

**Mary Josephine (McGinness) Drake Obt.**

Funeral Held For Mrs. Guy Drake:

Funeral services for Mrs. Josie McGinnis Drake, wife of G. A. Drake of Carthage, were conducted at the Methodist Church Wednesday afternoon by the pastor, the Rev. J. W. L. Matlock and Herbert Leslie, minister of the Christian Church. Burial was in Ridgewood Cemetery.

Mrs. Drake died in Smith County Hospital Tuesday morning after a long period of failing health.

Mrs. Drake was a daughter of the late F. P. and Victoria Jared McGinnis. She was born and reared at Buffalo Valley in Putnam County. She had lived in Carthage more than 60 years where she was beloved and esteemed by a wide circle of friends, both white and colored, many of whom she had from time to time been beneficiaries of her kindness and charity. Although childless, Mrs. Drake was very fond of children and had many friends among the very young.

She was a member of the Carthage Methodist Church.

In addition to her husband, survivors are 2 sisters, Mrs. W. S. Farmer and Miss Allie Mai McGinnis of Carthage; 3 brothers, H. B., and Roscoe McGinnis of Carthage, and DeWitt McGinnis of San Francisco, CA.

Bass Funeral home was in charge.

Carthage Courier, Smith Co., TN: Thursday, 3 May 1962, front page.

**Guy A. Drake Obt.**

Funeral services for Guy A. Drake, 81, former Carthage Mayor and tobacco warehouseman, were conducted at Sanderson Chapel Wednesday afternoon by the Rev. Maurice Moore, pastor of the United Methodist Church. Burial was in Ridgewood Cemetery.

Mr. Drake who had been ill for several months, died in Carthage General Hospital early Tuesday morning.

He was a native of Smith County, born in Difficult, a son of the late William and Betty Yeaman Drake. The family moved to Carthage when he was very young and have lived here since.

Mr. Drake owned and operated a tobacco warehouse here and later in S. Carthage for many years and was considered an expert on the growth and sale of burley.

He served on the Carthage Town Council and served 2 terms as Mayor in the late 1940's. He was a Methodist and a Mason.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Florence Carter Drake; a sister, Mrs. Flora Myers, Carthage; 10 nieces and nephews.

Carthage Courier, Smith Co., TN: Thursday, 20 November 1969.

**Ollie (McGinness) Farmer Obt.**

Farmer Rites Held Monday

Funeral services for Mrs. Ollie McGinness Farmer, 86, widow of Dr. W. S. Farmer, were conducted at the Carthage Methodist Church Monday afternoon by the pastor, Dr. J. W. L. Matlock, assisted by the Rev. Herbert Leslie, minister of the Christian Church. Burial was in Ridgewood Cemetery.

Mrs. Farmer died in Smith County Hospital Sunday shortly after noon from a stroke she suffered in February.

She was born and reared in Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN, a daughter of the late Felix P. and Victoria Jared McGinness.

She was married to Dr. Farmer who for many years was superintendent of Central State Hospital in 1936. Dr. Farmer, who had previously practiced medicine in Cookeville. She had lived here since his death.

She was a member of the Carthage Methodist Church, being very active in various women's organizations of the church and in numerous church activities, in all of which she had an interest and pride.

Survivors are three brothers, H. B. and Roscoe McGinness, Carthage, and Dewitt McGinness, Carthage; two nieces, Mrs. J. B. Gore, Carthage; Mrs. Kenneth Robinson, Atlanta; and one nephew, Houston McGinness, Los Angeles.

Sanderson Funeral Home was in charge.

Carthage Courier Carthage Newspaper, TN: Thursday, 18 April 1963.

### **Dr. Winfield Scott Farmer Obt.**

Dr. Winfield Scott Farmer of Buffalo Valley moved to Nashville where he was the Director of Central State Hospital.

Born and Reared in This County, And Practiced Medicine Here For a Number of Years

Dr. W. (Winfield) Scott Farmer, who for twenty-two years was superintendent of Tennessee's Central State Hospital for the Insane, died Friday after a long illness.

Three months ago he gave up active work at the hospital because of failing health and had been confined to Vanderbilt Hospital, Nashville, since July 1.

