

Story of Charlie Patrick Jernigan  
By Floyd Levi Jernigan Sr.

Charlie was born 29 March 1871 and died 10 September 1935. He married Evola Shaw, born 22 June 1879 and died 11 January 1966. They are both buried in the Double Springs Cemetery, Double Springs, TN.

Walter Haywood Jernigan was the brother of Charlie Patrick Jernigan. Walter used to tell a story to the family about Charlie.

*“Charlie was a drummer, and a salesman from a wagon. One day Charlie was selling wood fired cook stoves and carried a stove on his wagon. He went out on the road looking for customers. Two boys about marring age stopped Charlie and asked if he was Drummer Jernigan.. Charlie replied that he was and the boys asked if he would demonstrate the features of his stove.”*

*“Thinking the boys were near marring age and possibly planning on setting up house keeping, Charlie gave them his most enthusiastic demonstration. He opened the oven door and jumped up and down on it to demonstrate the quality and durability of the stove, he then took the caps off and threw them against the wagon wheels to demonstrate their durability. When he finished his demonstration he was totally exhausted and felt the boys were ready to buy the stove. Charlie asked the boys when and where they would like the stove delivered. The boys said that they weren't in the market for a stove and that they just saw the best show from Charlie they had seen in months. They boys offered to pay him for his show but Charlie turned them down. Charlie loved to tell this story to anyone who would listen.”*