

BETHANY CHRISTIAN CHURCH CEMETERY, continued.

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| Little Dora Enfant (sic) of T.A. & Sudie Williams Born Jul. 6th day, 1895 Footstone: D.W. (Broken coffin-shaped slab) | Mother Annie O. Wilson Feb. 6, 1875 July 14, 1952 | Mary Virginia Wiseman Oct. 17, 1851 Mar. 9, 1931 |
| Tate Lee - Dau. of J.B. & M.E. Wilson Born Nov. 7, 1858 Died May 18, 1859 Footstone: T.L.W. | Father J.J. Wiseman Dec. 10, 1845 Oct. 18, 1931 Masonic emblem | Minnie E. Wylie Mar. 23, 1890 May 22, 1941 |
| | Virginia Ann Wife of J.J. Wiseman Born Sept. 26, 1848 Died Jan. 26, 1896 Aged 47 Y'rs. & 4 M's | Bronze government marker: Hassie M. Jackson Tennessee - Pvt. - US Army World War II Feb. 29, 1900 (as is) Sept. 13, 1964 |

NOTES ON ABINGTON-LOWRY CEMETERY (Page 47 of Volume I)

Mrs. James Wallis Anthony, 301 Burley Road, Collierville, Tennessee, provided the following information: Hardiman Abington, born 1810, is buried in the large box grave. He married Elizabeth (Betsy) Biggs in Edgecomb Co., N.C., 15 Feb. 1830. She died ca. 1837, and he married Margareta Blain in 1839. Mary Abington, dau. of Hardiman and Elizabeth Abington, died June 28, 1853. Remnants of her tombstone were found in the cemetery. Hardiman's niece, Eleanora, dau. of William Abington, came to Collierville from Smithland, Ky., after her parents died in 1838. She married her first cousin, William A. Lowry, son of _____ and Clarinda (Abington) Lowry. William A. and Eleanora Lowry are buried in this cemetery with several of their 13 children. The last to be buried was Miss Mattie D. (Aunt Ban) Lowry who died 7 Feb. 1940.

One of the Lowry children, Margaret Josephine, married James Matison Anthony. They had 4 children, one of whom was James Mahon Anthony, father of James Wallis Anthony who unearthed his grandfather's tombstone at the site in 1973:

"James M. Anthony
Born Nov. 4, 1845
Died Sept. 26, 1892
In life beloved, in death lamented.
Bradbury '51"

The Anthony family came from Roanoke, Va., and settled in the Kirk Community, northeast of Collierville. Also buried in the cemetery are members of the Powell family who came to Collierville in 1863, from Paris, Tenn., and were originally from Virginia and North Carolina. Miss Sallie Powell (dau. of Joseph D. and Sallie E. Powell) and her niece, Miss Mary Powell, 11497 Powell Road, Collierville, invite correspondence about this family. They said members of the Irby, Marley and McDonald families are also buried there. Hardiman Abington's son, James Abington, was the first mayor of Collierville, but his burial place is unknown.

The 1888 Map of Shelby County, 10th Civil District, Collierville, shows property owners represented here: W.A. Lowry, J.D. Powell, T.T. McDonald, N. Marley and M.J. Abington.

The 1840 Census of Fayette Co., Tenn., shows both H. Abington and Wm. A. Lowry, while the Fayette Co. marriage records show: (1) Book 1, p. 20 - William Lowry and Elinora Abington, 3 April 1839, by Wm. Harrell, J.P.; and (2) Book 1, p. 25 - Hardamon Abington (Abington) and Miss Margaretter Blain, 26 Sept. 1839, by Wm. Harrell, J.P.