

Descendants of John Merritt

Generation No. 1

1. JOHN¹ MERRITT was born June 24, 1804 in NC, and died December 26, 1886 in DeKalb Co., TN. He married NANCY TIBBS. She was born July 24, 1809, and died October 1890.

Notes for JOHN MERRITT:

References: "southern Standard", McMinnville, TN, February 21, 1967, and March 4, 1970.

Personal records of Miss Lila Haggard, Mrs. Nellie Haggard, Mrs. Flossie J. Clemons and Mrs. Ruth Ransdell. The Conger Family in America

More About JOHN MERRITT:

Burial: View Point Cemetery, DeKalb Co., TN

Notes for NANCY TIBBS:

The 1850 census indicates that Nancy's birth place is unknown - all other census records indicate she was born in Tennessee. Living in Smith Co., TN 1850 census and in DeKalb Co., TN, 16th District 1860, 1870 and 1880 census.

Children of JOHN MERRITT and NANCY TIBBS are:

2. i. MARTHA² MERRITT, b. Abt. 1827.
3. ii. SARAH MERRITT, b. Abt. 1833; d. September 01, 1915.
4. iii. NANCY JOSEPHINE MERRITT, b. Abt. 1848, TN.
- iv. SAMANTHA MERRITT, b. November 24, 1843; d. June 09, 1864.

Notes for SAMANTHA MERRITT:

never married.

5. v. ELIZABETH MERRITT, b. September 27, 1834; d. September 29, 1894, DeKalb Co., TN.
- vi. ELIZA JANE MERRITT, b. September 25, 1835, TN; d. May 01, 1909, DeKalb Co., TN; m. JOHN JOHNSON.
6. vii. WILLIAM HANELY MERRITT, b. March 02, 1838, TN; d. December 29, 1912, DeKalb Co., TN.
7. viii. ALBERT M. MERRITT, b. Abt. 1842.
8. ix. BENJAMIN M. MERRITT, b. Abt. 1846.

Generation No. 2

2. MARTHA² MERRITT (*JOHN*¹) was born Abt. 1827. She married JAMES HALE. He was born Abt. 1814.

Notes for JAMES HALE:

James Hale/Hailes

Children of MARTHA MERRITT and JAMES HALE are:

- i. JOHN L.³ HALE, b. Abt. 1853; m. MARY GARNER.
- ii. JAMES M. HALE, b. Abt. 1856; m. HESTER TRAMEL.
- iii. SARAH F. HALE, b. Abt. 1859; m. TOM MCHOOD.
- iv. MARY F. HALE, b. Abt. 1861; m. ZACH MARTIN.
- v. JOSEPHINE HALE, b. Abt. 1865; m. JOHN WATTS.
- vi. MARTELIA HALE, b. Abt. 1869; m. JOHN "RED" FOSTER.

3. SARAH² MERRITT (*JOHN*¹) was born Abt. 1833, and died September 01, 1915. She married JOHN GARNER January 01, 1852.

Children of SARAH MERRITT and JOHN GARNER are:

- i. LEWIS JAMES³ GARNER, m. (1) MELVINA SMITH; m. (2) ELIZABETH; m. (3) FANNIE MERRITT; b.

- December 1869; m. (4) FANNIE E. MERRITT; b. December 1869.
9. ii. NANCY JOSEPHINE "JOSIE" GARNER, b. October 03, 1861, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN; d. March 11, 1954, Putnam Co., TN.

4. NANCY JOSEPHINE² MERRITT (*JOHN*¹) was born Abt. 1848 in TN. She married SOLOMON W. WEBSTER April 06, 1868 in DeKalb Co., TN.

Notes for SOLOMON W. WEBSTER:

Living in the 16th Dist., DeKalb Co., TN in the 1880 census.

Children of NANCY MERRITT and SOLOMON WEBSTER are:

- i. NANCY ELIZABETH "NAN"³ WEBSTER, b. Abt. 1869.
- ii. MARY ELIZABETH WEBSTER, b. Abt. 1873; m. TELLERSON.
- iii. HATTON WEBSTER.
- iv. MINNIE WEBSTER.
- v. JOHN ARTHUR WEBSTER, b. Abt. 1871.
- vi. S. ANDREW WEBSTER, b. Abt. 1876.
- vii. EVERETT WEBSTER.
- viii. TOMMY WEBSTER.
- ix. SARAH WEBSTER, b. April 1880.

