

PETER TURNEY - 1827-1903

C,S,A, Colonel, 1st Tenn. Infantry 1861-65
Supreme Court, 1894-1892
Governor of Tennessee, 1892-1896

The Turney family has been prominent in the public life of Tennessee for several generations. The family descends from Henry Turney, a Frenchman who came to America prior to the Revolution. Tradition says that Henry was married in France. He went to Holland for the benefit of his wife's health, where she died. He then married a Dutch woman and to this union was born a son, Peter Turney. This is all much earlier than the Peter Turney cited above as the title of this article.

Henry and his family came to America and settled in Washington Co., Va., in 1779. He and his son, Peter, are both mentioned in the court records of that county at the May term, 1779. Henry evidently settled in that part of Washington County which was afterward found to be in North Carolina. Peter Turney's name is listed in Capt. Evan Shelby's company of Volunteers from Watauga Valley who served in the Fincastle Battalion.

The Turney's moved to the Cumberland country as early as 1794 for in Sept. of that year, a Negro woman is mentioned as being stolen by the Indians from Peter Turney. Peter Turney settled in what is now Smith County. His land was located on the old Fort Blount Road, near the present Dixon Springs. Peter married Frances Haines and had four children:

1. Hopkins Lacey, b.10/3/1797, m. Teresa Francis
2. Samuel, m. Fisk, lived in White County
3. James, went west.
4. Charlotte, b.1803, m.Wm.Sims, Warren County.

Peter Turney died in 1805 and is buried in the family cemetery on his farm in Smith County. After the death of Peter, the estate was dissipated by the administrators and his widow was left in poor circumstances. Of the above four children, we will here deal with #1. Hopkins Lacey Turney. who married Teresa Francis 1826. She was born 12/09/1809 and died 9/05/1879.

Hopkins Lacey Turney died in Winchester, Franklin Co., Tenn. 8/1/1857. Shortly after his marriage, he removed from old Washington in Rhea County to the new town of Jasper in Marion County where he practiced law for about one year. He then moved to Winchester, Franklin County where he lived the rest of his life.

The children of Hopkins Lacey Turney and Teresa Francis Turney were nine - #1 of whom was Peter, b.9/28/1827 - m.1st Cassandra Garner, 2nd. Hannah Ferguson Graham.

Peter Turney, son of Hopkins Lacey & Teresa, was born at Jasper, TN, 9/22/1827, and died at Winchester, TN 10/19/1903. The foundation of his homeplace near Winchester on US 64 is still partially standing after the Yankees burned his home. He organized the 1st Tenn. Infantry, C.S.A., and was elected Colonel of that Regiment, with which he served the four years of the War of 1861-1865.

He was elected to the Supreme Court in 1874 and served until 1892 when he was elected Governor of Tennessee in which office he served two terms 1892 to 1896.

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Fourth child of Peter and Frances Haines Turney was Charlotte Turney, born in 1803 and married William Sims of Warren County, who resided near Irving College. He was born in Virginia in 1797 and died in 1857. They had nine children. Their third child was James Turney, born 1825, and married Elizabeth (Bettie) Safley 1830-1912. To that union was born eight children. Among the eight was Lottie Sims, who married T. B. Roddy, of Tracy City; Allie, who married Mr. Petty also of Tracy City; and Ida, who married Ben Faulkner of McMinnville and lived there for many years.

Also among the eight children of Charlotte Turney and William Sims was William Polk Sims, b. 1847, who settled and farmed in Pelham, TN. As a child, I remember visiting "Uncle Polk's" farm and family in Pelham, and attending the funeral of a family member who was buried in a cemetery plot on the farm. Recently I wrote to retired Pelham postmaster Kenneth Wilson about the location of the farm. He wrote that the house and buildings were no longer there but hosts a nice brick home belonging to the family of the late Joe Howard Marlow of the Monteagle Winery. He stated the cemetery is still there, grown up, but has some nice large tomb stones. Wilson said he grew up on a farm near the Sims and recalled helping dig a grave or two in the Sims cemetery plot on their farm.

T. B. Roddy operated a large general merchandise store across from the Baggenstoss bakery in Tracy City for many years. The Roddy homeplace was a large two-story residence built close to the store building on the corner of two streets. There was a covered passage-way built from the kitchen of the house into the store building. Mr. Roddy died of a heart attack in 1923. Lottie Sims Roddy died *1958* and both are buried in the Tracy City Cemetery. They were my grandparents. As a child I remember visiting the big store. They sold everything from cow feed and hardware items and dynamite, to ladies' slippers and dress material on the bolt.

I have fond memories of growing up in Tracy City, TN.

