

NEWS OF THE WEEK CONDENSED INTO PARAGRAPHS

Cookeville Press Newspaper, Cookeville, TN:

29 March 1900, front page

From all Parts of This Surrounding Land and Country

The Latest Intelligence Received Before Going to Press

BLOOMINGTON: March 26. – **Oscar Jones, son of Joseph Jones, of this place**, was shot and instantly killed here yesterday afternoon at four o'clock by **Winton Johnson**. It has been hard to get at the facts that led to the killing. It seems that there had been bad feelings between the two parties prior to this time. However the evidence brought out by the Coroner's inquest was to the effect that Jones was in his father's barn, when Johnson passed by. He called to Jones to come out, at the same time abusing him. Some words passed between the two who were standing about ten steps apart. **Johnson drew his pistol and fired four shots, and then ran. Jones fell and only lived three minutes.** The shot which produced death entered his right breast and passed through the lung and came out. He was also shot through each hand. It was claimed that Jones did nothing but throw up his hands. In accord with this testimony the jury brought in a verdict that Jones came to his death by pistol shots fired by Winton Johnson and that the killing was premeditated murder in the first degree.

For some time after the killing Johnson remained in hiding, but this morning came to his father's home near here and sent word to **Sheriff Alcorn** that he would surrender. He was taken to Cookeville and lodged in jail. He will be given a preliminary hearing at this place next week.

Census Place: 1880 District 9, Putnam Co., Tennessee

Dwl: 221 Family: 236

Source: FHL Film 1255275 National Archives Film T9-1275 Page 173B

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Joseph JONES	Self	M	M	M	34	TN
	Occ:	Farmer	Fa: TN	Mo: TN		
<i>(Sgt. Joseph "Josephus" "Joe" Jones, s/o Byrd Smith Jones & Hannah Johnson)</i>						
Martha JONES	Wife	F	M	W	33	TN
	Occ:	Keeping House	Fa: TN	Mo: TN		
<i>(Martha Jones, d/o Thomas Shirley Jr. & Louisa (Alexander) Anderson)</i>						
Sofrania JONES	Dau	F	S	W	11	TN
	Occ:	At Home	Fa: TN	Mo: TN		
Osker JONES	Son	M	S	W	8	TN
			Fa: TN	Mo: TN		
Ervin JONES	Son	M	S	W	7	TN
			Fa: TN	Mo: TN		
Rolly JONES	Son	M	S	W	5	TN
			Fa: TN	Mo: TN		
Stacia D. JONES	Dau	F	S	W	2	TN
			Fa: TN	Mo: TN		

1900 census 18th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 47 Family: 47

Joseph Jones Head 53 M W b. December 1846 M (30 yrs. md) Stilling TN TN TN
Martha Jones Wife 52 F W b. December 1847 M (30 yrs. md) (7 children born, 5 children living) TN TN TN
Ewin Jones Son 26 M W b. June 1873 Single Clerking TN TN TN
Jackson Jones Son 24 M W b. July 1875 Single Clerk TN TN TN
Stocia Jones Dau 22 F W b. October 1877 Single TN TN TN
Holley Jones Dau 15 F W b. August 1884 Single At School TN TN TN
Berty Drake Granddaughter 5 F W March 1894 Single Boarder TN TN TN

Census Place: 1880 District 9, Putnam Co., Tennessee

Dwl: 195 Family: 210

Source: FHL Film 1255275 National Archives Film T9-1275 Page 172C

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Robert S. ALCORN	Self	M	M	W	55	TN
Occ:	Dry Good Merchant		Fa: TN Mo: TN			
Martha ALCORN	Wife	F	M	W	49	TN
Occ:	Tailor		Fa: NC Mo: TN			
Gennings ALCORN	Son	M	S	W	19	TN
Occ:	Works On Farm		Fa: TN Mo: TN			
<i>(George Washington "General" Alcorn, s/o s/o Robert Simpson Alcorn & Martha (Jared) Exum McGinnis)</i>						
Albert S. ALCORN	Son	M	S	W	17	TN
Occ:	Works On Farm		Fa: TN Mo: TN			
Robert L. ALCORN	Son	M	S	W	13	TN
Occ:	Works On Farm		Fa: TN Mo: TN			
Able V. ALCORN	Son	M	S	W	8	TN
		Fa: TN Mo: TN				
Malissa J. ALCORN	Dau	F	S	W	8	TN
		Fa: TN Mo: TN				
Jefferson GARRET	Nephew	M	S	W	18	TN
Occ:	Works On Farm		Fa: AL Mo: TN			
S. C. MCCORMAC	Other	M	S	W	22	TN
Occ:	Laborer		Fa: TN Mo: TN			
Sam VANHOOSER	Other	M	S	B	23	TN
Occ:	Laborer		Fa: TN Mo: TN			
Harriet LEAGUE	Other	F	S	B	18	TN
Occ:	Servant		Fa: TN Mo: TN			

Census 1900 Dist. 1 Cookeville, Putnam Co., Tenn.

