Mrs. Victoria Jared McGinness, age 96, died last night, at her home in Carthage, after a brief illness. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday afternoon, at the Methodist Church in Carthage. Burial will be in the Carthage Cemetery.

Mrs. McGinness was the widow of the late Felyx P. McGinness of Carthage. She was the last surviving child of the large family of the late Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Jared, of Rock Spring Valley, Putnam County. Her father was a leading pioneer citizen of Putnam County.

In her young ladyhood, she was married to the late Felyx P. McGinness and for a good many years they resided on their farm at Buffalo Valley, later moving to Carthage, where Mr. Ginness was engaged in business and served as Post-Master for a good many years.

Mrs. McGinness enjoyed the distinction of being a granddaughter of a Revolutionary soldier, her paternal grandfather, Joseph Jared, a prominent pioneer citizen of this county, having been an officer in the Revolutionary Army.

Mrs. McGinness from her childhood was a devoted member of the Methodist Church. She was a splendid Christian lady who was greatly loved by a wide circle of relatives and friends.

She was a sister of the late Joe H. Jared, E. H. Jared, Robert L. Jared, Ed F. Jared, Mrs. Dora Jared Maddux, Mrs. Mary Maddux and Mrs. W. W. Ford, all of whom preceded her in death.

Mrs. McGinness is survived by a large number of nephews and nieces in this city and county.

She is survived by three sons, H. B. McGinness, DeWitt McGinness, and Roscoe McGinness, and three daughters, Mrs. Ollie Farmer, Mrs. Josie Drake and Miss Allie May McGinness, all residents of Carthage.

Her son H. B. McGinness, prominent Carthage lawyer, is a member of the State Constitutional Convention.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 21 May 1953.

### **Ridgewood Cemetery**

The Ridgewood Cemetery is located in Carthage four blocks east of Courthouse on Third Ave. E. It is large active perpetual care cemetery. Located adjoining and east of this cemetery is Smith County Memorial Garden.

### **Felix Patterson McGinness Obt.**

Felix McGinnis 85 Is Called By Death:

Felix McGinnis, 85 year-old citizen of Carthage and one of Smith county's most prominent men, died at his home at Carthage at 1:00 this morning after a brief illness.

Funeral services were to be held Thursday afternoon at the Methodist Church at Carthage by the pastor the Rev. A. P. Walker. Burial will take place at Carthage.

Mr. McGinness was a native of Putnam County, having been born at Buffalo Valley. He was a merchant at Buffalo Valley for many years, and was always a prominent and progressive civic leader and a Christian gentleman. Mr. McGinnis took an active part in church work at Carthage and had been a teacher of the

men's Bible class in his church for the past 30 years resigning last year because of ill health. Mr. McGinnis is a half-brother of General Alcorn of Cookeville.

He is survived by his widow, Victoria Jared McGinnis, and the following children: H. B. McGinnis, Roscoe McGinnis of Carthage, Dewitt McGinnis of Los Angeles, CA, Mrs. G. A. Drake, Miss Ollie and Miss Allie Mae McGinnis of Carthage

Herald, TN: Thursday, 28 February 1935, front page.

\*See Chapter 8 for Victoria Jared for complete family listing at: <http://www.ajlambert.com>

1860 census 9<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist. Putnam Co., TN – Post Office: Pekin

Dwl: 1010 Family: 1010 Line: 1

**Alcorn, R.S.** Head Farmer 33 M (Value of real estate, 4000) (Value of personal estate, 1,500) TN

(*Robert Simpson Alcorn*)

**Alcorn, Martha** Wife 29 F TN (*Martha J. Exum*)

**Alcorn, Felix** 11 M TN

Alcorn, William C. 8 M TN

Alcorn, Mary F. 6 F TN

Alcorn, Thomas J. 4 M TN

Alcorn, Elizabeth 1 F TN

Lee, Milton 19 M Farmer MO

Alexander, Michael 17 M TN

1870 census 9<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist. Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 36 Family: 36

