

Sorgho Baptist Church Cemetery Davies County, KY

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Located in Sorgho on Highway 1554. The village of Sorgho grew up around the Davies County Sorgho Sugar Company, established there in the winter of 1868-69 (see History Of Davies County, Kentucky (Inter-State Publishing Co., Chicago, 1883, pp185 & 776). The factory produced sugar from locally grown sorghum. A post office called Sorghotown was

established on 15 July 1869 and the Sorghotown Voting Precinct was formed on 12 May 1874. In 1883 the post office name was shortened to Sorgho.

Rev. Wendell Holmes Rone in his book, A History of the Daviess – McLean Baptist Association (1943, p194) states that the Sorgho Baptist Church was constituted as a result of some differences that arose within the fellowship of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in the year 1883. All of these differences were, however, of little import except in their cumulative effect. The feeling existing between the two groups, into which the Church divided itself, was manifested when the time came to call a pastor at the meeting of the Church in August, 1883. Some wanted one pastor and some another. The matter was not settled until twenty-eight members were granted letters of dismissal for the purpose of organizing a new Church at Sorghotown, as it was then known. The name has since been shortened to Sorgho. In accordance with previous arrangements these twenty-eight members who had been lettered off from the Pleasant Grove Church met on March 27, 1884, and were duly constituted into a Church by Revs. A. B. Miller and D. B. Miller. The names of the charter members are as follows:”

“Phil McNemer	Bettie McNemer	Peter Jacobs
Martha Jacobs	Edward Jacobs	Simon Jacobs
Benjamin Stout	Bettie Stout	Thomas Stout
Laura Timbrook	R. A. Stowin	Bettie Pearce
Addie Rogers	John W. Balee	Lettie Balee
Isaac Bennett	Mary Bennett	Abram Balee
Emma Balee	Jessie Bellow	Sallie Crabtree
Green Crabtree	W. S. Doriott	Mary Doriott
Emaline Eubanks	George Ling	B. T. Kelley”
	George Reid	

The church’s first meeting house was erected in 1889. J. F. Kimbley sold one acre to the trustees of the church on 28 October 1888 (Daviess County deed book 56-p148). A burial plot a short distance north of the church did not officially become the Sorgho Baptist Church Cemetery until 1901. Rev. William H. Dawson, pastor of the church during 1886-1902, wrote in his diary that on 15 November 1901 he “assisted in laying off the Sorgho cemetery” (see “The Life Beautiful”, Being Extracts from the Diary of W. H. Dawson, Messenger Job Printing Co., Owensboro, KY, 1908, p69).

The population of Sorgho was listed as 100 in the Kentucky Gazetteer And Business Directory For 1895-96 (p293). At the time a hotel, two general stores, two doctors and three blacksmiths were located there. Three monuments pre-date 1900. The oldest is for Robert S. Hazelwood (1822-1876). Transcriptions on monuments in the cemetery were copied by Jerry Long on 15 September 1988.

Balee, Albert O.	25 Apr 1880	22 Aug 1933
Balee, M. F.	1856	1927
Balee, Mildred	14 Oct 1846	31 Oct 1930

Balee, Mollie	1859	1950
Balee, N. S.	1868	1936
Balee, Sherman	5 Aug 1864	6 Dec 1957
Banks, Ruth (mother)	17 Dec 1861	28 Jan 1903
Barnard, Everett (s/o C.E. & E.L.)	14 Aug 1903	13 Jul 1904
Barnett, Everett	born & died	29 Jul 1904
Barnett, James C.	7 Mar 1877	16 Jun 1964
Barnett, William H. Annie L. (his wife)	24 Oct 1865 12 Mar 1871	20 Feb 1927
Bishop, Joseph H. Leona R.	27 Sep 1914 29 May 1915	
Braden, Basil Sarah	1859 1861	1948 1934
Brown, Harry D. Birtie M.	17 Sep 1887 14 Nov 1871	25 Aug 1959 9 Jul 1960
Burks, Clarence	no dates	
Burks, Ruth Masters	1905	1981
Burnett, James Meta (his wife)	17 Aug 1869 20 Apr 1881	11 Nov 1938 19 Sep 1960
Burnett, Wm. T. Anna	22 Feb 1841 10 May 1843	24 Jan 1906 28 Mar 1913
Burris, Artis	1900	1987
Burris, Christabelle (w/o Artis)	21 Dec 1918	31 Dec 1942
Calhoon, Ethel M.	1894	1955
Calhoon, J. C.	born & died	1905
Calhoon, John M.	1851	1916

