

Old Macedonia Cemetery Burial List

The Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church was organized in 1894 by Rev. C. Clark and others. The founding members were Deacon Jerry Peters, Sr. (1836 – Jul. 22, 1928) and his wife Mrs. Sally Peters (1845 -), Deacon C. Todd Peters (Aug. 1872 -), son of Deacon Jerry Peters, Sr., and Mrs. Susie Peters (Feb. 1875 -), wife of Deacon C. Todd Peters. For several years, the church operated with seven (7) members and two deacons.

Deacons who have served Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church are Doss Pruitt, Tony Pruitt, Tony Pruitt, Jr., Henderson Perkins, John Edmond, Hardy Mack, Ed Williams, Norman Waits, A. Allen, John Whitfield, Larvester Stephens, Austin Pruitt, Jr., Hamilton Rainge, E.V. Allen, George Allen, and Thomas Northcutt, Sr. Current Deacons are Willie Mitchell, Bennie L. Rodgers, Kim L. Spelling, and Gary L. Webster. Rev. Michael L. Johnson, Sr. is the current Pastor.

The church has had two cemeteries during its existence. The Old Macedonia Cemetery, located immediately west of the Linden Cemetery, on F.M 125 Highway, north of downtown Linden, which was the burial place for church members from approximately 1897 to 1947. Members buried in the Old Macedonia Cemetery (“OMC”) include:

Deacon Tony Pruitt, Sr. (Jun. 20, 1841 - 1892), Deacon Tony Pruitt, Jr. (Apr. 1872 - DOD unknown), son of Deacon Tony Pruitt, Sr. & Delia Warren Pruitt (married Mar. 14, 1868)

Deacon Doss Pruitt, son of Deacon Tony Pruitt, Sr. & Delia Warren Pruitt

Henry Pruitt (Apr. 1882 – Apr. 6, 1937) son of Toney Pruitt, Sr. & Delia Warren Pruitt

Mrs. Anna Allen Pruitt (1893 – 1923), wife of Henry Pruitt

Austin Pruitt, Sr. (May 1873 – May 10, 1945), son of Deacon Tony Pruitt, Sr. & Delia Warren Pruitt

Mary Allen Pruitt, 1st wife of Austin Pruitt, Sr.

Jim Earl Pruitt

Mrs. Sally James Perkins (Apr. 14, 1895 – Mar. 1, 1947), wife of Deacon Henderson N. Perkins

Elbert Perkins (Aug. 25, 1904 – DOD unknown), son of Deacon Henderson N. Perkins and Mrs. Sally James Perkins. Unable to locate death certificate on Elbert Perkins. Records show he was incarcerated at the Texas Department of Corrections in Huntsville in the 1920’s for burglary and subsequently pardoned.

(FHM) Mrs. Ophelia Roper Edmond (DOB: appx. 1888¹ - 1940), wife of Deacon John Edmond (Apr. 15, 1881 – Jan. 25, 1956)

¹ Per the 1940 Census, Mrs. Ophelia Roper Edmond was 52 years old when the 1940 Census was enumerated.

Clarkie Pitts

(H) Elbert Hall McWhorter (Feb. 1832 – May 29, 1902)

Robert “Bob” Northcutt (1853 - Feb. 15, 1931)

Mrs. Sarah Northcutt (May 1860 - Sep. 13, 1940), wife of Robert “Bob” Northcutt

Hugh Reliford, 2nd husband of Becky Pruitt Perry (married Becky Pruitt Perry Dec. 12, 1920)

Becky Pruitt Perry Reliford (Apr. 16, 1875 - DOD unknown), daughter of Deacon Tony Pruitt, Jr., and wife of Joe Perry (1st husband) and Hugh Reliford (2nd husband)

Ms. Bobbie Perry

Ms. Rosie Perry

Florine Smith Sanders (1890 – Feb. 23, 1934) wife of Cary “Bud” Sanders,

Lawrence (Lurace) Sanders (1906 – Aug. 15, 1935) son of Cary “Bud” and Florine Smith Sanders (married Dec. 25, 1901).

Albert Perkins (Mar. 16, 1903 - Apr. 26, 1931 killed in a cyclone and buried in OMC per his death certificate) son of Deacon Henderson N. Perkins and Mrs. Sally James Perkins.

(FHM) Emily Smith – Died 1941

(H) Junius Smith (Feb. 27, 1871 – Jul. 3, 1912) son of Henry and Charity Smith and husband of Nancy (Martha) Smith, son Andrew, daughter Ruthie (Census 1910).

(H - Military Army Upright Marble) Willie Pruitt (Mar. 9, 1897 – Sep. 23, 1944), son of Deacon Tony Pruitt, Jr., World War I Army veteran

(H – Military Army Flat Marble – located & uncovered by Charles Stiger on October 28, 2017) Carter Shepherd (Dec. 12, 1913 – Jul. 26, 1947²), husband of Mrs. Flora Davis Shepherd (Apr. 13, 1913 – Mar. 21, 1989), World War II Army veteran

(H) Amanda Davis³ (Apr. 10, 1874 – Sep. 23, 1899), **with Polly.**

(FHM) Ms. Mary Davis (DOB Appx. 1880 – Dec. 17, 1941) (daughter of Mr. Ambrose Davis and Mrs. Amanda Davis)

² WWII Army Veteran Carter Shepherd is the last known documented burial in the Old Macedonia Cemetery.

³ Mrs. Mary Lou Shurn’s grandmother, and mother of Mrs. Anner Lee Stephens.

*Mosaic Society of America*⁴ members buried there are:

(H) Anna Mitchell (DOB unknown – Oct. 12, 1923),

(H) C. H. “Harry” Peters (1869 – Oct. 11, 1917) son of Jerry, Sr. and Sally Peters,

(H) Ellen Tucker (DOB unknown – Sep. 6, 1925),

(H) Virgie Tucker (Sep. 16, 1892 – Aug. 26, 1924),

(H) Francis Stephens (DOB unknown – Apr. 22, 1921),

(H) Willie Stephens (Jun. 12, 1867 - Oct. 29, 1927/11-10-1867 – Oct. 19, 1927 Death Certificate),
husband of Francis Stephens,

BOLD TYPE = Headstone (H) or Funeral Home Marker (FHM)

⁴ The Mosaic Templars of America was an African American fraternal organization founded in Little Rock in 1882 and incorporated in 1883 by two former slaves, John E. Bush and Chester W. Keatts. The organization was established to provide important services such as burial insurance and life insurance to the African-American community. Like many fraternal organizations, the Mosaic Templars' burial insurance policies covered funeral expenses for members, both men and women, who maintained monthly dues. The burial insurance policies included a Vermont marble headstone. See www.mosaictemplarscenter.com.