**Alcorn, Robert S.** 45 M W (Value of real estate, 5000) (Value of personal estate, 4050) Farmer TN

**Alcorn, Martha** 38 F W Keeps House TN

Alcorn, Mary F. 15 F W At Home TN

Alcorn, George W. 9 M W TN

Alcorn, Albert S.J. 6 M W TN

Alcorn, Robert L. 3 M W TN

**McGinnis, Felix P.** 21 M W Farm Laborer TN

Census Place: 1880 District 9, Putnam Co, Tennessee

Source: FHL Film 1255275 National Archives Film T9-1275 Page 170D

Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace	
<b>Filex P. MCGINIS</b>	Self		M	M	W	30 TN
Occ:	Dry Good Merchant			Fa: TN	Mo: TN	
<b>Victora MCGINIS</b>	Wife		F	M	W	23 TN
Occ:	Keeping House			Fa: TN	Mo: TN	
Olley E. MCGINIS	Dau		F	S	W	3 TN
				Fa: TN	Mo: TN	
Houston B. MCGINIS	Son		M	S	W	1 TN
				Fa: TN	Mo: TN	
Samuel DENTON	Other		M	S	W	26 TN
Occ:	Physician			Fa: KY	Mo: GA	

1900 census 1<sup>st</sup> Dist., Carthage, Smith Co., TN

Dwl: 124 Family: 125 Line: 27 – Surname is difficult to read ....

**McGinnis, Felix P.** Head 50 M W July 1849 Married (24 yrs. married) Hotel Keeper TN TN TN

**McGinnis, Victoria** Wife 43 F W November 1856 Married (24 yrs. married)

(7 children born, 7 children living) TN VA TN

McGinnis, Ollie E Dau. 23 F W January 1877 Single School Teacher TN TN TN

McGinnis, Hugh B. Son 20 M W July 1879 Single At School TN TN TN

McGinnis, Josie Dau. 18 F W September 1881 Single At School TN TN TN  
McGinnis, Roscoe Son 16 M W February 1884 Single At School TN TN TN  
McGinnis, Virgil L. Son 14 M W March 1886 Single At School TN TN TN  
McGinnis, Allie May Dau. 11 F W July 1888 Single At School TN TN TN  
McGinnis, Dewitt Son 9 M W August 1890 Single At School TN TN TN  
Lee, James O. Boarder 26 M W July 1874 Single TN KY TN  
Washburn, B. Boarder 31 M W October 1869 Single  
Haynie, John Boarder 23 M W May 1877 Single  
Welsh, Sallie Boarder 23 F W June 1877 Single

1910 census 1<sup>st</sup> Dist. Carthage, Smith Co., TN

Dwl: 96 Family: 97 Line: 57

**McGinnis, Felix P.** Head 62 M W Married (33 yrs. married) Merchant Grocery Store TN TN TN  
**McGinnis, Victoria** Wife 53 F W Married (33 yrs. married) (7 children born, 6 children living) TN VA TN  
McGinnis, Ollie 31 F W Dau Single TN TN TN  
McGinnis, Houston B. 29 M W Son Single Lawyer TN TN TN  
McGinnis, Josie 27 F W Dau Single Stenographer TN TN TN  
McGinnis, Allie May Dau 21 Dau Single TN TN TN  
McGinnis, Dewitt Son 19 M W Son Single TN TN TN

1920 census 1<sup>st</sup> Dist. Carthage, Smith Co., TN – Carthage Town

Dwl: 70 Family: 174 Line: 68

**McGinness, Felix** Head Owns Home 70 M W Married Postmaster Post Office TN TN TN  
**McGinness, Victoria** Wife 64 F W Married TN VA TN  
McGinness, Ollie Dau 42 F W Single TN TN TN  
McGinness, Allie May Dau 30 F W Single TN TN TN

1930 census Carthage Town, Smith Co., TN – South Main

129 Dwl: 19 Family: 21 – Enumerated by me on April 3, 1930, Albert S. Whitley

**McGinnis, Felix P.** Head Own Home (Value of real-estate, 4000) 80 M W Married  
(26 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) Retired TN TN TN  
**McGinnis, Victoria** Wife 73 (19 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) TN VA TN  
McGinnis, Ollie Dau 53 Single TN TN TN  
McGinnis, Allie May Dau 36 Single TN TN TN  
Drake, Josie Dau 47 Married (20 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) TN TN TN  
Drake, Guy Son-in-Law 44 Married (27 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) TN TN TN

