



Charles Denny

Charles Denny was born January 6, 1852 in Smith Co., TN and died November 4, 1927 in District 8 of DeKalb Co., TN according to his death certificate, no matter what his stone says. His parents were Benjamin Denny (1823-before 1880) and Mary (1820-1882), whose last name is not known.

The 1880 census of District 8, DeKalb Co., TN shows Charles with a first wife named Mary, b. 1859 in TN, and his mother "Polly" age 60 was also living with them and widowed. It seems Charles never bothered to get a marriage license, and no marriage records can be found for either of his 2 wives. Actually the 1910 census indicates that Charles had been married 3 times. The second wife, before Floretta, is unknown.

In about 1884 (by 1900 census) Charles Denny married Floretta Butts. She was born November 30, 1868 and died January 22, 1957 (death certificate says died on the 21st). She was the daughter of Bethel Butts (Floretta's death certificate) or E. W. Butts (1870 Smith Co. census) (1845-?) and Martha Winfrey (1847-?). Charles' and Floretta's family consisted of Henry (1888), Ninnie (1902), Ben (1903), and Sam (1910). No known children by Charles' first marriage.

Floretta's mother, Martha, married second Louis J. Jones in Putnam Co., TN on May 26, 1882, which explains the following obituary:

This obituary appeared in the July 20, 1956 edition of the Logansport. Indiana Tribune:

PERU, Ind.- General Marion Jones, 74, of 486 East Central street, a retired employee of the Standard Cabinet company, died at Dukes hospital at 1:30 p.m. Thursday after a one year illness.

He resided here 50 years.

Jones was born November 29, 1881, at Buffalo Valley, Tennessee. Survivors include a son, Bobbie Jones and a daughter, Mrs Earl Becraft, both of route 3; a half-sister, Mrs Floretta Denny of Cherry Hill, Tennessee; two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at the Drake-Flowers chapel at 3:15 p.m. Saturday. Friends may call there after 2 p.m. Friday.

Charles Denny was buried at Denney graveyard according to his death certificate, but the Mount Holly relocation records state he was interred at the Toy Herrin cemetery and was later disinterred and relocated at Mt Holly cemetery. Noone was listed as being present at his disinterment.

Floretta Denny was buried at Maynard cemetery at Cherry Hill and remains there today.