## **Pearl Webb Cemetery Newsletter**

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## History & Facts: By June Burks

In this Pearl Webb Cemetery Newsletter, we will conclude the brief histories of the last two known Civil War soldiers, who are buried in this cemetery. They are Mr. James H. Gum and Mr. John H. Carter.

#### Mr. James H. Gum

Mr. Gum, the son of Abraham and Heprey (Parker) Gum, was born in Green County on October 25, 1844. James's father, Abraham, served in the Mexican War.

James H. was a Union soldier in the 5<sup>th</sup> KY Inf. Co. K. He was wounded at the Battle of Chickamouga. Both of Mr. Gum's brothers served in the Civil War also. They were Moses and Thomas. Moses was killed at the Battle of Chickamouga, in September 1863. James H. was coming into the battle as they were carrying Moses out of the battle, but he never got to see his brother.

A little information about his personal life – James H. first married Emily A. Burge, September 14, 1866. They were married by S.H. Hardy. In 1870, they were living at Powder Mills, north of Green River.

They were the parents of six children: William Abraham, born 1868 (He eventually moved to California and died there), Caroline R. was the next born in 1869. We believe she is Mollie, who is buried in Pearl Webb. Albert Maywood was the next son born in 1872, then came Robert Lewis in 1876. He married Anna Mae Wilson, daughter of Robert Wilson and Cettie (Reynolds) Wilson. Another daughter Florence A. was born in 1879. She married George Washington Blakey, January 12, 1898 in the Methodist Church at Canmer. Their last child – a baby was born and died in 1889.

The James Gum family soon became scattered with the more adventurous one's going west, as so many did during this time period. Mr. Gum's daughter Florence, who married George W. Blakey decided in 1903 to leave Canmer and go west. George's brother James W. Blakey moved west with them. They located on Indian Territory in Oklahoma. before it became a state. They could never prove they were part Indian and were never able to gain the land they had hoped for. Florence died there sometime before 1918 and was buried there. The other members of the Blakey family moved to Meade County, KS, before returning to Canmer.

James H's second wife was Lelia H. Richardson. There were two children born to this union. Charlie, b. 1893 and Bessie Reed, b. 1895.

Mr. Gum passed away June 9, 1897 at Canmer. He, along with both wives and three of his children, are buried at Pearl Webb Cemetery. The inscription on his stone reads: "Farewell dear wife and children all, I am going home where Christ hath called."



James H. Gum's Tombstone

#### Mr. John H. Carter

Mr. John H. Carter, the son of George Washington Carter and Mary Ann Rayburn Carter, was born May 25, 1835. George Washington Carter was born in Russell County, Kentucky and his wife Mary Ann was an immigrant from Ireland. John H. was one of eleven children. We are not sure when the family moved to Hart County. But, he is listed in the 1910 Hart County census.

As a young man, Mr. Carter joined with the Union Army. He was a captain in the  $2^{nd}$  Regiment of the KY Calvary – at this time, nothing else is known about his time in the service.

After the war, he became a farmer and married Victoria Bennett of Metcalfe County, Kentucky. They lived at Hardyville. John H. and Victoria became the parents of four children -Minnie D. was born in 1900. She married James Stanley McCauley. John H. was born in 1902 and then came George W. in 1905. He never married. He worked at the Baird Drug Store in Hardyville for the owner Frank Baird. He also worked some for Dr. Botts, who had his office in the rear of the Baird Drug Store. Rosie L., the last child born to Mr. and Mrs. Carter, was born in 1908.

After Mr. Owen Short lost his wife in death, he gave his nine month old baby, Blanch, to the Carter's to raise and they reared her to adulthood. She was married to Ralph Cottrell.

After a long life, Captain Carter passed away on December 11, 1919. Dr. J.J. Mudd of Hardyville was Mr. Carter's physician during his last days. When death came, Mr. John W. Weller, an undertaker in Canmer, was called upon to handle the services and burial in Pearl Webb Cemetery. The inscription on his stone simply reads: "At Rest."



John H. Carter's Tombstone

Note: Thanks to Inez Warf, Jean Hedgepeth, and John Paul Grady for their research and information for this article.

## **Treasurer's Desk:** By: Brenda Dudderar

I had asked, in the winter issue of the newsletter, for e-mail addresses to send the newsletters. This would cut down on our cost. Also, the pictures would be in color. However, I have only heard from four people. I will continue to mail all of the newsletters this spring. I am asking again for your e-mail address, if you would consider receiving your newsletter by e-mail. You can contact me at: brendas@scrtc.com

Mowing season is in full swing again. Thanks to your contributions, we usually collect enough to pay our mowing expenses each year. We will be at the cemetery Thursday afternoon through Monday afternoon of Memorial Day weekend collecting money for the maintenance of the cemetery. All volunteers for the project are greatly appreciated. Just let us know, if you wish to volunteer to help.

We would like to welcome the new sponsors to our newsletter. Please express your gratitude to them when you visit their establishment.

# Persons buried at Pearl Webb since the last newsletter:

#### Mary K. Edwards:

Born: March 23, 1916 Died: December 19, 2010

### Secretary's Desk: By: Peggy Sue Avery

Once again, we would like to remind everyone to put their names on their flower arrangements. We find arrangements blown all over the cemetery, but have no idea where to put them.

Roy Avery and I will be placing flags by every veteran's stone on Memorial Day weekend. If you know of a veteran that has not been recognized, please let us know.

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## Newsletter Editor's Desk: By: Paul Sullivan

As discussed earlier in this newsletter, it would be a great financial help to the cemetery, if the newsletter could be e-mailed to you.

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, if not it is easily downloaded from the Internet.

Also, I drove by the Pearl Webb Cemetery a few weeks ago and was amazed by the beautiful site I saw before my eyes. The beauty was the dogwood trees in full bloom. Realizing that I had my camera with me, I decided to turn around and go back and take some photos. I wanted to share a few of the photos with you in this newsletter.









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