Josiah Jared – b. 14 September 1815, Jackson Co., TN -

d. 5 February 1898, Rock Springs, Putnam Co., TN

s/o Joseph Jared & Elizabeth Baker

md 12 February 1851, Frances Woodbury Bennett –

b. 23 July 1833, Knox Co., TN – d. 2 March 1883

d/o Haywood G. & Esther L. (Houston) Bennett

Both Buried: +Joseph Jared Cemetery, Buffalo Valley, TN,

Hwy. 70 at Low Gap – West of Gentry, TN

...**Victoria Jared** – b. 30 November 1856, Putnam Co., TN –

d. 15 May 1953, Carthage, TN

md 24 February 1875, Carthage, **Felix Patterson McGinness**

b. 5 July 1849 – d. 28 February 1935, TN

*Victoria Jared was the last granddaughter of a Rev'l War Soldier  
in the U.S. when she died in 1953, just short of her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

Buried: Ridgewood Cemetery

...Ollie McGinness – b. 23 January 1877, TN – md W.S. Farmer

...Houston Bradley McGinness – b. 5 July 1879, TN –

md Johnnie Odum

...Mary Josephine McGinness – b. 27 September 1881, TN– md G.A. Drake

- ...Roscoe McGinness– b. 28 February 1884 – md 20 October 1909, Sydney Bilbrey
- ...Kathryne McGinness – b. 20 April 1915, Livingston, TN  
md 19 June 1941, Carthage, TN, John Barnett Gore  
b. 13 November 1908, Smith Co., TN –  
s/o James S. & Catherine (Garn) Gore  
...Frances Jane Gore – b. 2 August 1946, Nashville, TN
- ...Vergie McGinness – b. 18 March 1886 – d. ca. 1907
- ...Allie May McGinness – b. 7 July 1888, TN
- ...DeWitt Clinton McGinness – b. 10 August 1890, TN – md Martha Peterson
  
- ...**Martha J. Alexander** – b. 9 January 1831, TN – d. ca. 1857, TN  
d/o Reuben B. Alexander & Elizabeth Johnson  
md 24 October 1851, **Robert Simpson Alcorn Sr.** – b. 14 November 1824, TN  
d. 29 June 1902 – s/o James & Elizabeth (Blackburn) Alcorn  
(*Felix P. McGinnis -mother Martha J. Exum McGinnis*)
- ...**Felix Patterson McGinnis** – b. 5 July 1849, TN – d. February 1935  
*Children of Robert Simpson Alcorn Sr. & Martha J. Alexander were:*
- ...William C. Alcorn – b. 21 June 1852, TN – d. 8 November 1865
- ...Mary F. Alcorn – b. 6 August 1854, TN – d. 7 August 1889
- ...Thomas J. Alcorn – b. 2 May 1856, TN – d. 19 January 1870
- \*See Alcorn Family Bible – Related Families.*
- Robert Simpson Alcorn Sr. – Civil War Veteran, 8<sup>th</sup> TN Calvary*  
*Robert later married on 28 January 1858, Martha J. Exum McGinnis.*  
*Robert Simpson Alcorn Sr. drowned while crossing the Caney Fork*  
**River, TN in his buggy. 1860 – 1870 - 1880 census**  
*Children of Robert Simpson Alcorn Sr. & Martha J. Exum McGinnis were:*
- ...Elizabeth Alcorn – b. ca. 1859, TN – child of Martha McGinnis & Robert Alcorn.
- ...Robert Lee Alcorn Jr. – b. 20 August 1866, Putnam Co., TN – *Farmer*  
d. 30 March 1946 - md Josephine “Josie” Jones –  
b. 15 March 1871, TN – d. 11 March 1954  
d/o Prettyman Jones & Angeline Anderson.  
Both Buried: Alcorn Family Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN  
*Children of Robert Lee Alcorn & Josephine “Josie” Jones were:*
- ...Hattie A. Alcorn – b. 27 June 1889, TN – d. 11 April 1990  
md Tinsley Garner – Hattie, Buried: Cookeville City Cemetery, TN
- ...Walter Herman Tinsley – b. 23 February 1921 – d. 2 October 1921  
Buried: Alcorn Family Cemetery – Putnam Co., TN
- ...Robert Fred Alcorn – b. May 1892, TN - md Jessie Bartlett
- ...Clayton E. Alcorn – b. 1 August 1893, TN – d. 17 July 1951  
md 1<sup>st</sup> Katie Medley – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wilma Medley –  
*Clayton - Buried: Alcorn Family Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN*
- ...Fitzhugh Lee Alcorn – b. September 1895, TN – d. ca. 1962  
md Ethel May Huddleston – b. ca. 1895 – d. ca. 1972  
Both Buried: Cookeville City Cemetery, Cookeville, TN
- ...Mary Josephine Alcorn – md W.W. Bartlett
- ...J.R. Alcorn – b. 24 August 1920 – d. 4 September 1962 –  
md 23 November 1942, Lola Webb – b. ca. 1920 – d. ca. 1962  
Both Buried: Cookeville City Cemetery, Cookeville, TN
- ...Willie Roberta Alcorn – b. 17 February 1926 – md Carson Tyler Moss
- ...Katie Jean Alcorn – b. 28 July 1931 – d. 18 April 1967  
Buried: Cookeville City Cemetery, Cookeville, TN
- ...Walter James Alcorn – md 1<sup>st</sup> Jeanette – md 2<sup>nd</sup> JoAnn
- ...Hubert Lee Alcorn – b. 2 June 1917 – d. 25 May 1959 –  
md Madie Ellen Fielts – b. 15 April 1922 –  
Both Buried: Cookeville City Cemetery, Cookeville, TN
- ...Ruth Mae Alcorn – b. 20 January 1922 – md 1<sup>st</sup> Fred price –

