

STARKEY REDDITT (BENJAMIN WEST) FAMILY CEMETERY

Visited February 7, 1970, and June 9, 1973. This family cemetery is located next to the home of William Rush Redditt, Jr. and Mrs. Charles Albert Redditt, 9445 Raleigh-LaGrange Road, Cordova, Tennessee, between Sanga and Hall Roads, near Rocky Point Road. The cemetery is well kept and is enclosed with a brick and wrought iron fence.

William H. Baker  
Dec. 8, 1908  
Dec. 7, 1958  
Footstone: W.H.B.  
(Husband of Jewel Redditt,  
the dau. of Charles Albert  
Redditt.)

Terri Lee Feathers  
Feb. 9, 1961  
Feb. 11, 1961  
Footstone: T.L.F.  
(Granddaughter of  
H.L. Tipton)

Mary Jones Redditt Poston  
3 (March), 26, 1878  
9 (Sept.), 26, 1968  
Footstone: M.R.P.

Louise Poston  
1904 - 1923

Greenberry Redditt, Sr.  
June 13, 1833  
Jan. 21, 1911  
Footstone: G.R.

Ted Redditt  
Jan. 10, 1912  
Aug. 17, 1965  
(See T.W. Redditt)

Ralph Franklin  
Wheelwright, Jr.  
April 26, 1943  
May 26, 1952  
Footstone: R.F.W.

Thompson Funeral Home  
marker:  
Green Berry Redditt  
Died Jan. 12, 1950  
Age 80 years

Bennie West Redditt  
Jan. 14, 1870  
Mar. 22, 1917

Father  
William Rush Redditt, Sr.  
Born in Raleigh (Tenn.)  
Apr. 14, 1873  
Dec. 8, 1954

Footstone: W.R.R. Sr.

Eunice Leone Pleasants  
Redditt  
Aug. 8, 1893  
March 25, 1917  
Footstone: E.L.P.R.

Brantley-Hutton Funeral  
Home, Collierville, Tenn.,  
marker:  
Louise Harris Redditt  
Died Oct. 31, 1957  
Age 64 years

Phinie West Redditt  
Sept. 14, 1843  
July 5, 1906  
Footstone: P.W.R.

Starkey Redditt  
Aug. 1, 1866  
May 16, 1934  
Footstone: S.R.

Charles A(lbert) Redditt  
Mar. 9, 1883  
Feb. 24, 1957  
Footstone: C.A.R.  
(His oval picture on stone)

Brantley Funeral Home marker:  
James W. Redditt  
May 26, 1897  
Nov. 10, 1968

Funeral home marker:  
Mr. T.W. Redditt  
Jan. 10, 1912  
Aug. 22, 1965  
(Theophilus William(?)Redditt,  
son of James Redditt and nep-  
hew of William Rush Redditt, Sr.)

Charles Watt Redditt  
Oct. 19, 1913  
Jan. 23, 1917  
Age 4 years

Footstone: plain

Haywood L. Tipton  
Oct. 10, 1900  
June 5, 1968  
Footstone: H.L.T.

Brantley Funeral Home marker:  
Callie Tipton  
Jan. 18, 1918  
Apr. 2, 1971

The compilers were told by Mr. Redditt and Mrs. Redditt that there are many unmarked graves in the cemetery. They supplied the following information about other persons buried here and data about family relationships: Among the unmarked graves are those for:

- (1) and (2) Starkey Redditt and wife, Cynthia Williams Redditt.
- (3, 4 and 5) Balch Holland, his wife, Inez Pleasants Holland, and their child.
- (6) and (7) Lillian and Lois Redditt, twin daughters of W.R. and Louise (Harris) Redditt, died about age 3 years. Marked with plain head and foot stones, adj. to William Rush Redditt, Sr.
- (8, 9 and 10) Albert and Lucy (West) Shores, and Infant Albert Shores, Jr.
- (11) Rose Inez Powers Smith, niece of Eunice Leone Pleasants Redditt.
- (12, 13 and 14) Benjamin West, \_\_\_\_\_ Cartwright West, and Mary(?) Jones West.

STARKEY REDDITT (BENJAMIN WEST) FAMILY CEMETERY, Notes, continued.