Dwl: 517 Family: 527

ALCORN – George W. Head 39 M W April 1861 M (17 yrs. md) **Sheriff** TN TN TN
(George Washington Alcorn, s/o Robert Simpson Alcorn & Martha (Jared) Exum McGinnis)

Josie Wife 38 F W October 1861 M (17 yrs. md) (5 children born, 5 children living) TN TN TN

Audra Dau. 15 F W November 1884 Single TN TN TN

Pearl L. Dau. 13 F W September 1886 Single TN TN TN

Mamie G. Dau. 11 F W August 1888 Single TN TN TN

Georga A. Dau. 9 F W January 1891 Single TN TN TN

Willie M. DAU. 4 F W October 1895 Single TN TN TN

FERRELL – Catherine Servant 56 F W September 1843 Widow (6 children born, 5 children living)
Housekeeper TN TN TN

HALL – Matilda Prisoner 39 F W October 1840 Widow (8 children born, 4 children living) TN TN TN

NICHOLAS – Daniel B. Prisoner 34 M W September 1865 M (2 children born, 2 children living)
TN TN TN

ZERSIM – Rowley 21 Prisoner M W December 1878 Single AR IN IN

TUCKER – John W. Prisoner 27 M W December 1872 Single TN TN TN

JOHNSON- Winton Prisoner 18 M W May 1882 Single TN TN TN

SCOTT- Ben F. Prisoner 41 M W September 1858 M (15 yrs. md) KY KY KY

STEWART – Jim Prisoner M W October 1869 TN TN TN

BURTON – Thomas Prisoner 50 M B September 1849 M TN TN TN

NEELY- James 28 M W Prisoner February 1872 M TN VA TN

SHEWBERG – James Prisoner 16 M W October 1883 Single TN TN TN

MACKINTIRE – John Prisoner 58 M B May 1842 M GA GA GA

HOGAN – Allie Prisoner 20 M B January 1880 M (2 yrs. md) KY KY KY



George Washington "General" Alcorn, born 1861 in Buffalo Valley, he was the son of Robert Simpson Alcorn and Martha McGinnis Alcorn. His wife was Nancy Josephine Garner, the daughter of John H. Garner and Sarah Merritt of the Laurel Hill community west of Silver Point, Tennessee. They are seated in the center. Also shown are their children. Seated on the left is Felix Alcorn and on the right is Robert Alcorn. Standing from the left, Bessie Alcorn, Lela Alcorn who married Charlie Newton Gracey; Mamie Alcorn, Georgia Alcorn, and Will Alcorn who married Fred Luck. **"General Alcorn was sheriff of Putnam County from 1896 to 1900. He later became Chief of Police of Cookeville.** The Alcorn home was on the corner of Washington and 6th Street in Cookeville. Courtesy Charlene Gracey.

pg. 159: Siftings from Putnam County, Tennessee by Mary Hobson.

*See Jones files & Chapter 10 & Robert Simpson Alcorn Sr. story in the Anderson files at:
<http://www.ajlambert.com>

General "Gennings" "George" Washington Alcorn

Sheriff of Putnam Co., TN living in the 1st Civil Dist
in the 1900 census guarding 12 prisoners at Dwl: 517.
b. 22 April 1861, TN
d. 22 June 1935

Wife: Nancy Josephine "Josie" Garner, md January 11, 1883

Father: Robert Simpson Alcorn Sr.

Mother: Martha J. Exum McGinnis

Buried: Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN

See [Chapter 1](#)

Nancy Josephine (Garner) Alcorn

b. 3 October 1861, TN

d. 11 March 1954

Husband: General "Gennings" "George" Washington Alcorn, md January 11, 1883

Father: John Garner

Mother: Sarah Merritt

Buried: Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN

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