md 2<sup>nd</sup> David Chadwell – md 3<sup>rd</sup> Fowler Julian  
 ...Allen Byron Alcorn – b. ca. 1940 - d. 15 July 1986 – md Carol Lowe  
 Buried: Crest Lawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN  
 ...William “Will” Bradley Alcorn – b. 13 October 1898, Buffalo Valley, TN  
 d. 8 September 1950, Detroit, MI  
 md 5 September 1920, Cookeville, TN, Gladys Beatrice Denny  
 d/o John Rankin Denny and Ada Scruggs  
 \*See Chapter 5 - Gladys Beatrice Denny for complete family.  
 ...Walter J. Alcorn – b. 18 December 1900, TN – d. 3 January 1981  
 md 1<sup>st</sup> 1 July 1928, Margaret Fitzhugh Lee Alcorn – b. 3 April 1909  
 Both Buried: Cookeville City Cemetery, Cookeville, TN  
 md 2<sup>nd</sup> Ethel M. Huddleston  
 ...Thurman D. Alcorn – b. 26 June 1903, TN – d. 9 October 1964  
 md Mabel Medley – b. 10 May 1905 –  
 Both Buried: Crest Lawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN  
 ...Jack Herman Alcorn – b. ca. 1908, TN - md Lois Julia Watkins  
*Robert Lee Alcorn – listed, 9<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., of Putnam Co., TN in 1900 & 1910.*  
 ...General “Gennings” “George” Washington Alcorn – b. 22 April 1861,  
 TN – d. 22 June 1935  
 ...Albert Sidney Alcorn – b. 28 March 1863, TN – d. 19 January 1921  
 ...Able Van Alcorn – b. 28 June 1871, TN - *twins*  
 ...Malissa Alcorn – b. 28 June 1871, TN – d. 6 November 1892 – *twins*

**Source:** 1<sup>st</sup> Book of Jared by Eleanor Hall, pg. 549:

Extracts from Josiah Jared’s Obituary:

Hon. Josiah Jared, one of the most prominent and popular citizens of Putnam County died last Wednesday night (15 September 1898) at his home in Rock Springs Valley. He grew to manhood in this county. After completing his education he was a successful teacher, but for many years he devoted his attention to management of his large farm. All his life he was a great student and reader.

In 1831 he joined the Methodist Church and for sixty-eight years he lived a Christian life full of good deeds and noble virtues.

In 1851 he married Frances Bennett, whom he survived for several years. Burial took place near his home at Low Gap Cemetery.

**Source:** Pg. 555: 1<sup>st</sup> Book of Jared by Eleanor Hall:

Victoria Jared born 30 November 1856, Putnam Co., TN – died 15 May 1953 – d/o Josiah and Frances Woodbury (Bennet) Jared; md, 24 February 1875, Felix Patterson McGinness, born 5 July 1849.

Victoria when she died in 1953 was just a few months short of her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday. She was the last granddaughter of a Revolutionary War Soldier in the United States. There was a hundred and ninety-three year spread in the three generations from Victoria to her grandfather, Joseph Jared. Joseph was born 1760, his son Josiah died 1898 and Josiah’s daughter Victoria died 1953. The progress of nearly two hundred years in United States History was witnessed by this family in person.