5. ELIZABETH² MERRITT (*JOHN*¹) was born September 27, 1834, and died September 29, 1894 in DeKalb Co., TN. She married ELI CONGER July 24, 1856 in DeKalb Co., TN, son of ELISHA CONGER and NANCY TITTSWORTH. He was born January 20, 1832 in Smith Co., TN, and died August 18, 1886 in DeKalb Co., TN.

More About ELIZABETH MERRITT:

Burial: Mt. Holly Cemetery, DeKalb Co., TN

Notes for ELI CONGER:

Living in the 7th Dist., DeKalb Co., TN in the 1880 census.

More About ELI CONGER:

Burial: Mt. Holly Cemetery, DeKalb Co., TN

Children of ELIZABETH MERRITT and ELI CONGER are:

- i. WILLIAM P.³ CONGER, b. August 18, 1857; d. 1929; m. ELLEN FOSTER.
- ii. JOHN ELISHA CONGER, b. January 06, 1859; d. March 04, 1947; m. AVO HUDDLESTON.
- iii. ALBERT MANSON CONGER, b. September 26, 1867; d. August 17, 1929; m. HELEN BOND.

6. WILLIAM HANELY² MERRITT (*JOHN*¹) was born March 02, 1838 in TN, and died December 29, 1912 in DeKalb Co., TN. He married SARAH "SALLY" FRANCES JOHNSON October 11, 1860 in DeKalb Co., TN. She was born October 13, 1839, and died January 23, 1913.

More About WILLIAM HANELY MERRITT:

Burial: Mt. Holly Cemetery, DeKalb Co., TN

More About SARAH "SALLY" FRANCES JOHNSON:

Burial: Mt. Holly Cemetery, DeKalb Co., TN

Children of WILLIAM MERRITT and SARAH JOHNSON are:

- i. JOHN RICHARD³ MERRITT, b. Abt. 1862.
- ii. JAMES ALBERT MERRITT, b. Abt. 1863.
- iii. WILLIAM ELIHUGH MERRITT, b. January 29, 1865, DeKalb Co., TN; m. (1) ELLEN NOLLNER; m. (2) NANNIE B. GREER; b. July 07, 1879; d. November 12, 1965.
- iv. BENJAMIN MERRITT, b. Abt. 1867.
- v. NANCY E. MERRITT, b. Abt. 1869.
- vi. SOLOMON TIMOTHY MERRITT, b. February 16, 1871; d. June 22, 1951, Amarillo, TX; m. MINNIE JOHNSON, January 11, 1907, DeKalb Co., TN.

- vii. LUTHER MERRITT, b. Abt. 1879.

Notes for LUTHER MERRITT:
never married. Worn a peg-leg.

- viii. OSCAR PATON MERRITT, b. August 31, 1881; d. March 02, 1970; m. JOSIE ETTA FUSON, September 07, 1902; b. November 24, 1881; d. February 16, 1967.
ix. ELIZA JANE MERRITT, b. December 31, 1872; d. June 02, 1959; m. CLAIBORNE FOSTER.

More About ELIZA JANE MERRITT:
Burial: Mt. Holly Cemetery, DeKalb Co., TN

- x. JOSEPHINE MERRITT, b. Abt. 1876; m. SAM FOSTER.
xi. ETHLENE MERRITT, b. Abt. 1874.

7. ALBERT M.² MERRITT (*JOHN*¹) was born Abt. 1842. He married HELENE C. SMITH June 22, 1863 in DeKalb Co., TN. She was born Abt. 1846.

Notes for ALBERT M. MERRITT:

Living in the 16th Dist., DeKalb Co., TN in the 1870 census and in the 13th Dist., Putnam Co., TN in the 1880 census.

Children of ALBERT MERRITT and HELENE SMITH are:

- i. JOHN R.³ MERRITT, b. Abt. 1868; m. ARTIE FOUTCH.
- ii. FANNIE E. MERRITT, b. December 1869; m. LEWIS JAMES GARNER.
- iii. WILLIAM T. "TOMMY" MERRITT, b. Abt. 1876.
- iv. MARY MERRITT, b. Abt. 1872; m. SHADE TRAMEL.
- v. SARAH JENNIE MERRITT, b. Abt. 1870; m. JOHN MCGUFFEE.
- vi. DOLLIE MERRITT, m. (1) CLINTON ANDERSON; m. (2) SENA JONES.
- vii. NED MERRITT.
- viii. CLARENCE MERRITT.