Calhoon, Mary C.	1874	1954
Calhoun, John G. (Sergeant 1 st class Med. Corps USA)	1868	1918
Calhoun, Paul	1 Sep 1857	15 Feb 1906
Calvert, Mary V.	9 Oct 1840	8 Nov 1908
Case, J. H. (father, Mason)	13 Jan 1861	14 Apr 1929
Ellen E. (mother)	22 Sep 1866	6 Sep 1912
Case, Louella Osborne	19 May 1870	21 Apr 1926
Case, Willie H. (s/o J.H. & E.E.)	3 Jul 1888	15 Mar 1908
Collignon, Raymond G.	9 Jan 1907	20 Jul 1987
Phyllis D.	19 Mar 1913	
Conkright, Joseph J.	8 May 1929	28 Oct 1969
Conkright, Mary E. (mother)	8 Jan 1911	10 Nov 1962
Conrad, Mary L. Smith	1928	
Crabtree, W. A.		9 Jan 1924
Cora (his wife)		9 Nov 1910
Crask, Ben H. (father)	14 Feb 1870	15 Apr 1937
Crask, Carrie (mother)	1 Nov 1878	6 Jul 1927
Crask, Charles A.	22 Jan 1860	20 Apr 1934
Alice S. (his wife)	5 Dec 1866	9 May 1908
Crask, Hilary Aud (son)	29 Jul 1905	14 Jun 1948
Cummings, Novellia (d/o M.M. & L.R.)	20 Dec 1897	17 Aug 1912
Curtis, Sylvia Burks	25 Nov 1934	17 May 1953
Daily, Claud R.	1898	1965
Daily, Melvilla A.	10 Dec 1904	29 Oct 1973
Davis, Eliga L.	1916	1935

Davis, Frank Lee	16 Feb 1885	1 Nov 1965
Davis, Myrtle Burks	15 Feb 1886	17 May 1952
Davis, Nannie Bell	26 Feb 1888	16 Oct 1934
Dillehay, Sennett W. Ky. Tec 5 SVC Co 715 Tank Bn World War II)	16 Jul 1906	31 Aug 1972
Rachel M.	1906	
Dolson, Stanley R. Madeliene C.	27 Mar 1934 8 Dec 1937	15 Apr 1988
Doriot, Jesse James Fannie Eaty	9 Apr 1884 15 Aug 1887	4 Jul 1909 13 Dec 1906
Dorsey, Frances	14 Jul 1896	1 Nov 1975
Dorsey, Lillie (d/o W.H. & Annie)	4 Aug 1907	13 Jul 1908
Dorsey, T. Elmer (Pvt US Army World War II)	1905	1977
Eans, Callie Cohen (w/o Pete E.)	24 Sep 1874	29 Feb 1920
Eans, John C.	18 May 1862	22 Jan 1919
Eans, May Helen (w/o Pete E.)	28 Nov 1885	16 Feb 1906
Edgley, Russell	1913	1982
Ellis, Norman B. Ruth Lloyd	7 Feb 1922 9 Dec 1922	19 Dec 1984
Eubank, Emaline (w/o Henry)	2 Apr 1827	26 Nov 1909
Fenwick, Thomas	2 Aug 1885	6 Apr 1920
Fenwick, Wilbur M. "Bill" Mary Helen	20 Dec 1915 8 Jun 1916	10 Oct 1976
Ford, Carolyn Diane	1944	1945
Gardner, John H. Sarah A.	2 May 1859 12 Jun 1865	23 Aug 1925

