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History & Facts

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Mr. Fredrick Wilburn Davis

The World War I soldier I have chosen to write about for this newsletter is a local man, who was raised in Davis Bend, near Canmer.

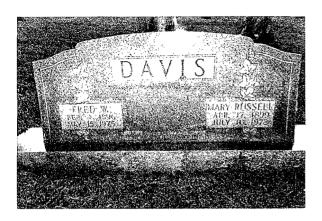
Mr. Fredrick Wilburn Davis was born on February 2, 1896 and died May 15, 1975. He was the son of John J. and Sophronia Ann (Edwards) Davis. He married Mary Boling Russell on January 24, 1920. They had two daughters, Mary Carolyn and Helen Louise. His wife was a bookkeeper for the Canmer Deposit Bank. She was the daughter of Abb U. and Hattie Russell. He was one of eleven children. Lizzie Myrtle, born 1876, Sarah Josephine, born 1877, Henry Porter, born 1879, William Lonnie, born 1881, and Carl Jay Crittenden, born 1883, John Wood, born 1886, Edward, born 1889, Nettie Mary, born 1891, Allie Mae, born 1894, and Jessie Murrell, born 1900.

Five of the boys went West to live and four of them died in Kansas

and one in California. His grandfather, John Davis, was a foreman at the old Powder Mills Furnance, where they made gun powder that was used in the Civil War. Mr. Fred registered for the war on June 5, 1917 and Mr. R.D. Lane signed his papers. His stone reads: Muse Argonne AEF France. He was in the Argonne Forest battle in France in 1918. The battle there was fought September 26 – November 11, 1918. It was part of the final allied offensive of the war. It was the greatest battle of WWI. The AEF lost 26,277 men there in six weeks with 95,786 wounded.

After the war, he came home and moved to Louisville, where he was a truck driver for the feed and grain industry, but later came back to Canmer to live. His father was one of the men who discovered Yellowstone National Park. The Courier Journal had a piece in the paper, on April 13, 1884, about Mr. Davis going there in the 1860's and finding the place that would later become Yellowstone National Park.

This Davis family came from New Jersey to Kentucky to make their home here in Hart County. He is buried in the Pearl Webb Cemetery with many other family members.



Fred Wilburn Davis's Tombstone

Perry C. Brooks

In doing research on the soldiers buried in Pearl Webb, I found another man who served in the Civil War.

He is Perry C. Brooks. He was born on September 17, 1841 and died January 26, 1916. He was the son of J.L. and Lucinda Brooks. He was one of eight children, according to the 1860 census. William T., born 1836, Ermine E., born, 1838, Thomas J., born 1844, Benjamine F., born 1846, James H., born 1848, Amana, born 1853, and Ataline, born 1855. They were living at Horse Cave. By 1870, he was married to Mary F. with Green River as their post office. In 1880, they were living at Woodsonville with Harriett Richardson living with them.

He never had children. In 1900, they were living at Hardyville. He was a farmer.

He enlisted in the army on January 23, 1862, as a Pvt., for the Union Army. He was in Co. G, 3rd KY Calvary. He was discharged on January 28, 1862 and re-enlisted the same day. He was discharged on July 15, 1865 at Lexington, NC, because of his heart. He filed for his pension on September 4, 1890, as an invalid. He drew \$25 to \$40 per month.

His wife died on June 18, 1909. He remarried on May 2, 1910 to Syldria C. Black, who was listed as a widow. He was admitted to the home for disabled volunteer soldiers on June 12, 1910 in Marion, IN. He was brought back to his home county and buried beside his first wife Mary.



Perry C. Brooks's Tombstone

A TRIBUTE TO: MR. ROY AVERY

In the course of our lives, there are people who make a strong contribution to their community. Roy was one of those. He was always there to help do whatever needed to be done for Pearl Webb Cemetery.

There is a poem entitled, "The Dash Between the Dates". The poet says, it matters not when we are born or when we die, but what does matter is how we live during the dash between the dates. Roy's dash was filled with doing things for God and his community. In countless, gentle, kind ways, he lived a sermon all his days.

His work at Pearl Webb Cemetery will always be remembered as people see how well it looks and remember all he did to make it a beautiful place for our loved ones. Roy served as Vice President and will be greatly missed.



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