

# Cooper - Westerfield Cemetery

## Daviness County, KY

By Jerry Long, Owensboro, Ky.

Location: About 1 ½ miles south of Whitesville turn right onto the Ward Road. Behind first house on the left.

Notes: On farm owned by Lester Coomes in 1973. Copied by Jerry Long on 23 April 1984.

Cooper, Elizabeth (died age 68 yrs.)		30 Apr 1858
Cooper, John (died age 72 yrs.)		31 May 1852
Cooper, (In Memory of) Rebecca (died age 78 years, 11 months & 18 days)	15 Jun 1760	2 Nov 1838
Fuqua, Coleman	17 Jun 1826	25 Mar 1876
Shively, John L. B.	11 Apr 1807	7 Aug 1880
Westerfield, Cornelius (Mason)	21 Jul 1805	12 Apr 1872

Footstone with initials "R. W."

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See also listings of cemetery published in - Kentucky Genealogist, Volume 17, no. 1, Martha Porter Miller, January-March 1975, p.9 (listed as Cooper - Shively Cemetery, compiled by Mrs. Paul (Elizabeth) Hinton & Anna Hamilton in 1973) and Daviness County, Kentucky Cemeteries, Volume 1, West-Central Kentucky Family Research Association, McDowell Publications, Hartford, KY, 1977, p.82 (listed as unnamed, compiled by: Mrs. Paul (Elizabeth) Hinton.

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Kentucky: A History of the State (J. H. Battle, W. H. Perrin & G. C. Kniffin, 1885, Ohio County sections):

JOHN C. WESTERFIELD was born October 9, 1832, in Ohio County, and is the eldest son in a family of seven children born to Cornelius and Rebecca (Cooper) Westerfield. The father was born in Shelby County, Ky., where he was principally reared, but when a young man came with his parents, Cornelius, Sr., and Elizabeth Westerfield, to Ohio County, and located about six miles from where John C. now resides, and there opened a farm from the timber, and

reared a family of thirteen to full maturity. Of his children, subject's father was at one time a large land owner and did an extensive business in tobacco, in which later he met with heavy financial reverses, and at the time of his death, in 1872, was in reduced circumstances, but paid all indebtedness and stood in high esteem with all who knew him. His seven children: Sarah A. (wife of Cole Fuqua), John C., Jacob H., Julia M. (wife of Leonard Hoover), William H., Joseph C. and Uriah J., are all living. The father's second wife was Mrs. Sallie Langley, nee Johnson. This union was blessed with four children, three of whom are living: Sarah J. (wife of Mr. Baxter), Marsilla and Richard. Owing to the financial embarrassment of his father, and the large family to maintain, John C.'s early life was spent in the hard, arduous routine, work incident to the life of a farmer boy in a new country; and in consequence of this and the poor educational facilities the time afforded, he was deprived of the advantages of a thorough school training, and his education was acquired by home study at such odd times when not employed, thus securing a fair literary and business education. He was thrown on his own resources, without capital, save his personal energy and determination to succeed. He has succeeded financially and socially. His first undertaking was that of farming, going in debt for 104 acres where he now lives. He had then only two and a half acres cleared, and a little log-cabin. November 26, 1857, he married Martha M. Magan, daughter of Hudson and Nancy A. (Wade) Magan, of Richmond, Va. They have been blessed with ten children, eight of whom are living: Francis N., married to Lucy E. Taylor; Jacob M., John C., Joseph U., Samuel B., Aretus A., Gilbert D. and Omah F. After marriage, Mr. Westerfield settled on the home place, clearing, improving, building and buying additional tracts from time to time, until he now owns 375 acres of land, 200 of which are under cultivation, with a fine frame residence, commodious and convenient barns, two orchards, the farm under fence and the entire place being one of the best improved, best arranged and neatest in the county. The prosperity of Mr. Westerfield is attributable to his indefatigable industry and to his wife's frugality, encouragement and devoted nature. They are both members of the Baptist Church, as are also the elder members of the family. Mr. Westerfield is a member of the Masonic order, Joe Ellis Lodge No. 473, and was its first Master. He favors temperance and has lived a life consistent therewith. Politically he affiliates with the Democratic party. Mr. Westerfield supported both his father and father-in-law in their old age until their death.