Girten, John Jessie Mary Frances (wed 18 Oct 1927)	24 Feb 1907 11 Jan 1910	26 Dec 1983 1 Jan 1988
Girten, Laura Elizabeth Thresea Agnes	26 Oct 1928 16 Oct 1929	6 Nov 1928 23 Oct 1929
Goins, Lucile	21 Jan 1919	24 Aug 1936
Goodman, Dotson Sallie	1854 1856	1952 1953
Goodman, William J. Rosie L.	12 Feb 1888 3 Oct 1887	16 Oct 1970 1 Jan 1964
Green, Archie (Dad) Nova (Wed 29 Jun 1940)	21 Nov 1913 5 Jun 1921	26 Aug 1985
Green, Arthur T. Mary J.	18 Mar 1893 7 Jan 1886	8 Jan 1929 22 Feb 1968
Green, Delbert "Deb" (dad) Elizabeth S. (mom)	25 Feb 1923 22 Dec 1924	17 Jul 1981
Green, Elmer "Bill" Mary Helen	30 Mar 1908 19 Sep 1909	24 Dec 1981 1 Jul 1983
Green, Gerald H. (Tec 5 US Army World War II)	6 Jun 1919	27 Apr 1957
Green, Henry Minnie	9 Jan 1870 12 Feb 1871	29 May 1933 14 Dec 1961
Greer, Samuel F. Winifred E.	1919 1918	1981
Gregory, Maggie	1 Jun 1858	8 Jun 1940
Gregory, W. S.	4 Apr 1857	13 Nov 1932
Grimsley, George W.	30 Sep 1921	10 Sep 1931
Grimsley, J. W. Helen E.	5 Mar 1905 13 Jan 1915	8 Jul 1987 10 May 1973
Grimsley, Margaret L.	27 Nov 1912	18 Jun 1913
Grimsley, Thomas L.	24 Aug 1880	6 Feb 1951

Virgie L.	17 Sep 1882	26 Aug 1961
Hall, Fred H.	1897	1947
Nellie E.	1905	
Hall, Hettie H.	29 Oct 1900	20 Dec 1984
Hall, John T.	3 Oct 1863	3 Jun 1938
Sarah E.	15 Apr 1870	25 Jan 1939
Hallmark, Joe	1903	1986
Martine	1907	1980
Harl, Margaret E. Winstead (w/o John R.)	28 Dec 1848	4 Jan 1927
Harl, Robert H.	1879	1942
Ola May (his wife)	1892	1975
Harrington, Grover C.	16 Jun 1884	21 Apr 1946
Harrington, Helen W.	3 Aug 1885	24 Jan 1963
Harrington, Marie H.	12 Jan 1907	23 May 1921
Harrington, Maurice (s/o J.L. & M.G.)	born & died	4 Nov 1931
Harris, Harriet M. (mother)	19 Jul 1837	4 May 1925
Harris, Herbert G.	21 Mar 1906	
Irene Burnett	25 Aug 1903	
Hatcher, Oscar D. (Pvt US Army)	8 Jul 1922	24 Sep 1974
Hatcher, William G. (Ky. Pvt US Army World War II)	10 May 1919	10 Jan 1957
Hazelwood, Mary E.	1859	1928
Hazlewood, Robert S.	29 Jan 1822	30 Oct 1876
(our father, aged 54 y, 9 m & 1 d)		
Martha S.	23 Mar 1826	10 Mar 1883
(our mother, w/o R.S., aged 56 y, 11 m & 17 d)		
Howe, Robert A.	11 Sep 1908	31 Aug 1982
Dorothy H.	16 Nov 1923	
Hulsey, Josie (w/o J.J.)	28 Oct 1841	14 Jun 1906