8. BENJAMIN M.² MERRITT (*JOHN*¹) was born Abt. 1846. He married MARGARET TERRY April 21, 1870 in DeKalb Co., TN. She was born Abt. 1855.

Notes for BENJAMIN M. MERRITT:

Living in the 16th Dist., DeKalb Co., TN in the 1880 census.

Children of BENJAMIN MERRITT and MARGARET TERRY are:

- i. LEWIS³ MERRITT.
- ii. VERNA MERRITT.
- iii. VADA MERRITT.
- iv. LASSE EVALEN MERRITT, b. Abt. 1878.

Generation No. 3

9. NANCY JOSEPHINE "JOSIE"³ GARNER (*SARAH*² *MERRITT*, *JOHN*¹) was born October 03, 1861 in Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN, and died March 11, 1954 in Putnam Co., TN. She married GENERAL "GENNINGS" "GEORGE" WASHINGTON ALCORN January 11, 1883, son of ROBERT ALCORN and MARTHA MCGINNIS. He was born April 22, 1861 in Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN, and died June 22, 1935 in Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN.

Notes for NANCY JOSEPHINE "JOSIE" GARNER:

Nancy Josephine "Josie" Garner Obt.

Mrs. G. W. Alcorn Funeral Rites Held:

Mrs. Josephine Garner Alcorn, 92, died Thursday March 11 at her home on N. Washington Ave. after a prolonged illness.

Mrs. Alcorn was a member of the Methodist Church and was the daughter of John H. and Sarah Garner. She was born near Buffalo Valley and lived in Putnam County all her life.

Her husband, G. W. Alcorn, known throughout the county as "General" was sheriff of Putnam County for 16 years. He died in 1936.

Mrs. Alcorn was the mother of a large, fine family. Her home was her throne. She kept a very interested and active mind and held a profound interest in local and world affairs. Flowers gathered from her garden have been a source of joy to many throughout the years.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at the First Methodist Church. The Rev. Bruce Strother, pastor, officiated. Burial was in the City Cemetery. Whitson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Surviving are 2 sons, Felix Alcorn, Holbrook, AZ, Robert Alcorn, Chattahoochee, FL; 4 daughters, Mrs. F. D. Bly, Pasadena, CA, Mrs. C. N. Gracey, Mrs. Fred Luck, and Miss Bessie Alcorn, all of Cookeville; 11 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Herald, TN: 19 March 1954, pg. 2.

More About NANCY JOSEPHINE "JOSIE" GARNER:

Burial: Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN

Notes for GENERAL "GENNINGS" "GEORGE" WASHINGTON ALCORN:

Sheriff of Putnam Co., TN living in the 1st Civil Dist in the 1900 census guarding 12 prisoners at Dwl: 517.

General "Gennings" "George" Washington Alcorn Obt.

b. 22 April 1861, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN - d. 22 June 1935, Cookeville, TN, md 11th of January 1883 to Nancy Josephine (Garner) Alcorn, b. 3 October 1861, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN - d. 11 March 1954, d/o John Garner & Sarah Merritt. General Washington Alcorn, s/o Robert Simpson Alcorn Sr. & Martha J. Exum McGinnis.

Prominent Putnam Countian Dies:

G. W. "General" Alcorn, 74, Marshal of the Tennessee Court under the late chief justice Mr. Landsen, died June 22, 1935 at his home in Cookeville following a stroke of paralysis some months ago.

"General" Alcorn was one of Putnam County's most prominent citizens and had served almost continuously in one capacity or another as an officer of the law since 1928. He enjoyed a wide acquaintance and prominent family connection among whom was the late F. P. McGinness, a half-brother, of Carthage.

Burial was made with Masonic honors, after services had been held by Rev. Dean Stroud and Rev. Dow A. Ensor.

Carthage Courier, Smith Co., TN: 27 June 1935, front page.

General Alcorn Well Known Citizen Dies Saturday:

Held the Office of Sheriff of Putnam County for 8 years, was Supreme Marshal.