Dr. Farmer was a former resident of Cookeville, where he practiced medicine for a number of years.

He devoted a great amount of his time and energy to the improvement of the Central Hospital for the Insane. Through his efforts a building for the criminally insane was secured for the institution. He was widely known as a psychiatrist, having participated in a nation-wide study of legal psychiatry with nineteen other outstanding specialist several years ago. He aided in formulating the policies of the American Psychiatrist Association on legal psychiatrist Association on legal psychiatry. While head of the state institution Dr. Farmer was called in on more than 700 criminal cases as an authority. His work with the courts was done without added expense to the state.

He gave freely of his time, volunteering his services without remuneration.

Dr. Farmer served as an instructor in psychiatry for many years on the Vanderbilt University faculty. He conducted clinics for Vanderbilt medical students and students of psychology in the academic school. Students from Peabody, colleges in Middle Tennessee, and high schools in Nashville and surrounding area attended his clinics.

After graduating from Vanderbilt Dr. Farmer began the practice of medicine in his native county. When he went to Nashville he joined the McKendree Methodist Church, the Nashville Council of Social Service Agencies, and the Exchange Club.

He was a member of the American Medical Association; a fellow of the American psychiatrists' Association; a charter member of the Middle Tennessee Medical Association, of which he was past

president; a member of the Tennessee State Medical Association, the Upper Cumberland Medical Society, and the Nashville Academy of Medicine; and was elected last year to honorary membership in the Tennessee-Mississippi Peace Officers' Association.

Funeral services were held in the chapel of the Central State Hospital at 3 p.m. Saturday, conducted by Dr. King Vivion, pastor of McKendree Methodist Church, assisted by the Rev. Pickens Johnson, pastor of the Arlington Methodist Church.

Dr. Farmer is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ollie McGinness Farmer; one daughter, Mrs. Frank Wooten, of Nashville; two sons, Clay Farmer of Buffalo Valley, and Douglas Farmer of Nashville; three sisters, Mrs. R. L. Kerr, and Mrs. W. W. Jared of Buffalo Valley, and Mrs. Emma Burch of Prague, Okla., and several nieces and nephews.

His first marriage was to Miss Fannie Vaden.

Dr. Farmer was the son of the late Wm. Scott Farmer and Mrs. Amanda Smellage Farmer. He was born and reared in Putnam County.

Burial was at Buffalo Valley, his former home.

**Herald Newspaper, Cookeville, TN: 11 August 1938, front page.**

**John Barnett Gore Obt.**

J. B. Gore, age 86, former Smith County School Superintendent, educator and attorney, died June 24, 1989. Survived by daughter, Jane Gore Moore of Hendersonville, son, John R. Gore of Tanglewood; sister, Mary Gannon, Birmingham, AL, two brothers, Leon Gore of Opp, AL, and Jim Gore of Warren, MI; two grandchildren, Grady Moore, III and David Moore, both of Hendersonville. One step-grandchild, Stephanie Brooks of Tanglewood.

Services 2 p.m. Monday at the Carthage Chapel of Sanderson Funeral Home with Bro. Ed Spiva officiating. Honorary pallbearers, Joe Harper, Gene Olham, Dr. Roger Duke, Dr. Achilles Demetriou, A. C. Read Jr., Hubert Butler, Paul Kemp, Smith County Retired Teachers, men of the Cathage Christian Church. Active pallbearers, David Moore, Grady Moore III, Kenneth Keith, David and James Robinson. In lieu of flowers memorial books may be placed in Smith County High School and Carthage Elementary School libraries.

Interment Ridgewood Cemetery, Carthage.

Sanderson Funeral Home of Carthage, directors.

The Tennessean, TN: Monday, 26 June 1989.

**Kathryne (McGinnes) Gore Obt.**

Funeral rites for Mrs. Kathryne McGinness Gore, age 60 of 222 East College, were conducted Tuesday afternoon from the Chapel of Sanderson Funeral Home.

Dr. Herman Norton and Bro. Kenneth Hester, officiated.

Interment was in Ridgewood Cemetery.

Mrs. Gore died early Monday morning, August 18, 1975 at Smith County Hospital.