Hulsey, N. Emma B. (his wife)	18 Jan 1853 11 Nov 1860	19 Dec 1924 14 Mar 1933
Hulsey, Richard Myrtle M.	16 Aug 1892 23 May 1898	30 Jul 1954 18 Jan 1928
Hundley, Calvin	23 Jan 1899	15 Oct 1967
Hundley, Charles B. Katie Mae	11 Jan 1895 14 Jun 1899	22 Mar 1976
Hundley, Claude N. Henrietta	31 May 1923 27 Apr 1924	
Hundley, John E. (father)	1855	1918
Hundley, Rose A. (w/o John E.)	9 Mar 1865	18 Jun 1912
Hundley, Victor M. Lillian E.	25 Mar 1902 19 Nov 1906	11 Feb 1988 16 Jan 1988
Jacobs, Pauline (d/o S.P. & R.C.)	10 Aug 1903	19 Jan 1909
Jacobs, Peter (father) Martha J. (his wife, mother)	16 Jul 1833 10 Aug 1838	27 Jul 1917 12 Sep 1913
Jacobs, Simon P.	23 Oct 1868	2 May 1904
James, Jeffery Eugene	11 Jun 1967	25 Apr 1985
Jenkins, Elder James R. Henry Clay (his wife)	16 Apr 1854 15 Apr 1869	11 Apr 1922 19 Dec 1913
Jones, James Wm. Ella Swain	20 May 1912 29 Dec 1921	
Justus, Delbert "Pete" (husband)	16 Sep 1926	26 Dec 1980
Justus, Hazel	12 Oct 1917	13 Mar 1930
Justus, Lawrence Mary	29 Oct 1886 20 Feb 1887	3 Apr 1974 10 Jun 1948
Kelley, Eva	14 Aug 1855	10 Feb 1931

Kelly, Lyle Louise	1 Jul 1892 19 Mar 1898	30 Jun 1964 27 Mar 1976
Kelly, Murray Elizabeth	2 Jun 1896 24 Apr 1903	18 Dec 1971
Kelley, Thomas J.	1 Apr 1844	22 Dec 1901
Leaman, J. P. Anna	15 Feb 1851 14 Feb 1859	15 Jul 1918
Leaman, J. W. Dennie	25 May 1849 15 Feb 1856	2 Sep 1923 12 Aug 1928
Lewis, William Murphy	8 Jun 1855	13 Mar 1946
Likens, Courtney Ethelene	15 Aug 1905 12 Nov 1905	31 Aug 1979
Likens, J. T. Oma	16 Mar 1873 16 Apr 1883	26 Dec 1937 15 Feb 1959
Ling, J. E.	18 Jan 1891	25 Oct 1972
Ling, Nora D.	11 Dec 1892	28 Oct 1952
Litsey, Tom Ada B.	6 Feb 1902 24 Aug 1913	12 Nov 1984
Lloyd, Ammon Bessie	1881 1896	1938 1987
Long, Richard		1968
Marret, Bud Sanie L. (his wife)	1 Apr 1877 6 Mar 1881	23 Oct 1939 9 Dec 1962
Marret, Frank L. Etter (w/o F.L.)	25 Jan 1850 19 May 1855	27 Dec 1906 21 Apr 1931
Marret, James, Jr.	8 Apr 1886	7 Jun 1945
Marret, James Roy (Ky S Sgt 11 AAF Air Depot GP World War II)	4 Sep 1915	4 Jul 1950
Marret, Otis M.	1911	1974

Blanche C.	1921	
Marret, Roman	20 Jun 1891	13 Oct 1971
Jessie Mae	28 Feb 1893	12 Aug 1952
Marret, Willie	3 Mar 1885	2 Mar 1937
Marrit, James S.	17 Nov 1852	10 Oct 1946
Catherine (his wife)	22 Sep 1853	5 Mar 1931
Masters, Martha (w/o Tom)	1874	1908
Masters, Tom	8 Mar 1865	11 Jan 1927
McCormick, Eva (mother)	22 May 1858	25 Apr 1928
McFadden, Myrtie R.	31 Aug 1910	8 Apr 1983
McFadden, Ezekiel (wooden cross on grave)		
McFadden, Jessie (wooden cross on grave)		
McFadden, Virginia (wooden cross on grave)		
McFadden, Charles (wooden cross on grave)		
McFadden, Malcom (wooden cross on grave)		
Miller, Murray (c/o Will & Anna)	born & died	20 Aug 1923
Elmer Lee (c/o Will & Anna)	23 Feb 1925	2 Aug 1925
Miller, William	1874	1953
Anna Wreath	1884	1965
Moseby, Joseph R.	11 Feb 1850	4 Mar 1909
Moseley, Jessie F. Walker	19 Feb 1907	12 Mar 1979
Munday, Huber (s/o W.S. & C.M.)	29 Sep 1900	20 Jul 1901
Munday, J. F. (father)	29 Feb 1835	25 Jul 1925
Georgia (mother)	12 Oct 1846	1 Jun 1941
Munday, James L.	6 Sep 1903	8 Aug 1962