G. W. Alcorn died Saturday at his home in this city following another paralytic stroke. George Washington Alcorn was born in Buffalo Valley. He was the son of Esq. Robert S. Alcorn. Nicknamed "General" because of his name. He married Miss Josephine Garner and they had 7 children, Mrs. Lela Gracey of Cookeville, Mrs. Mamie Watson, Mrs. Georgia Bly, Miss Bessie Alcorn and Felix Alcorn, all of Williams, AZ, Mrs. Willis Luck of Watertown and Robert L. Alcorn of Panama City, FL, and 2 brothers, R. L. Alcorn and A. V. Alcorn of Buffalo Valley. Funeral at family residence on Washington Ave. Burial in City Cemetery.

Herald, Cookeville, 27 June 1935, front page.

Note: General Alcorn was sheriff of Putnam County from 1896 to 1900. He later became Chief of Police of Cookeville. The Alcorn home was on the corner of Washington and 6th Street in Cookeville. Courtesy Charlene Gracey.

From Siftings from Putnam County Tennessee by Mary Hopson, pg. 159

(1900 census 1st Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 517 - George W. Alcorn is head of household, 39 yrs. old, b. April 1861, TN, md 17 yrs. to Josi, 38 yrs. old, b. October 1861, TN, 5 children born, 5 children living. Children: Audra B., 15 yrs. old, b. November 1884; Pearl L. 13 yrs. old, b. September 1886; Mamie G., 11 yrs. old, b. August 1888; George A., 3 yrs. old, b. June 1891 & Willie M. Alcorn, 11 yrs. old, b. October 1895. All born in TN. Also living in the household: Catherine Ferrell, 56 yrs. old, b. September 1845, servant; Matilda Hall, 39 yrs. old; Daniel B. Nichols, 34 yrs. old, prisoner; Rowley Quinn, 21 yrs. old, prisoner; John W. Tucker, 27 yrs. old, prisoner; Winton Johnson, 18 yrs. old, prisoner; Ben F. Scott, 41 yrs. old, prisoner; Jim Steward, 30 yrs. old, prisoner; Thomas Burton, 50 yrs. ol, prisoner d; James Neeley, 28 yrs. old, prisoner; James Shewberg, 16 yrs. old, prisoner; John Mackintire, 58 yrs. old, prisoner & Allie Hogan, 20 yrs. old, prisoner).

(1910 census 1st Civil Dist., Spring Street, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 76 Family: 80 - General W. Alcorn is head of household, 48 yrs. old, TN md 27 yrs. to Josie, 48 yrs. old, TN, 7 children born, 7 children living. Children: Bessie, 25 yrs. old, occupation teacher public school; Lela, 23 yrs. old, occupation teacher public school; Mamye, 21 yrs. old, occupation teacher public school; Georgia, 19 yrs. old; Willie M., 14 yrs. old; Felix, 9 yrs. old & Robert Alcorn, 5 yrs. old. All born in TN).

(1920 census 1st Civil Dist., Washington Ave., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 614 Family: 239 - 272 - George W. Alcorn is head of household, 58 yrs. old, TN md to Josie, 58 yrs. old, TN. Children: Bessie, 35 yrs. old; Mamie, 31 yrs. old; Willie, 24 yrs. old; Felix, 18 yrs. old & Robert Alcorn, 14 yrs. old. All born in TN).

(1920 census 1st Civil Dist., Washington Ave., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 614-125-130 - George W. Alcorn is head of household, 68 yrs. old, TN (21 yrs. old 1st marriage) md to Josephine, 68 yrs. old, TN, (21 yrs. old 1st marriage).

More About GENERAL "GENNINGS" "GEORGE" WASHINGTON ALCORN:

Burial: Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN

Children of NANCY GARNER and GENERAL ALCORN are:

- i. AUDRA BESSIE⁴ ALCORN, b. November 12, 1884, Putnam Co., TN; d. July 14, 1961, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN.

Notes for AUDRA BESSIE ALCORN:

Bessie Alcorn Obt.

Funeral services for Miss Bessie Alcorn, 76, were Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of Whitson Funeral Home. Rev. Hall Barrett, Dr. Charles Sharpe ministers of the Presbyterian Church officiated. Burial was in the Cookeville City Cemetery.

Miss Alcorn, ill for many months, died Friday at the Cookeville General Hospital. A native of Putnam County she had spent the greater part of her life in Cookeville. A member of pioneer families she was the daughter of the late George W. and Josephine Garner Alcorn, and was a retired teacher.

She taught in the local schools, in Florida and for some years was located in Williams, Arizona.