She was the daughter of Mrs. Sydney Belle Bilbrey McGinnes who survives and the late Roscoe McGinness.

Mrs. Gore had taught in the Smith County School System and was a member of the Carthage Christian Church.

Survivors in addition to her mother are her husband, J. B. Gore, Carthage, daughter, Mrs. Jane Moore, Mannheim, Germany; son John Gore, Murfreesboro; sister Mrs. Kenneth Robinson, Carthage, brother, Houston McGinness, Los Angeles, CA; and two grandchildren. Sanderson Funeral Home of Carthage, directors.

Carthage Courier, Smith Co., TN: 21 August 1975.

**Patvee "Pat" (Hassall) McGinness Obt.**

Mrs. Patvee McGinness of Carthage died Wednesday morning, October 25, 1995, at her hilltop drive home at the age of 75.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 27, from the Carthage Chapel of Sanderson Funeral Home by Eld. Charles Allen Gentry. Burial followed the 11:00 a.m. services in the Ridgewood Cemetery.

A native of Los Angeles, CA, Mrs. McGinness was the daughter of the late John and Helen Kubiak Hassall on June 9, 1945 she was married to Carthage native Houston McGinness. Mrs. McGinness was a registered nurse in the state of California for fifty years before her retirement in 1990. She was a 1937 graduate of Alhambra High School in Achambra, CA, graduated from Pasadena Junior College, attended California State College for two years and received her degree in nursing from Mt. Zion Hospital School of Nursing in San Francisco.

Surviving in addition to her husband is one sister, Phyllis Williams of Monrvia, CA; a nephew, Christopher Williams of Ames, IA; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Kenneth and Frances Sue McGinness Robinson of Carthage. Sanderson Funeral Home of Carthage, directors.

Carthage Courier, Smith Co., TN: 2 November 1995.

**Houston Dewitt McGinness Obt.**

b. 26 March 1919, Carthage, Smith Co., TN – d. 3 November 2016, Carthage, Smith Co., TN, md **Patvee "Pat" Hassall**, b. 3 July 1920, Los Angeles, CA – d. 25 October 1995, Carthage, Smith Co., TN, d/o **John Hassall & Helen Kubiak**. Houston Dewitt McGinness, s/o **Roscoe McGinness** (1884-1971) & **Sydney Belle Bilbrey** (1886-1986), both buried in Ridgewood Cemetery, Carthage, Smith Co., TN.

Carthage, TN: Houston DeWitt McGinness

Age 97. November 3, 2016. Son of the late Roscoe McGinness & Sydney Bilbrey McGinness. Preceded in death by wife of 50 years, Pat Hassall McGinness; and a nephew, Don Robinson.



Survived by niece, Jane Gore Moore & husband Grady of Birmingham, AL; nephews, David Robinson & wife Wendy of the Turkey Creek Community, Jamie Robinson & wife Nancy of Lebanon, John Gore & wife Susan of Cookeville, Chris Williams & wife Donette of Ames, IA.

Service 3:00 p.m. Sunday at the Carthage Chapel of Sanderson Funeral Home with Eld. Charles Allen Gentry officiating. Pallbearers, family.

Interment in the Ridgewood Cemetery.

Memorials requested to Smith County Historical Society or Boy Scout Troop #367 - c/o S.F.H. - 901 Main Street North - Carthage, TN 37030-1002.

Visitation Sunday after 12 noon at SANDERSON OF CARTHAGE (615)735-2118  
www.SandersonFH.com

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**Felix Patterson McGinness Obt.**

Felix McGinnis, 85 year-old citizen of Carthage and one of Smith County's most prominent men, died at his home at Carthage about 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. McGinnis was a native of Putnam County, having been born at Buffalo Valley, TN. 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.

Carthage Courier, Smith Co., TN: 28 February 1935, front page.

**Houston Bradley McGinnes Obt.**

Funeral services for Houston Bradley "Brad" McGinnis, 89, were conducted at the Sanderson Funeral Home here Sunday afternoon by the Rev. Maurice Moore, pastor of the Carthage United Methodist Church and the Rev. James Carpenter, minister of the Carthage Christian Church. Burial was in Ridgewood Cemetery.

