

**James Bolivar Thompson Obt.**

b. 30 May 1872, Putnam Co., TN

d. 6 February 1949, Putnam Co., TN

Wife: Mary Jane Sherrell

Father: James Franklin Thompson (1842-1920)

Mother: Permelia Ann Carr (1852-1906)

Buried: West Graveyard, Putnam Co., TN

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**COOKEVILLE ATTORNEY SUCCUMBS SUNDAY:**

James Bolivar Thompson, age 76, for the past fifty years an active attorney of the Cookeville Bar, died Sunday evening, following an illness of several weeks. His health had been impaired for several months, but he continued in the practice of his profession until a few weeks ago.

He was born and reared near Cookeville and was a life long resident of Putnam County. He was a son of the late James F. Thompson and wife Amelia Carr Thompson, both of whom belonged to well known pioneer families of this vicinity. He was educated in the schools of Cookeville, and, for a few years prior to his admission to the Cookeville Bar, he taught in the public schools of this county. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of this city. Mr. Thompson served for several years as county attorney of Putnam County.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon, at 2:00 o'clock, in the chapel of the Whitson Funeral Home, by the Rev. Dow A. Ensor and the Rev. H. T. Fowler. Burial was in the West Cemetery, which cemetery contains the graves of his parents and many of his relatives.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Mary Sherrell Thompson, two sons and six daughters: Paul Thompson, of Shelbyville; Capt. James B. Thompson, Jr., of Fort Sill, OK, Lt. Lucile Thompson, of Eglin Field, FL, Mr. R. H. West, of Lynchburg, VA, Mrs. Paul Haile, of Oak Ridge, TN, Mrs. John Tigue, Mrs. J. H. Patton and Miss Velma Thompson, all of Cookeville, and five brothers: Carr Thompson, of Ada, OK, N. J. Thompson, of Springfield, MO, Tolbert Thompson, of Harriman, TN, and Albert and Milton Thompson of Cookeville, and two sisters: Miss Delia Thompson, of Cookeville, and Mrs. Lee Kuykendall, of Detroit, MI, and six grandchildren, and many other relatives in this county.

**James Bolivar Thompson Obt.**

b. 30 May 1872, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN – d. 6 February 1949, md on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March 1905, Putnam Co., TN to **Mary Jane (Sherrell) Thompson**, b. 9 September 1885, Rocky Point, TN – d. 6 February 1967, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **Jacob Wesley Sherrell** (1859-1919) & **Lucy Ann Brown** (1858-1900), she is buried in Browns Mill Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. Mary Jane is buried in Crest Lawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. James Bolivar Thompson is buried in West Graveyard, Putnam Co., TN. James Bolivar Thompson, s/o **James Franklin Thompson** (1842-1920) & **Permelia Ann Carr** (1852-1906), both buried in West Graveyard, Putnam Co., TN.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 273, #565 – James B. Thompson married 29 March 1905, Putnam Co., TN to Mary J. Sherrell).

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James Bolivar Thompson went to Yeargen Select School and the Cookeville Collegiate Institute. As a young man he worked on a farm and at brick making during the summer to enable him to continue with school. He taught school in Putnam from 1899-1903. He studied law in the offices of OK Holladay and V E Bockman and began the practice of law in Cookeville in 1903. Mr. Thompson was appointed County Attorney in July 1905 and has since been elected for 3 terms. On March 29, 1905 he married Miss Mary Sherrell of Oneonta, Ala. He is a member of the Tennessee Bar Association, is a Democrat and a Presbyterian.



James Bolivar Thompson & his wife Mary Jane Sherrell, d/o Wesley Jessie Sherrell & Lucy Brown.

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