Following her retirement she divided her time here and in Pasadena, California. She returned from the latter city more than a year ago and was at home on E. 6th Street. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Miss Alcorn is survived by three sisters, Mrs. C. N. Gracey, Mrs. Fred Luck, Cookeville, Mrs. Fletcher Bly, Pasadena, CA; two brothers, Felix Alcorn, Holbrook, AZ & Robert Alcorn, Chattahoochee, FL. Serving as pallbearers were Judge John Holladay, James A. Carlen of Cookeville and the nephews, Edward Gracey, Donelson, Fletcher Luck, Lafayette, Bob Alcorn, Chattahoochee, FL & Howard Hale, Kingsport.

The Cookeville Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN: Tuesday, 18 July 1961.

More About AUDRA BESSIE ALCORN:

Burial: Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN

10. ii. PEARL LELA ALCORN, b. September 13, 1887, TN; d. December 1985, Putnam Co., TN.
 iii. MAMIE G. ALCORN, b. August 1888, TN; d. 1948, AZ; m. ROY CUMMINGS WATSON; b. September 03, 1882, MI; d. March 12, 1955, Los Angeles, CA.
 iv. GEORGIE ALCORN, b. January 20, 1891, TN; d. October 27, 1977, Pasadena, Los Angeles, CA; m. FLETCHER DAVIS BLY; b. August 21, 1874, VA; d. March 02, 1962, Los Angeles, CA.

More About GEORGIE ALCORN:

Burial: Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN

Notes for FLETCHER DAVIS BLY:

Fletcher Davis Bly Obt.

A prayer service for Fletcher Davis Bly, 88, will be held Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. in the Chapel of Whitson Funeral Home. The Rev. Hall Barrett, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church will officiate. Burial will be in the Cookeville City Cemetery. The body is at the funeral home.

Mr. Bly's death occurred Friday in Pasadena, CA, and funeral services were held there Sunday. He had been ill for several months.

He was reared and educated in his native Weatherford, TX, in later years he owned and operated a sheep ranch in the Grand Canyon area of AZ and resided in Williams, AZ. There in 1918 he married the former Georgie Alcorn of Cookeville. They have been residents of Pasadena for 16 years.

Besides his widow there are no immediate survivors.

The Cookeville Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN: Tuesday, 6 March 1962.

More About FLETCHER DAVIS BLY:

Burial: Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN

- v. WILLIE M. ALCORN, b. October 08, 1895, TN; d. December 1972, Knoxville, TN; m. FRED W. LUCK; b. Abt. 1901.
vi. FELIX ALCORN, b. March 28, 1901, TN; d. July 1971, Phoenix, Maricopa, AZ; m. ELIZABETH A..
vii. ROBERT L. ALCORN, b. 1906, TN.

Generation No. 4

10. PEARL LELA⁴ ALCORN (*NANCY JOSEPHINE "JOSIE"³ GARNER, SARAH² MERRITT, JOHN¹*) was born September 13, 1887 in TN, and died December 1985 in Putnam Co., TN. She married CHARLES N. GRACEY, son of CROCKETT GRACEY and ALTA MOORE. He was born March 23, 1881 in TN, and died May 18, 1959.

Notes for CHARLES N. GRACEY:

Charles N. Gracey Obt.

Funeral services for Charles N. Gracey, 78, were scheduled to be held this afternoon at First Methodist Church.

The Rev. James Reed Cox was to officiate with burial in Cookeville City Cemetery. Whitson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Gracey died at Cookeville General Hospital Monday night after a short illness.

A retired employee of the Department of Internal Revenue, Mr. Gracey was a son of Crockett Dibrell and Alta Margaret Moore Gracey. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lela Alcorn Gracey; a son Edward Craig Gracey, Donelson; two daughters,

Mrs. Josephine Hale, Kingsport, and Miss Charlene Gracey, Cookeville.

(Lela (Alcorn) Gracey, d/o General "Gennings" "George" Washington Alcorn & Nancy Josephine "Josie" Garner)

The Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN: Wednesday, 20 May 1959.

More About CHARLES N. GRACEY:

Burial: Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN

Children of PEARL ALCORN and CHARLES GRACEY are:

- i. CHARLINE B.⁵ GRACEY, b. December 29, 1918; d. January 26, 1996.
11. ii. EDWARD CRAIG "PETE" (SR) GRACEY, b. August 25, 1920, Putnam Co., TN; d. November 30, 1983, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN.