**Source:** Pg. 556: 1<sup>st</sup> Book of Jared by Eleanor Hall:

In compiling the history and story of the Jared family, it was inevitable that we would come in contact with other personalities who were closely and intimately associated with this family, some of whose lives, activities and very being were so interwoven, that they, in truth appeared to be “OF” the Jared family.

One such personality was Felix P. McGinness, of Buffalo Valley, Tennessee, husband of Victoria Jared. The lives of this couple covered the period dating from July 5, 1849 to the death of Victoria Jared McGinness on May 15, 1953. The intervening years were years of toil and deprivation-years of conquest of poverty-years of happiness and pride at "raising" a large family and years of peace and tranquility in the sunset.

Felix Patterson McGinness was born at Laurel Hill on 5 July 1849. His father died when he was two years old and his mother later married Robert Alcorn, a dour, stern and exacting Scotsman whose rigid discipline and teachings of self-reliance were to serve young McGinness well in the rugged years ahead. At this time the gold rush was on in California, and Horace Greeley was advising young men to "go west" within a few short years the guns at Ft. Sumpter would thunder with such violence that they still reverberate over the southland to this day.

Too young to become a participant of this struggle, too old not to understand its fury and tragedies, young McGinness spent his early youth within this no man's land of fratricidal strife where brother was arrayed against brother, neighbor against neighbor. There was seared into his soul the knowledge and understanding of hate, and violence, murder and valor, sacrifice and devotion. Out of such a crucible, there emerged a man and personality with elements of greatness. He feared no man nor coming events. Loyal and devoted to his country, his family, his neighbors and his Creator, he moved boldly into the stream and currents of life while carving for himself a reputation for integrity, honesty, charity and love for his fellowmen.

One of his sons said of him, "The only man I have ever been privilege to know who lived on this earth as Christ might have willed."

From his union with Victoria Jared, seven children were born. In July 1899, Felix McGinness brought his family to Carthage, Tennessee to better educate the children and to provide for their economic advancement and welfare.

These were the fruitful years. Within this small community of an exceptionally high order of citizenship, Felix McGinness lived and worked for his family, his community and for his church. He kept "boarders" for out-of-town students who attended the school then located at Carthage. He built and operated the Riverside Hotel, whose balconies and wide porches afford convenient assemblage for gossip, conversations and political discussions. He engaged in the mercantile business and became a director of the First National Bank. Woodrow Wilson made him his postmaster of Carthage.

When he ended his active business career and began to mellow, satisfying and serene years when he could devote his time to the study of his Bible and to teaching his beloved Sunday School class, he taught Sunday School for more than 30 years. A member of his class once said, "When he talked about Biblical characters, he spoke of them as if he knew them personally."

**Source:** Pg. 556: 1<sup>st</sup> Book of Jared by Eleanor Hall:

Housten Bradley McGinness was born 3 July 1879, Putnam Co., TN, son of Felix P. McGinness and Victoria Jared. Housten was a lawyer in Smith Co., TN with offices near his home at Carthage. He was associated with the Hon. Cordell Hull for fifty-six years. They enjoyed a most intimate and confident friendship. Mr. Hull chose Bradley for his private secretary when he was a member of United States Congress in 1907. Bradley acted as Executor of the will of Mr. Hull and was also named as one of the Legatees.

Source: Mitch Jones - Tue, 10 Aug 2004 22:18:44 EDT

Some time ago you sent me some material on Jared and it had information on Felix Patterson McGinness that married Victoria Jared. In the material is History of Felix and she says he was born at Laurel Hill on 5 July 1849. I am assuming she means Laurel Hill, DeKalb Co., TN. Although there was not even post office there or name Laurel Hill in 1849. She does not name his father, so do not know who he is. I have

wondered if he was part of my McGinnis family. He is not in 1850 census of DeKalb, Jackson or Smith Co., TN. Laurel Hill in 1849 would have been in Smith Co., TN and became part of DeKalb Co., TN in 1856. Do you know his father?