Some family history, as related to the compilers: Benjamin West settled at "Rocky Point" in the early 19th Century. His first wife was \_\_\_\_\_ Cartwright, by whom there were eleven children, many of whom moved to Texas. His second wife was Mary(?) Jones. They had two children, (1) a daughter, Lucy West, who married Albert Shores and had a son also named Albert Shores, and (2) a daughter, Phinie West, who married Greenberry Redditt. The Redditt family came from England. Aquilla Redditt, uncle of Starkey Redditt, moved from North Carolina to Nashville, then to Sumner(?) Co., then to Shelby Co., where they settled near Ellendale. Aquilla Redditt married Sarah(?) Williams. The Williams family came from Ireland. Starkey Redditt married Cynthia Williams, and they were the parents of Greenberry Redditt who married Phinie West.

Mrs. Charles Albert Redditt was Miss Eddie Maude Pleasants before her marriage. She was one of eight children of Sam and Annie (Wall?) Pleasants. Four of the eight children died when young, and of the four remaining sisters, three married three of the Redditt brothers (see data below), and the fourth sister married Balch Holland. Mrs. Redditt's father had four sisters and four brothers, one of whom was Granville Pleasants. Her cousin, Clyde Pleasants, lives on the Germantown Road and has a copy of the Pleasants Family history.

The nine children, in order of birth, of Greenberry and Phinie (West) Redditt: (1) Starkey Redditt (never married); (2) Greenberry Redditt, married Sudie Williford and had son, James Morgan Williford Redditt; (3) Bennie West Redditt, married May Bell Pleasants, had two daughters, one of whom died as an infant, while the second, Ollie May Redditt, married Felton Leonard Lowr(e)y. May Bell married, second, Roy J.T. Harris and is buried with an infant daughter in Cordova Cemetery; (4) James Williford Redditt married Lena Card; (5) Theophilus (Offie) Redditt, never married; (6) William Rush Redditt (Sr.) m-1 Eunice Pleasants, mother of William Rush Redditt, Jr., and m-2 Louise Harris; (7) Mary Jones Redditt m-1 \_\_\_\_\_ Poston, and m-2 \_\_\_\_\_ Turner of Germantown; (8) Cynthia Redditt, died as infant, named after grandmother, Cynthia Williams Redditt; and (9) Charles Albert Redditt, married Eddie Maude Pleasants.

Others of these families are buried in Cordova Cemetery with blank stones. Some of the Williams family are buried in Raleigh Cemetery. At least two, Jim and Bill Redditt, are buried in Pisgah Cemetery with their graves marked by cedar trees. Other family relationships mentioned were: Louise Harris had a brother, Roy Harris; James and Lena (Card) Redditt had son, Allen Redditt; Mary Jones Redditt Poston had two daughters, one of whom, Evelina, changed her name to Louise Poston, while the second, Phinie Poston, married Ralph Franklin Wheelwright, and had son, Ralph Franklin Wheelwright, Jr., who is buried here.

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The 1850 Census, Shelby Co., Tenn., 6th Civil District, P. 118-R, 15 Oct. 1850: 603/603 West, Polly 44-F-\$700-N.C.; Lucy 10-F-Tenn.; and Finey 6-F-Tenn.

while in the 7th Civil District, P. 144-R, 2 Nov. 1850: 980/980 Redet (Redditt), Stark A. 46-M-Farmer-\$3800-N.C.; Cynthia 46-F-Tenn.; James 22-M-Farmer-Tenn.; Martha 20-F-Tenn.; Theophilus 18-M-Farmer-Tenn.; Wm. 17-M-Farmer-Tenn.; Granbery 16-M-Farmer-Tenn.; and Cynthia 14-F-Tenn.

In the 4th Civil District, P. 104-R, 1 Oct. 1850: 401/401 Redit (Redditt), Aquilla 66-M-Farmer-\$1200-N.C.; Elizabeth 64-F-N.C.; Bonner, Sarah 16-F-Tenn.; Frances 14-F-Tenn.; and Brazell, Harriet 6-F-Tenn.

Cynthia Williams Redditt is named in will of her father, James Williams.(Shelby Co.)

Obituary, The Commercial Appeal, 3 Apr. 1971: Mrs. Callie Tipton, 59, widow of Haywood Tipton, died yesterday. Leaves a dau., Mrs. Phinie Feathers, a sis., Mrs. Jewel Baker, 3 bros., Albert, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ Redditt, her mother, Mrs. Addie Maude Redditt and three grandchildren.