

John Tilford Jernigan "Poppa" Obituary
b. 22 October 1865, Bloomington Springs, TN
d. 18 November 1941, Double Springs, TN
s/o Wiley & Sarah Jane "Sallie" (Short) Jernigan

Funeral Services Held Wednesday For Esquire John T. Jernigan
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Esq. John Tilford Jernigan, 76 one of the best known citizens of Putnam County, TN, died Tuesday evening at his residence in Double Springs, TN. He suffered a stroke of paralysis several months ago, since which time he had been confined to his home.

He was born and reared near Double Springs, but was a resident of the 11th Civil District of this County for many years. He moved to Double Springs, from the 11 District, about twenty-five years ago and resided there until his death.

He was a teacher in the public schools of this county for several years and served for twelve years as a Justice-of-the-Peace, from the 11th District.

After moving to Double Springs, he served for several years a Justice of the Peace from the 7th District.

He was engaged in farming during most of his life.

In his young manhood, he was married to Miss Huldah Thompson, a daughter of the late E.L. Thompson of the 11th District, who survives him. Ten children were born to this union; nine of whom survive, as follows; Esq. Grady Jernigan, Mrs. Amanda Maynard and Mrs. Will Boyd of Boma, Mrs. Flossie Martin of Waverly; Mrs. Virgie Myers and Mrs. Vena Moss of Chattanooga; Mrs. Pearl Allison of Baxter and Mrs. Avo Loftis and Mrs. Jennie Moss of Double Springs, TN; and also by 49 grandchildren and 12 great, grandchildren, and by many other relatives in this county.

For many years he had been a member of the Hopewell Baptist Church near his former home in the 11th District.

A large assembly of relatives and friends attended the funeral services, conducted by Rev. Alonzo Harris, at the Smellage graveyard, Boma, TN, Wednesday afternoon.