Mr. McGinnis died in Carthage Hospital Saturday after a brief illness, although he had been in ill health for several months.

He was born at Buffalo Valley in Putnam County, a son of the late Felix P. and Victoria Jared McGinnis.

The family moved to Carthage in 1896 where Mr. McGinnis received his primary education.

He was graduated from the Cumberland University School of Law in 1902 and afterward practiced law in Carthage for 61 years until his retirement in 1963.

He married the former Miss Johnnie Odum of Lebanon in 1914. She died in 1953. Mr. McGinnis was active in the Democratic party and legal affairs for many years. He was a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee from 1910-1918, state Senate Rep. of Smith and Wilson Counties 1921-1925, Delegate to the Democratic Convention in NY 1924, Houston, TX 1928, Chair of Tennessee Delegates, close personal friend of Cordell Hull. He was Hull's personal attorney and executive of the Hull estate. President of Smith County Bank 1930-1964. Active in the Methodist Church and taught Bible Class 27 years.

Survivors include 2 brothers, Rosco McGinnis of Carthage, and DeWitt McGinnis of San Francisco, CA. Active pallbearers: Ed Turner, James L. Bass, Jackie Bellar, and nephews, John Gore and Don Robinson.

Carthage Courier, Smith Co., TN: Thursday, 23 January 1969.

**Johnnie (Odum) McGinness Obt.**

Funeral services for Mrs. Johnnie Odum McGinnis, 72, wife of H. B. McGinnis prominent Carthage attorney, were conducted at the Carthage Methodist Church Wednesday morning by the pastor, the Rev. Ewing S. Weakley, assisted by the Rev. J. C. Parrish, pastor of the First Baptist Church. Burial was in Ridgewood Cemetery.

Mrs. McGinnis died in County Hospital at 10:00 p.m. Monday of coronary thrombosis following a short illness.

She was the daughter of the late W. T. and Mrs. Jodie Odum. She was reared in Lebanon where she lived until her marriage to Mr. McGinnis in 1914 since which time she has resided in Carthage.

Mrs. McGinnis, a Presbyterian by faith was active in the women's activities of the Carthage Methodist church, there being no Presbyterian church in town. She also was prominent in many civic activities in Carthage including the Garden Club. She had won many prizes for her pre-eminent work in growing and displaying flowers among which she spent much time and effort.

Surviving are her husband and the following cousins; Mrs. Allen Barry, Mrs. William Ferguson, Elmer Gill, Miss Tabitha Barbee, and Kiefer Odum, Lebaon, Joe Gill, Watertown, Mrs. Eliz. Kennedy, Oklahoma City, OK, Forrest Gill, FL, and Mrs. F. A. Smith, Gulfport.

Acting pallbearers: Men's Bible Class, C. S. Butler, Huber Butler, William Tuley, Sr., Ed Bowman, Dr. Joe Bell, M. T. Murrah, Ervin Smith, Curtis Sloan.

Cartage Courier, Smith Co., TN: 13 August 1953, front page.

#### **Roscoe McGinness Obt.**

Services for Roscoe McGinnis, 87, former banker, were at 3:00 Tuesday June 8 at the Carthage Christian Church. The pastor, Rev. Arthur Murrell officiated.

Burial was in Ridgewood Cemetery with Masonic Rites at the grave.

Mr. McGinnis died early Sunday morning, June 6, 1971 in Smith County Hospital following an extended illness.

A native of Putnam County, he was the son of the late Felix and Victoria Jared McGinnis. He was graduated from the Joseph W. Allen College, Carthage.

Mr. McGinnis was a former assistant cashier for the Smith County Bank. He was a charter member of the Carthage Rotary Club.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Sydney Bilbrey McGinnis; 2 daughters, Mrs. J. B. Gore, and Mrs. Kenneth Robinson, all of Carthage; one son, Houston McGinnis of Los Angeles, CA; 1 brothers, DeWitt C. McGinnis of San Francisco, CA; 5 grandchildren, Mrs. Carl Grady Moore, Jr., John Gore, Dop, David, and Jamie Robinson; 1 great grandchild, Grady Moore, III. Acting pallbearers in addition to the grandsons were Grady Moore, Jr., and W. G. Birdwell, Jr., Sanderson Funeral Home.