WILLIAM H. WESTERFIELD was born December 14, 1842, in this county. He was reared on the farm, attended the district school, and gained a fair business education. When eighteen years of age he began life for himself by raising a crop of corn, and has given his entire attention to farming. After raising the first crop on his father's farm, he worked out by the mouth for part of the crop, saving his earnings, with which he made the first payment on his present farm, and bought 115 acres, all in timber. He has seventy-five acres cleared; he also built his present fine residence, one of the best in the county, set out the orchard, built barns, fenced, etc. He was twice married: first to Josephine Burks, Ohio County, who bore him five children, two living: Charles L. and Mary R. His second wife was Mrs. Nancy Stewart, nee Chapman. They have two children: Clarence and Herbert. Mrs. Westerfield has two children by her former husband: Millie and Benjamin F., all at home. Mr. and Mrs. Westerfield and their older children

are members of the Baptist Church. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity Joe Ellis Lodge No. 473, and has passed all the chairs. Politically he is a Democrat. In 1864, in the spring, he enlisted in Company A, Eighth Kentucky Volunteer (Confederate) Mounted Infantry, and served under Forrest. About the last of the war, at Selma, Ala., he was taken prisoner, and about fourteen days later was paroled, at Montgomery, Ala ,684 miles from hoe, to which he walked, and started on 25 cents.

URIAH J. WESTERFIELD, Ohio County, Ky. Among the prominent and influential families of Kentucky, that of Westerfield is widely known, and our subject, a man of fair business and literary ability, is an honored member of the old house. He is the son of Cornelius and Rebecca (Cooper) Westerfield; the former a native of Mercer County, born July 21, 1805, and was twice married; first to Miss Cooper, a South Carolina lady, born in 1803, who bore him nine children, and died in 1860. Mr. Westerfield then married the Widow Langley, who became the mother of three children. The grandparents were Cornelius and Elizabeth (Bruce) Westerfield, who came from Maryland many years ago. A number of incidents are related of their early life in their rude log-cabins, without nails or iron of any kind. A bear once crowded into the door, when Mrs. Westerfield was alone, and made off with a large quantity of meat. The great-grandfather, with one this children, was killed by Indians while on the road to Kentucky. Uriah J. Westerfield was born May 5, 1852. He had few opportunities for obtaining an education, and at the age of sixteen began working for himself. He has been industrious and persevering, and without other capital than his own determined efforts has worked himself up to his present position of success. October 17, 1872, he married Laura A. Hunter, the eldest of seven children, whose parents were H. J. and Martha Hunter, both of whom are now living at Pleasant Ridge, Ky. Mrs. Westerfield was born in Daviess County, December 21, 1855, and educated near Whitesville. They have three children: Eva, born December 11, 1875; Cora Dena, December 12, 1878; and Noel H., May 24, 1884. Both are members of the Baptist Church, and Mr. Westertield belongs to the Masonic fraternity, as do also three of his brothers. Jacob H., William H., and Joseph C., brothers of Mr. Westerfield, served in the Confederate army in the late war, the former having been lieutenant under Colonel Shackett, in Gen. Forrest's command, with whom he served three years, subsequently was with Gen. Wharton, under Wheeler, Mr. Westerfield has a fine farm of 144 acres, mostly improved, well watered and timbered, with good buildings, stock, etc.



Top left – Uriah J. Westerfield (1852-1927), top right – Joseph Cooper Westerfield (1845-1934), bottom left – William H. Westerfield (1842-1912), bottom center – John Cornelius Westerfield (1832-1909) and bottom right – Jacob Henry Westerfield (1837-1926), sons of Cornelius Westerfield, Jr. (1805-1872) & Rebecca Cooper (c1808-1860) and grandsons of Cornelius Westerfield (1782-1852) & Elizabeth Bruce (1786-1862) and John Cooper & Elizabeth Jordan.