Source: Mitch Jones – Wed, 1 Sep 2004 00:38:10 ED

I am assuming that she means the Laurel Hill that was post office in what is DeKalb Co., TN, and what I and all the natives call the Wolf Creek Community. It was in the old 16th District of DeKalb Co., TN. Presently Highway 141 runs through the community from Putnam/DeKalb Co line to Center Hill Dam. It is just over hill from Buffalo Valley. It was post office before one in Buffalo Valley and Silver Point. For number of years people in Buffalo Valley got their mail through the Laurel Hill post office. The area was in Smith Co., TN until 1854 then was in Putnam Co. for one year and then became part of DeKalb Co., TN. If his mother was Martha Exum; she would have been from Wolf Creek Community as Exum one of old names there. Martha Exum married 11 October 1848 Smith Co., TN John L McGinnis. They were married by Frederick Starnes who married Mary Exum the sister of Martha. Frederick had a sister Susannah who also married a John McGinnis. The John L McGinnis I believe is part of my McGinnis family but I do not exactly know how to connect him. It is logical that John L and Martha lived in Wolf Creek Community to name a son Felix Patterson McGinnis. The McGinnis' were Baptists and one of the early Baptist preachers in that area was Felix Patterson.

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This Bible record was provided by Miss Charlene Gracey (an Alcorn descendant) and submitted for publication by Dr. Louis Johnson, Jr.

Births

R. S. (Robert Simpson ) Alcorn was born November 14th day A. D. 1824  
Martha J. Alcorn was born \_\_\_\_\_ A. D. 1830  
Martha J. Alcorn was born January 9th day 1831.  
W. C. Alcorn was born June 21st 1852  
Mary F. Alcorn was born August 6th day 1854  
Thomas J. Alcorn was born May 2d day 1856  
Nancy E. Alcorn was born September 2nd 1858  
George W. Alcorn was born April 22nd 1861  
Albert S. Alcorn was born March 28th 1863  
Robert L. Alcorn was born August 20th 1866  
Abel V. & Melissa J. Alcorn were born June 28th day 1871  
F. P. (Felix Patterson) McGinniss was born July 5th 1849  
Nancy J. Garner was born October 3 1861

Marriages

R. S. Alcorn and Martha J. Alexander were married October 24th day  
A. D. 1851  
R. S. Alcorn and Martha J.(Exum)McGinniss were married January 28th day A. D. 1858  
G. W. Alcorn and N. J. Garner were married January 11 1883  
Lela Alcorn and C. N. Gracey were married June 9, 1915  
Georgia Alcorn and Fletcher Bly were married June 11, 1918  
Will Alcorn and William Fred Luck were married June 30, 1921  
Mamie Alcorn and Roy Watson were married October 25, 1921  
Felix Alcorn and Elizabeth Oswald were married May 12, 1926  
Felix L. Alcorn and Ruby Fair married August 27, 1949  
Robert Alcorn and Audrey Bessie Tiller were married April 4, 1933

(Note) — Nancy Josephine Garner who married G. W. Alcorn was a daughter of John Garner and wife



Sarah Merritt Garner. Sarah was born ca 1833 and died 1 Sep. 1915. She was a daughter of John Merritt and Nancy Tibbs Merritt. See Merritt family by Dr. Faye Johnson Bowman — U.

### Deaths

Nancy Elizabeth Alcorn died September — 1861  
W. C. Alcorn (sic) died November 8th 1865  
Thomas J. Alcorn died January 19th 1870  
Mary F. Bartlett died August 7th 1889  
Melissa J. Alcorn died November 6th 1892  
Martha J. Alcorn Died December the 23, 1900  
R. S. Alcorn died June 29th 1902 Drowned in Caney Fork River  
Albert Sidney Alcorn Died January 19th 1921  
Felix McGinness died February 1935  
George Washington Alcorn died June 22, 1935  
Nancy Josephine Garner Alcorn died March 11, 1954  
Audrey Bessie Alcorn died July 14, 1961  
Mamie Gertrude Alcorn Watson died July 31  
Felix L. Alcorn died July 22, 1971  
Willie Alcorn Luck died December 17, 1972  
Georgia Alcorn Bly died October 27, 1977

"The following list of Post Offices and Post Masters  
for Smith County was transcribed from Postal records around 1970 under the  
aegis of Mr. F. Carmack Key."