Generation No. 5

11. EDWARD CRAIG "PETE" (SR)⁵ GRACEY (*PEARL LELA⁴ ALCORN, NANCY JOSEPHINE "JOSIE"³ GARNER, SARAH² MERRITT, JOHN¹*) was born August 25, 1920 in Putnam Co., TN, and died November 30, 1983 in Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN. He married MYRA ISABELLA SMITH, daughter of AUSTIN SMITH and SINA VADEN. She was born April 05, 1920 in Cookeville, TN, and died September 13, 2009 in Conway, AR.

Notes for EDWARD CRAIG "PETE" (SR) GRACEY:

Edward Craig "Pete" Gracey Sr. Obt.

(SS Death Index: Name: GRACEY, EDWARD - Birth: 25 Aug 1920- Death: Nov 1983- Age: 63- Last Residence (not specified) - Last Benefit: (not specified) - SSN: 409-12-2428, Issued By: TN).

(Lt US Navy, WWII)

COOKEVILLE - Funeral services for Edward Graig "Pete" Gracey, 63, of Cookeville, will be held at 2 p.m. Friday in the chapel of Hooper & Huddleston Funeral Home, with Rev. Alexander and Rev. Buford Kelley officiating. Burial with full military honors will be in Cookeville City Cemetery.

Mr. Gracey, a native of Putnam County, died suddenly Wednesday, November 30 1983, in Cookeville General Hospital. He was the son of Mrs. Lela Alcorn Gracey of Cookeville and the late Charles N. Gracey; veteran of World War II, and owner and operator of E. C. Gracey Construction Company.

Mr. Gracey was a start football player at TTU; member of the Tenn. Tech Golden Eagle Sports Hall of Fame; played football at the U. S. Navy Base during World War II, and was drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles.

His family includes in addition to his mother, his wife, Mrs. Myra Smith Gracey of Cookeville; a daughter, Mrs. Michael (Sharon) Clark of Conway, Ark.; a son, Craig Gracey of Oxford Miss.; two sisters, Mrs. Josephine Hale of Kingsport, Tenn.; Miss Charlene Gracey of Cookeville, and 1 granddaughter, Elizabeth Clark of Conway, Ark.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 7 to 11 p.m. tonight.

Hooper & Huddleston Funeral Home, Cookeville is in charge of arrangements.

More About EDWARD CRAIG "PETE" (SR) GRACEY:

Burial: Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN

Notes for MYRA ISABELLA SMITH:

Myra Isabella (Smith) Gracey Obt.

COOKEVILLE -- Graveside services and interment for Myra Isabella Smith Gracey, 89, of Conway, Ark., formerly of Cookeville, will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 19, at Cookeville City Cemetery. In case of inclement weather, services will be held at Collegside Church of Christ.

Mrs. Gracey died Sunday, Sept. 13, 2009, in Conway. She was born April 5, 1920, in Cookeville to the late Austin Wheeler and Sina Clarissa Vaden Smith. Mrs. Gracey was a member of Collegside Church of Christ. She was a graduate of Tennessee Tech University and a retired teacher in the Cookeville Public Schools. She was a member of Town and Gown Club and Book Lover Club.

Her family includes a son, Edward Craig Gracey Jr. of Nashville; a daughter, Sharon Gracey Clark of Conway; a brother, Austin Wheeler Smith Jr. of Nashville; her stepmother, Alta Hayes Smith of Huntland; a sister-in-law, Josephine Gracey Hale; four granddaughters, Elizabeth Clark Scott, Sarah Marie Clark and Caitlyn and Margaret Ann Gracey; a niece; and two nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Craig "Pete" Gracey Sr.; a son, Charles Michael Gracey; a son-in-law, Michael Wayne Clark; and a sister, Anne Smith Vick. Memorial donations may be made to Collegside Church of Christ, 252 E. 9th St., Cookeville, TN 38501. Bro. Kelly Campbell will officiate at the services. Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, (931) 526-6111. You may share your thoughts and memories at www.hhhfunerals.com

Friday, Sep 18, 2009: Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN

More About MYRA ISABELLA SMITH:

Burial: Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN

Children of EDWARD GRACEY and MYRA SMITH are:

- i. EDWARD CRAIG (JR)⁶ GRACEY.
- ii. SHARON GRACEY, m. CLARK.
- iii. CHARLES MICHAEL GRACEY, b. September 28, 1946, Putnam Co., TN; d. October 02, 1946.

More About CHARLES MICHAEL GRACEY:

Burial: Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN