

Pearl Webb Cemetery Newsletter

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History & Facts:

By June Burks

In this article for the winter Pearl Webb Cemetery Newsletter, we will feature the last two Civil War soldiers, who are buried in this cemetery. They are William A. McFelea and George Emory Clymer.

William A. McFelea

William A. McFelea was the son of William McFelea and his wife Sarah Nancy Abbott. The elder McFelea was originally from Maryland and came to Kentucky as a young man. He soon married Miss Abbott in Barren County on June 3, 1829. They had a large family of ten children. When the elder Mrs. Abbott passed away, she was buried at Old Gilead Cemetery, just south of Canmer. There is no head marker.

When William A. felt he was old enough to marry, he chose for his bride Mary Jane Deweese, daughter of Thomas and Zelpha Deweese. Mary Jane and William A. soon started what was to become a large family of eleven children. They were Narsissa b. 1852, William R. b. 1853, James H, b. 1885, Dolly Ann b. 1858, David A. b. 1860, Mary Frances b. 1860, George B. b. 1866, Nancy E, b. 1869, Laura b. 1871, Matthew T. b. 1876, Woodrow b. 1876. Four of these children are buried in Pearl Webb Cemetery.



William A. & Mary Jane McFelea

Although a married man with a young family, William A. made the decision to join and fight for the Union Army. He enrolled in the army November 20, 1861 and was mustered out May 31, 1865. He worked as a farrier and also as a scout while serving. He was with the 3rd Regiment of the KY Calvary Co. G. He was a private. The 3rd Regiment fought in many well-known Civil War battles – at Shiloh, Corinth, Perryville, and Stone River being some of them. They lost 215 men during his time in service.

William A's brother, George, owned and operated a general store in Canmer. It was located where the store now known as A.D. Sullivan's store stands. George died in 1893 at the young age of 27.

Mr. William A. McFelea passed away at the age of 64 on July 29, 1895 and was buried in Pearl Webb Cemetery, along with several other members of the McFelea family.



William A. McFelea Tombstone

George Emory Clymer

Mr. Clymer was born January 1, 1839 and he died on June 24, 1917. He was the son of James Emory and Rachel Wilcoxson Clymer.

Rachel Wilcoxson was a granddaughter of John and Sarah (Boone) Wilcoxson. Sarah was a sister of Daniel Boone the great leader and scout who led so many of the pioneers over the Cumberland Mountains and through the Cumberland Gap. Many of these families settled throughout this general area. These family members were so very proud of Daniel Boone – he being such a brave and daring man, they continued using the Boone name for their children. Rachel's brother, Isaac, along with his wife Nancy are buried in the church graveyard at Three Springs in southeastern Hart County.

James Emory came to the U.S. from England. He was a very ambitious and talented young man. George Emory

educated himself at the well-known Camden Seminary, which was located in the northern part of Barren County. Many of the early pioneers, who moved into the Blue Springs Grove area had their children attend this school. George became a farmer and also made fiddles when time permitted.

He was married three times – first to Elizabeth Victory Caven. They were the parents of three children. Ethan Allen b. 7/28/1861, Melissa T. and Andrew C. (no dates available for these children).

Next, he married Mary Ann Cage in 1867. They were married by Bro. James Hardy. Mary Ann was born 8/18/1845 and died at her home 7/3/1899. Her home was on the farm of Mr. W.B. Craddock a few miles from Munfordville. Several children were born to this union – Rachel A. b. 1868, Sallie Boone b. 1871, Mary Frances b. 1873, Virginia Eunice b. 1881, Ellen Florence b 1884, William Dowdy b 1891. Both Rachel and Sallie are buried in Pearl Webb Cemetery, along with their parents.

Mary Ann Cage's parents were Andrew and Mary Cage. Mary had three brothers who fought for the Union in the Civil War Conflict.

The Clymer's were very prominent in what became the LeGrande area of Hart County. They owned a very large farm which had been the 450 acre Smith Tobacco Plantation. This was located on the road known then as the Lexington-Nashville Turnpike – a well-traveled road for the day and was used as a stagecoach route. The Clymer's soon built a stagecoach inn to accommodate

weary people traveling by coaches. They also built what became known as the round top barn, which was well-known for many miles around. One source says that James Emory Clymer built these buildings – this unique barn and inn – while other sources say that George Emory built them.

George Emory fought in the Civil War with the 4th Regiment KY Mounted Inf. and also later fought with the 30th Regiment KY Inf. They fought against the guerillas many places in Kentucky.

Note: Thanks to Dee Tapp, Inez Warf, Light and Margaret Wilson, and Jean Hedgepeth for their research and information for this article.



George Emory Clymer's Tombstone

Treasurer's Desk:

By: Brenda Dudderar

We have had another year of faithful donors. Without you, we could never maintain the cemetery, as well as we do. Our donations are down about 25% this year, but thanks to the drought our mowing expenses were less this year.

We continue to work on plotting the cemetery and creating a useful map. It is a slow process, as we don't get to work often enough. We also try to keep the stones upright, glued, and straightened. This is a huge job and takes lots of muscle.

We are so thankful for the sponsors of our newsletter. Without them, we could not provide this service to you. Our mailing list has grown to the point that, even with our sponsors, it does not cover the cost of printing and mailing the newsletters. In order to curtail our expenses, we are asking if you would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail. We're sure most of you have e-mail. If you are willing to participate this way, please let me know. **Please contact me at my e-mail address:** brendas@scrtc.com

Persons buried at Pearl Webb since the last newsletter:

John Paul Defevers
Born: February 22, 1932
Died: June 26, 2010

Lotus Defevers
Born: July 14, 1927
Died: August 6, 2010

Secretary's Desk:

By: Peggy Sue Avery

A reminder that our annual meeting, for the Pearl Webb Cemetery, will be on the second Tuesday in March at 6 o'clock PM at the Hardyville Union Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

If anyone wants to help work at the cemetery, we would appreciate your help, as there is always a job that needs doing.

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By: Paul Sullivan

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To be able to receive the newsletter by e-mail you will have to have the program Adobe Reader. Other programs may or may not open the file, so I wanted to mention this. Most computers have some version of Adobe Reader on them.

Also, another thought concerning the cemetery. When you put your saddles on the stones, please write the name on a piece of duct tape and stick it to the bottom of the saddle. This allows cemetery workers to know where to place the saddle, when they are found on the ground. Many times strong winds blow the saddles off and people don't know where they go. This would be a big help.



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