

BETHANY CHRISTIAN CHURCH CEMETERY, continued.

Little Dora	Mother	Mary Virginia Wiseman
Enfant (sic) of	Annie O. Wilson	Oct. 17, 1851
T.A. & Sudie Williams	Feb. 6, 1875	Mar. 9, 1931
Born Jul. 6th day, 1895	July 14, 1952	
Footstone: D.W.		Minnie E. Wylie
(Broken coffin-shaped slab)	Father	Mar. 23, 1890
	J.J. Wiseman	May 22, 1941
Tate Lee - Dau. of	Dec. 10, 1845	
J.B. & M.E. Wilson	Oct. 18, 1931	Bronze government marker:
Born Nov. 7, 1858	Masonic emblem	
Died May 18, 1859		Hassie M. Jackson
Footstone: T.L.W.	Virginia Ann	Tennessee - Pvt. - US Army
	Wife of J.J. Wiseman	World War II
	Born Sept. 26, 1848	Feb. 29, 1900 (as is)
	Died Jan. 26, 1896	Sept. 13, 1964
	Aged 47 Y'rs. & 4 M's	

NOTES ON ABINGTON-LOWRY CEMETERY (Page 47 of Volume I)

Mrs. James Wallis Anthony, 301 Burley Road, Collierville, Tennessee, provided the following information: Hardiman Abington, born 1810, is buried in the large box grave. He married Elizabeth (Betsy) Biggs in Edgecomb Co., N.C., 15 Feb. 1830. She died ca. 1837, and he married Margareta Blain in 1839. Mary Abington, dau. of Hardiman and Elizabeth Abington, died June 28, 1853. Remnants of her tombstone were found in the cemetery. Hardiman's niece, Eleanora, dau. of William Abington, came to Collierville from Smithland, Ky., after her parents died in 1838. She married her first cousin, William A. Lowry, son of _____ and Clarinda (Abington) Lowry. William A. and Eleanora Lowry are buried in this cemetery with several of their 13 children. The last to be buried was Miss Mattie D. (Aunt Ban) Lowry who died 7 Feb. 1940.

One of the Lowry children, Margaret Josephine, married James Matison Anthony. They had 4 children, one of whom was James Mahon Anthony, father of James Wallis Anthony who unearthed his grandfather's tombstone at the site in 1973:

"James M. Anthony
Born Nov. 4, 1845
Died Sept. 26, 1892
In life beloved, in death lamented.
Bradbury '51"

The Anthony family came from Roanoke, Va., and settled in the Kirk Community, northeast of Collierville. Also buried in the cemetery are members of the Powell family who came to Collierville in 1863, from Paris, Tenn., and were originally from Virginia and North Carolina. Miss Sallie Powell (dau. of Joseph D. and Sallie E. Powell) and her niece, Miss Mary Powell, 11497 Powell Road, Collierville, invite correspondence about this family. They said members of the Irby, Marley and McDonald families are also buried there. Hardiman Abington's son, James Abington, was the first mayor of Collierville, but his burial place is unknown.

The 1888 Map of Shelby County, 10th Civil District, Collierville, shows property owners represented here: W.A. Lowry, J.D. Powell, T.T. McDonald, N. Marley and M.J. Abington.

The 1840 Census of Fayette Co., Tenn., shows both H. Abington and Wm. A. Lowry, while the Fayette Co. marriage records show: (1) Book 1, p. 20 - William Lowry and Elinora Abington, 3 April 1839, by Wm. Harrell, J.P.; and (2) Book 1, p. 25 - Hardamon Abington (Abington) and Miss Margaretter Blain, 26 Sept. 1839, by Wm. Harrell, J.P.