



# Pearl Webb Cemetery Newsletter

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## History & Facts

By: June Burks

As the villages of Hardyville and Canmer were forming and growing, they were very fortunate to be able to attract several "country doctors" to the area. One of these remembered and buried in Pearl Webb Cemetery is Dr. John J. Mudd.

He was born in Green County on December 13, 1849. As a fairly young man and after having finished his medical training, he decided to relocate to Hardyville, KY. A factor in his deciding to move to Hardyville, may have been the fact that the girl he was going to marry was Dr. Sutphin's sister (The Supthin's had already arrived in Hardyville about the 1860's).

Dr. Supthin came to Hardyville and built his home on the Jackson Highway. The house may be remembered as the Rilon Young house. It is now rental property and is adjacent to and south of the Log Cabin Market.

Dr. Mudd also decided to build his home on the Jackson Highway about one block North of Dr. Supthin.

This was a large two story house and also about a block from the intersection of what is now the intersection of Highway 31-E and Highway 88. This house stood for many years on the Southeast side of Highway 31-E until it became victim of a fire. It is believed that Dr. Mudd lived in this home and practiced medicine from this location until his death on April 12, 1926. The 1920 census list Dr. John Mudd, 69, Flora (2<sup>nd</sup> wife,) 50, and R. Alma, 21, daughter, as living at this location.

During Dr. Mudd's practicing years, it is said that whenever necessary, Dr. Mudd would ride out into the countryside by way of horse back or buggy to visit sick patients. His patients usually received medicine, which had been mixed and prepared by the doctor. As was customary in these days, he had the honor of having several newborn baby boys he had delivered named after him. It is believed that these include Jim Mudd Meadows, Jim Mudd Reynolds, and Hardyville's own Frank Mudd Baird.



Dr. John J. Mudd

Photo courtesy of Brenda Dudderar

Dr. Mudd must have been a very busy man. He reared a large family and was very active in the civic life of his community. He married Mary B. Supthin, a sister to Dr. Sutphin on October 11, 1877. Mary was born in Virginia on April 3, 1854 and died in Hardyville on November 10, 1912, at age 58. Some two years after the death of his wife, Dr. Mudd married a second time to Flora Witherspoon Broady. This marriage took place in Elreno, OK on January 22, 1914. He was the father of five children: Mary, Laura, Carrie Rosline, Alma, and Arthur J.

Dr. Mudd's civic accomplishments were many. He contributed much to the Hardyville community. He was very instrumental in the building of the Hardyville Union Church. After Mr. Henry Green Burks donated



the land, Dr. Mudd soon became very active seeing that a church was built on this land. (This same church today is very active and growing). Dr. Mudd also built the first and only drugstore in Hardyville. This later became known as Baird's Drugstore and stood where the community center is located today. He was also a Master Mason of the Rio Verde Lodge.

After a very useful and active life, death came on April 12, 1926. He is buried beside his wife Mary in Pearl Webb Cemetery in Canmer with a very impressive headstone marking their grave. The inscription on his stone states "Gone to a bright home where grief cannot come."



Mary B. Supthin Mudd

Photo courtesy of Mary Frances Lane

Note: Thanks go to Frances Moss, Jean Hedgepeth, and Mary Frances Lane of Barren County for sharing information with us. Recently Jean was fortunate enough to meet Mary Frances Lane, who is a granddaughter of Dr. Mudd, and who loaned her this tin-type picture of her grandmother, Mary B. Supthin Mudd, and gave her the information on Dr. Mudd's children.

## From the Treasurer's Book

By: Brenda Dudderar

Once again, thanks to your generosity, we had another good year of contributions. We almost collected enough to pay for the mowing for 2006. We need to collect enough each year to meet expenses, so we do not have to dip into our perpetual account. The more generous the donations, the more we can do to enhance the cemetery.

The suggestion to label your flower arrangements has helped. We found a few that were labeled and we returned them to the correct stones. Most were not labeled and we had no idea where to place

them. Sometimes people find an arrangement next to a stone and place it on that stone and it may not be in the correct place. So, please remember, if you will write a name on the bottom of your flower arrangement, this will help us place your arrangement back on the proper stone, if it gets blown off by the wind.

We will be at the cemetery again this year collecting donations during Memorial Day weekend. Last year, we had several volunteers: Larry Jagers, Larry Rogers, Paul Sullivan, Jeanie Sullivan, Roy Avery, Peggy Avery, Jean Hedgepeth, James Easton Chaney, Brenda Dudderar, and new volunteers - Claude Allen and Dorothy Melvin and William Devore. This seems like an extensive list, but when you stretch it out over several days, we still need help. If you could help for a few hours, it would be greatly appreciated.

If you would mention to our participating advertisers that you saw their ad in our newsletter that would be helpful also. We have had a few additions to our mailing list. If you know



anyone who would like to receive our newsletter, please forward us their address.

Any donations may be sent to:

Pearl Webb Cemetery  
c/o Brenda Dudderar, Tres.  
1945 North Jackson Hwy  
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## Reader's Comments

By: Larry Rogers

### Burial Plots For Sale?

From time to time, people on the Pearl Webb Cemetery Board are contacted by folks wanting to sell unused burial spaces on their family plots. This is to advise that people wishing to do this are responsible for making these transaction themselves. If you are interested in selling some plots, please contact me and I will be happy to start putting a list of "plots for sale" in the next newsletter. Plots usually sell for \$150.00 each. It would sure be nice if you sell a plot to donate at least some of the proceeds to the cemetery. You can contact me at the following information:

Larry Rogers, Board Member  
3298 North Jackson Hwy  
Canmer, KY 42722  
(270) 528-3818

## From the Secretary's Desk

By: Peggy Sue Moss-Logsdon

There is not much going on at the secretary's desk this time of year, but I will let you know what to expect in the upcoming months and what has happened in the last few months. On November 21, 2006, I received an e-mail from Sterling Smith of Fruit Heights, UT. From Sterling's e-mail, I learned that Dr. William A. Weldon, who lived in Davis Bend in Canmer, KY, and a well known Hart and Barren County doctor was the brother of Sterling's great grandmother, Leona Weldon. Sterling was wanting to know about the beautiful farm Dr. Weldon owned in Barren County. We did correspond several times and I have told Sterling we would send him a newsletter to Fruit Heights, UT.

Those that have been buried in Pearl Webb since our last newsletter are as follows:

Alta Shelton  
James Melvin  
Mavis Craddock Lester  
Russell Edwin Johnson

Lola Philpott King  
Christine Sexton  
Maurine Rutledge  
Martha Pearl Poynter

We will also be having a work day later this year and all help is appreciated. The regular meeting of the Pearl Webb Cemetery Board will be Tuesday, March 13, 2007 at 7 o'clock p.m. at the Hardyville Union Church. We only meet regularly once a year and it is very important for all that can and are interested in the cemetery to attend.

**Pearl Webb Cemetery website:**

<http://www.so-ky.com/cem/hartcem/p/pearlwebb/index.htm>

Once there, you can click on the letter of a person's last name & then click on their name to see a photo of their tombstone.



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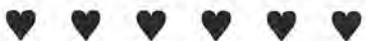
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Also, anyone wishing to be added to our mailing list, please drop us a note. We look forward to hearing from you and working with you to keep the Pearl Webb Cemetery looking beautiful for future generations.



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