Smith County, Tennessee Website: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~tnsmith/>

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**CARTHAGE**

**EST. 1806**

Benjamin Rigley	April 1, 1807
Thomas McNutt	Jan 11, 1808
Andrew Allison	June 20, 1816
David Campbell	Nov 9, 1818
Robert I. Chester	Feb 19, 1822
John K. Chester	April 26, 1825
George Elgin	April 1, 1826
James Beckwith	Oct 5, 1827
Joseph W. Allen	Dec 13, 1834
LeRoy E. Mitchell	March 12, 1836

George C. Allen	Dec. 23, 1839
Samuel T. Coker	March 10, 1840
Daniel Fergusson	July 19, 1845
William Robinson	June 15, 1847
William K. Browning	Sept 20, 1848
Richard B. Hare	Oct 11, 1849
John L. Arendell	Aug 28, 1850
John I Burnett	Mar 1, 1854
David Won (?)	Mar 30, 1855
John Bridges	Dec 15, 1855
Norvell B. McDonald	April 5, 1859
James H. Piper	Aug 23, 1859
Robert Strother	Oct 4, 1859
John E. Stevens	Jan 6, 1860
James Timberlake	June 14, 1860
William H. McDonald	July 6, 1860
Frank M. Goodall	Oct 12, 1860
Armstrong W. Allen	Nov 28, 1860
Edward L. Bradley	June 16, 1865
James P. MKee	Aug 13, 1866
Callie Meroney	Apr 27, 1881
Lizzie Savage	July 5, 1893
Jennie McKee	Aug 27, 1897
Robert M. Pickering	Oct 18, 1901
William B. Pickering	Sep 25, 1903
<b>Felix P. McGinness</b>	<b>Jan 19, 1915</b>
Francis S. Pickering	Aug 31, 1922
Jesse W. Alexander	June 8, 1928
Jere Gardenhire	May 24, 1835
Elisha T. Morris, Jr.	Jan 31, 1958

**Source:** Carthage-Smith County, TN Newspapers: Vol. 1: 1809-1913: pg. 153

Smith County News, June 8, 1911: Yesterday while workmen were engaged in shoveling rubbish around the front porch of the brick residence of J.R. Curtis (which was the old Geneva Academy), they found a solid gold ring with the name H.M. Hale engraved on the inside.

It turned out to be the engagement ring our townsman, Judge H.M. Hale, gave to his wife in 1872 – the year before they were married – forty years ago.

Mrs. Hale died about six years ago, but the ring was lost about 22 years ago. She never knew where she lost it, but...*paper torn*... A few old bricks and dirt from the old Presbyterian Church lot where **F.P. McGinnis** built his new house was taken a few days ago to the Curtis residence for \_\_\_in repairs and improvements, and it has been suggested that the ring might have been lost at the old church.

It was undamaged and as bright, almost, as new. Judge Hale and his daughters were, of course, glad to get the ring and it will be treasured and taken care of henceforth.

### **McGinnis Information:**

Sketches of Tennessee's Pioneer Baptist Preachers by J.J. Burnett: pg. 365

Story about: Moses McGinnis born in Smyth Co., VA to Edward and Nancy McGinnis. Moses McGinnis md Mary Wolf, d/o Charles and Susanna Wolf.

1850 Smith Co., TN census:

McGinnis, William 51 M (Value of real estate, 700) Farmer KY

McGinnis, Gillacy 40 F NC

McGinnis, Elizabeth A. 23 F TN

McGinnis, Green W. 16 M TN

McGinnis, Rebecca M. 14 F TN

McGinnis, Lucinda P. 12 F TN

McGinnis, William J. 10 M TN

McGinnis, Martha J. 5 F TN

McGinnis, Mary E. 7/12 F TN

Woods, Nancy 13 F TN

**Patterson, Felix L.** 24 M M.D. TN

1850 Smith Co., TN census: Lived near William McGinnis

Exum, William 66 M (Value of real estate, 300) NC Shoe & Bootmaker

Exum, Eliza 44 F VA

Exum, William J. 11 M TN

Allen, Amanda 17 F TN

Allen, Malissa 9 F TN

Source: Mitch Jones: Wed, 1 Sep 2004 16:55:52 EDT: <http://www.dmitchelljones.org>

**Note this is Felix Patterson where Felix Patterson McGinnis got his name.** William McGinnis was son of William McGinnis and Trifena Taylor. Gillacy was Gillacy Prior dau of Pleasant Prior. I can not place Felix Patterson McGinnis, but am thinking that he might be son of William and Gillacy. William, m Gillacy, had brother John who married Susannah Starnes. William, m Trifena, was son of Alexander McGinnis my ancestor. Alexander was born in Halifax Co., VA and was in Pulaski Co., KY with Clarks, Atnips (Inabnits), Hays and Trapps that were in DeKalb Co., TN