

**MISS LEONA BYRNE DIES IN SAN ANTONIO:**

b. 19 May 1873, TN – d. 7 December 1933, San Antonio, TX, d/o **Terrel Byrne & Mary Jane Spurlock**.  
Leona Mae Byrne is buried in the Byrne Cemetery, Jackson Co., TN.

**Miss Leona Byrne** died Sunday in a hospital in San Antonio, TX. Her remains arrived here Tuesday and funeral services were conducted at the Cookeville Methodist Church on Wednesday morning, at 10 o'clock, by the Rev. Dow A. Ensor and the Rev. Dean Stroud. A large congregation of relatives and friends were present.

Miss Byrne was, for many years, a faithful and successful teacher in the Cookeville City School. For the past several years she had been engaged in teaching in Mission Schools of the Southern Methodist Church.

For several years she taught in a Methodist Mission School in Cuba, but for the past few years she had been teaching in a Methodist Mission School in San Antonio, TX, on the Mexican border.

For the past few months, she had been suffering with heart trouble, and, for several days prior to her death, had been critically ill.

She came to Cookeville as a young lady to teach in the Cookeville City School and ever afterwards regarded Cookeville as her home. She was a sister of the late Mrs. Cleora Byrne Dowell, for many years a teacher in the Cookeville City School, and Miss Byrne made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Dowell, until the death of Mrs. Dowell a few years ago, since which time she had made her home with her brother, William J. Byrne, well known groceryman of this city.

Miss Leona Byrne devoted her life to educational and religious work. Hundreds of people in this city and county were formerly her pupils. She was a lady of rare culture, and her life was one of useful and ennobling service.

She was a **daughter of the late Terrell Byrne** who, for many years, and until his death, was one of Jackson county's most prominent and highly respected citizens.

Miss Byrne was born and reared near Granville.

She is survived by three brothers, Bascomb Byrne, of Granville, William J. Byrne, of Cookeville, and Lemuel Byrne, of Portland, OR. She is also survived by a number of nieces and nephews and other relatives in Putnam and Jackson counties.

She was an aunt of Mrs. Gilbert Draper, of this city.

Following funeral services at the Cookeville Methodist Church Wednesday morning, the remains were taken to Granville, where burial took place Wednesday afternoon.

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Name: Leona M. Byrne  
Death Date: 09 Dec 1933  
Death Place: San Antonio, Bexar, Texas  
Gender: Female  
Race: White  
Death Age: About 55 years  
Estimated Birth Date: 1878  
Birth Date:  
Birthplace: Cookeville, Tenn.  
Marital Status: Single  
Spouse's Name:

Father's Name: Byrrell Byrne  
Father's Birthplace:  
Mother's Name: Mary Spurlock  
Mother's Birthplace:  
Occupation: Missionary Teacher  
Place of Residence: San Antonio, Bexar, Texas  
Cemetery:  
Burial Place: Cookeville, Tenn.  
Burial Date: 10 Dec 1933  
Additional Relatives:  
Film Number: 2115946  
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\*See Mattie Leah Byrne Watts Obt., and Jared files at: <http://www.ajlambert.com>