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daughter of Jeremiah and Rebekah Bowen, Oct. 17, 1849-Aug. 12, 1850.
“Lovely babe how brief thy stay, short and hasty”—remainder illegible. Other inscriptions shaled off.
Inez Elizabeth Buchanan, July 13, 1912-July 21, 1912.
John W. Steele, son of Samuel and Mary Binkley Steele, Nov. 23, 1851-Jan. 20, 1909. “Asleep in Jesus.”
Annie M. Steele, daughter of John W. and Molly Buchanan Steele, Sept. 24, 1887-June 9, 1907.
Ann McMurray, daughter of G. W. and E. McMurray, July 7, 1856-Aug. 6, 1861.
G. W. McMurray, Jan. 27, 1815-Sept. 26, 1899.
Jimmie McMurray, Sept. 2, 1904-Dec. 18, 1905.
Margaret Sarah Hurt, July 24, 1905-Dec. 1, 1908. “Gone but not forgotten.”
“Since thou can no longer stay
To cheer me with thy love,
I hope to meet with thee again
In yon bright world above.”
Martin L. Cooper, 1870-1892.
Joseph W. Cooper, 1835-1892.
W. A. Ross, July 5, 1854-Jan. 10, 1918.
“A christian gentleman well beloved.”
Woodman of the World.

Buchanan Historical Facts

James Buchanan, son of Agnes Bowen McFerrin and Archibald Buchanan, came to Tennessee with his parents about 1785 from Augusta County, Southwest, Va., and settled on a 640-acre section of land near Donelson, a part of which is now “Clover Bottom” Farm.

Archibald Buchanan built what is known as the “Old Blue Brick” before 1800. It is located just off the Lebanon Pike on the Stewarts Ferry Road and is still occupied.

Agnes Bowen McFerrin Buchanan was the widow of James McFerrin and had one son, John McFerrin, who is the ancestor of the McFerrin Methodist ministers. Archibald Buchanan was made the guardian of John McFerrin.

Archibald and Agnes Buchanan were buried in the garden of the Old Blue Brick. There their bodies remained until the home was sold; at which time James Buchanan, their son, had them moved to his cousin’s, Major John Buchanan, farm, located on Stone’s River which was originally “The Buchanan Fort.” It is now known as the Knapp Farm.

On March 20, 1932, Anne Carver Graves visited with Tom Wright, a distant cousin, who is 84 years old, and he told her the above facts—he having heard them from both his mother and grandmother in his youth. Mr. Weaver Whitworth, who is also a Buchanan descendant, told her the same facts. Mr. Wright lives
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on Stewarts Ferry Road and Mr. Whitworth lives on the Elm Hill Road.

James Buchanan built a large two-story log house on the Elm Hill Road early in 1800, which is still standing and is owned and occupied by Mr. L. L. Payne.

James Buchanan married Lucinda East, and they had sixteen children.

The children of Archibald and Agnes Buchanan were:
- James Buchanan who married Lucinda East;
- Martha Buchanan who married Andrew Steele;
- Mary Buchanan who married a Mr. Jones;
- Rebecca Buchanan who married a Mr. Shannon;
- Ellen Buchanan who never married;
- Nancy Buchanan who married a Mr. Drew;
- Lillie Buchanan who married a Mr. Wills.

Agnes Bowen McFerrin Buchanan was the daughter of Dillie McIlhaney and John Bowen. The McIlhaney family came from Ireland to Augusta County, Va., in 1730.

John Bowen was the son of Moses and Rebecca Reese Bowen. Rebecca Reese came from Wales in 1698.

Mountain View Cemetery

Mountain City, Tenn.; Mountain City Chapter, Mrs. Eugene McDade, Regent.

Rev. A. Murphey, 1796-1882.
Catherine Wills Murphey, wife of Rev. A. Murphey, 1812-1904.
Hon. H. P. Murphey, 1816-1899.
Capt. Kemp Murphey, 1841-1916.
Susan Wills Murphey, wife of Capt. Kemp Murphey, 1853-1902.
Lieut. Elbert Murphey, 1846-1884.
James Hawkins Murphey, 1870-1925.
May Murphey Wagner, 1874-1918.
Samuel Dorsey Jackson, 1827-1893.
Alzenia P. Jackson, wife of Samuel Dorsey Jackson, 1833-1911.
J. A. Elliott, 1834-1903.
Martha Elliott, wife of J. A. Elliot, 1844-1904.
Jacob Norris, 1832-1883.
R. A. Donnelly, 1824-1905.
Matilda Donnelly, wife of R. A. Donnelly, 1834-1893.
Alfred Parry, 1846-1914.

Sophronia Parry, wife of Alfred Parry, 1854-1912.
Amanda Ray, 1845-1846.
Alfred Crosswhite, 1858-1891.
Thomas Crosswhite, 1827-1912.
Rebecca Donnelly Crosswhite, wife of Thomas Crosswhite, 1829-1909.
Rev. C. B. Yarbrough, 1837-1903.
Laura Elvira Yarbrough, wife of Rev. C. B. Yarbrough, 1848-1903.
Frederic Slink, 1824-1904.
Naomi Slink, wife of Frederic Slink, 1834-1888.
C. V. Moore, 1842-1858.
H. A. Jenkins, 1845-1918.
Wm. C. Emmitt, died, 1856; age, 56 years.
Hon. Roderick R. Butler, 1827-1902.
Dr. J. C. Butler, 1849-1921.