Carthage Courier, Smith Co., TN: 10 June 1971.

#### **Sydney Belle (Bilbrey) McGinness Obt.**

Sydney Bilbrey McGinness, widow of the late Roscoe McGinness, a Smith County Banker, died Wednesday evening, January 29, at Smith County Health Care at the age of 99.

Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. from the Carthage Christian Church by Dr. Herman Norton and Bro. Stephen Gentle. Burial was in Ridgewood Cemetery.

Mrs. McGinness was a native of Overton County and was the daughter of the late John Calvin Bilbrey and Kate Barnes Bilbrey. She was a long time member of the Carthage Christian Church and was an avid flower gardner.

Surviving are two children, Frances Sue Robinson of Carthage and Houston McGinness of Los Angeles, CA; sister Lillie Ashburn of Oak Ridge; five grandchildren; five great grandchildren.

Sanderson Funeral Home of Carthage directors.

Carthage Courier, Smith Co., TN: 6 February 1986

**Victoria (Jared) McGinness Obt.**

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 last surviving of their 9 children. Her grandfather, born in 1760, was a Virginia 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, CA; 3 grandchildren, Mrs. Katherine Gore, Carthage, Mrs. Kenneth Robinson, Norfolk, VA, and Houston McGinnis, Los Angeles, CA; 3 great-grandchildren, Jane and John Gore and Don Robinson.

Carthage Courier, Smith Co., TN: Thursday, 21 May 1953, front page. Also check: Hartsville Vidette, 21 May 1953.

**Frances Sue (McGinnes) Robinson Obt.**

Mrs. Frances Sue McGinness Robinson of Carthage died at the age of 84, at 1:35 p.m. Saturday afternoon, June 24 2006, at the Smith County Memorial Hospital following a brief illness.

Monday morning funeral services from the Carthage Chapel of Sanderson Funeral Home were conducted by Eld. Charles Allen Gentry from the Carthage Chapel of Sanderson Funeral Home. Following the 11 a.m. services, burial was in the Smith County Memorial Gardens.

On July 27, 1948, in Carthage at the home of her late sister and brother-in-law, J. B. and Kathyne McGinness Gore, who died August 18, 1975, she was united in marriage to Kenneth McDonald Robinson of Horseshoe Bend. They were united in marriage by longtime Carthage Christian Church pastor, Dr. Herman Norton.

Mrs. Robinson was also preceded in death by a sister-in-law, Pat McGinness.

Born in Carthage on September 4, 1921, she was one of three children of Roscoe McGinness, who died June 6, 1971, and Sydney Belle Bilbrey McGinness, who died January 29, 1986.

Mrs. Robinson was the valedictorian of the 1940 graduating class at Carthage High School where she was an outstanding athlete and captain of the Owlette basketball team.

She received her bachelor of science degree in physical education from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville in 1944.

In 1944 and 1945, she taught physical education at Byers Hall High School in Covington. In 1946, she received her masters in P. E. from U. T.

She was a longtime member of the Carthage Christian Church, where she also served as secretary-treasurer until the church ceased to exist in 1995.

The Robinsons now attend the North Carthage Baptist Church.

Her greatest joy was her love and support of her family and cat "Boots".

Surviving, in addition to her husband of 58 years, are three sons, Don Robinson and wife, Patricia of Knoxville, David Robinson and wife, Wendy of Turkey Creek, Jamie Robinson and wife, Nancy of Lebanon; brother, Houston McGinness of Carthage; four grandchildren, Amanda Massey and husband, Owen, Tyler Robinson, all of Pleasant Shade, Carter Robinson of Turkey Creek, Katie Robinson of Lebanon; niece, Jane Gore Moore and husband, Grady Moore Jr. of Nashville; nephew, John Gore and wife, Dr. Susan Gore of Cookeville.

The family has requested memorials to the North Carthage Baptist Church.

\*See Chapter 8, Jared family newsclippings & Victoria Jared McGinness Obt. at:

<http://www.ajlambert.com>