Maude Roddy Melton
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March, 2001

PETER TURNEY, 1827-1903 to BURGE S. RODDY, SR.,
1899-1971

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Lawyer, Winchester, Tennessee
Colonel, Tenn. 1st Infantry Reg., Civil War
Tenn Supreme Court Justice, Chief, , 1886

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Winchester, Tenn. 10/19/1903

4. (at top) Charlotte, m. Wm.Sims. they had 9
children of whom were:

#3 James Turney, b. 1825, M. Elizabeth Safley and
they had 8 children, 5 of whom were:

1. Lottie Sims (Roddy)
2. W.P. (Polk) Sims
3. Ida Sims (Falukner)
4. Allie Sims (Petty)
5. Lena Sims (Rust)

1. (above) Lottie, 6/6/1860, died 2/6/58, age 97,
m. Thomas (T.B.) Roddy, b. 1/9/1854, died 1923.
They had 4 issue:

- i. Burge Sims Roddy, Sr., b.1/19/1899, died
2/4/1971, age 82, m. Maude Beatrice Berry,
b.12/05/1889, died 7/9/68, age 79,
were married 19/15/1921.
2. Turney B. Roddy, m. Anna Jones, Memphis Tenn.
3. Mabel Irene Roddy, m. W. S. Metcalfe, Tracy
City, Tenn.
4. Mina Cleo Roddy, died age 16, Tracy City, Tenn.

1. (above) Burge Sims Roddy, Sr., m.
Maude Beatrice Berry, on 10/15/1921,
and they had 4 children:
 1. Alma Irene Roddy, b. 8/1/1922, m.
Robert Harper (died 2000?)
 2. Maude Laurel Roddy, b. 12/06/1923, m.
Bryan Uriah Melton on 12/14/1946
Their issue: (2)
Roddy Neil Melton, 10/14/1953, m.
Maureen Bean, Maine
Kim McIntosh Melton, 6/08/1956
m. Dorenda Pendleton, Ohio
 3. Burge Sims Roddy, Jr., b. 7/4/1925
 4. Helen Beryl Roddy, b. 7/19/1928



T.B. Roddy General Mdse. Store + Homeplace - TRACY CITY, TN. CIRCA 1923

MRS. BETTIE SIMS

Dies After Lingerin*g* Illness at Ripe Old Age.

Mrs. Bettie A. Sims died at her home in Tracy City Dec. 1st 1912. Mrs. Sims was highly respected and had a host of friends.

She was a member of the Separate Baptist Church and lived in obedience to her faith until the end when she expressed herself as being satisfied with the efforts of her life.

Mrs. Sims was born in Warren Co. Tenn. near Irving College May 25th 1830. Her maiden name was Safeley. She married to Mr. Turney Sims, to which union were born 8 children. Three of whom died when young and Mr. Pete Sims died in Tracy City at about 30 years of age.

Mrs. Sims leaves four children living, Mrs. Ben Faulkner of McMinnville, Mrs. T. B. Roddy, Mrs. Jas. Rust, Mrs. Allie Petty of Tracy City.

She leaves six grandchildren, Mrs. Joe Looney of Chattanooga Messrs. Frank Rust, Turney Roddy, Burge Roddy and Misses Mabel Roddy and Bettie Petty of Tracy City. The funeral was held at the home Dec. 3rd at 2 o'clock by Elder J. D. Northcut and Rev. S. M. Keathley. Services were concluded at the cemetery by Eld. W. P. Sims of Pelham Tenn.

The grave was beautifully decorated with flowers of friends and loved ones. Also the Ladies Memorial Association presented a beautiful wreath of resebuds and ferns. If every one to whom Mrs. Sims has done a kindness had brought a blossom to her grave she would rest in a wilderness of flowers.

A. B. Ralphy

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MRS. GRUNY--A character in Morton's Comedy "Speed the Plough."--Standard Dictionary.

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Reersheba News

Miss Annie Brown left for Tracy City Saturday.

Rev. Chas. Mitchell preached at Grace Chapel Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Brown have returned from Tracy after a visit to their daughter Mrs. Emmett Cunningham.

Raymond Brown is on the pick list this week.

Mr. Virgil Hill, John Walker, and Willie Cathcart were here Saturday.

We are glad to see the sunshine again cheer up spring is coming.

Mrs. I. V. Tate has returned from a visit to Oagle Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crighton spent Saturday with homefolks.

Herman Hobbs of Tarlton attended our society Saturday night.

Garnett Tate was in Tarlton Saturday.

Morgan Hill and John Tate were in Panhandle Saturday.

David Oreighton of Coalmont was here a few days past.

Mr V. P. Brown of Kemberly Idaho visited Mr. Henry Brown last week.

Celebrates Golden Wedding Anniversary

Rev. and Mrs. W. P. Sims, of Hillsboro, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Feb. 16th at their home. They are living in the same house where Mrs. Sims was born and where they have lived most of the time since they married. The relatives and neighbors who were present Wednesday were Mrs. John Howard and son, Mr. and Mrs. Cam Henley, Mr. Frank Talcut and mother, Mrs. Hamp Gunn, Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Finney and children, of Winchester, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Roddy, of Tracy City, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. T. Sims, of McMinuville, Mr. and A. P. Hill, of Winchester, Miss Ellen and Dave and Wm. Sims. All brought a gift, and good eats and a bountiful dinner was enjoyed. They received many cards and letter from their friends also a \$5. gold piece and many other valuable gifts. Mr. Sims was a soldier in the confederate army.

Both are in good health and their many friends wish them many years of happiness.

Conry-Leonard

Lewisburg, Tenn.
Miss Myrtle Leonard and Joseph