Munday, Walker S. Carrie M. (his wife)	1876 1879	1933 1966
Nantz, Samuel M. Mary C. Smith	13 Jun 1876 21 Sep 1881	14 Jan 1941 26 Jul 1965
Newman, Henry Edison (US Army World War II)	14 Jan 1922	19 Nov 1981
Newman, Iva (w/o Dock)	4 Sep 1889	24 Jan 1930
Newman, Naomi (c/o Dock & Iva) Allene (c/o Dock & Iva)	23 May 1920 born & died	7 May 1921 25 May 1928
O'Bryan, Mollie Harris	1891	1911
Osborne, Algah Mae	1888 1893	1961
Osborne, Ellsworth Marion	1918 1914	1925 1926
Patrick, George Nannie (his wife)	7 Nov 1870 8 Apr 1873	29 Aug 1950 8 Aug 1944
Patrick, Kate L.	1832	1907
Payne, Wilsie E. Linda S. (wed 27 Sep 1965) (parents of Tracy & Kathy)	29 Jul 1942 18 Feb 1945	26 Jul 1988
Pendleton, G. Artist Ethel M.	13 Dec 1898 8 May 1901	1 May 1971
Petrie, Arthur J. (Indiana PFC 939 Field Arty Bn World War II)	26 Nov 1905	28 Jan 1971
Petrie, George E. Mary Ellen	26 Apr 1864 18 Jan 1872	28 Jan 1945 18 Apr 1933
Pierce, Edward Thomas	22 May 1890	22 Jan 1906
Pike, Brittany (d/o Mark & Jenny)	born & died	23 Feb 1986
Pitt, George Martha F. (his wife)	19 Aug 1853 4 Feb 1857	6 Mar 1920

Pitt, Pauline D. (d/o George & Mattie)	19 Sep 1900	25 Dec 1901
Pruden, James B. (Ben, S2 US Navy World War I) Barbara	30 Apr 1899 1898	24 Oct 1969 1949
Pruden, John M. (father) Emma C. (his wife, mother)	19 Feb 1847 23 Aug 1870	12 Oct 1912
Quier, Annie E.	18 Jul 1870	19 Apr 1956
Redmon, Staley Y. Mattie	27 May 1879 30 Jun 1884	20 Oct 1935 1 Mar 1957
Redmon, William W. (our little brother)	1913	1919
Reeks, Bertha M.	3 Apr 1910	18 Jul 1910
Reeks, Carrie M. (w/o T.E.)	1884	1911
Reeks, Daniel Edward (US Air Force)	14 Apr 1933	13 Jan 1981
Reeks, Dennis (son) Ada W. (mother)	7 Dec 1934 30 Dec 1897	17 Mar 1975
Reeks, Donald R.		1936
Reeks, Dorothy E.	1921	1924
Reeks, Essie M.	16 Apr 1916	17 Apr 1916
Reeks, Marjorie L.	6 Jan 1919	7 Jan 1919
Reeks, Paul E.	23 Jul 1914	29 Jul 1914
Reeks, Samuel Wesley Okie Elaine	24 Jan 1873 18 Jul 1902	19 Feb 1936 24 Jan 1982
Reeks, Thurman B.	4 Jul 1923	21 Jun 1981
Roberts, J. M. Rosie	1870 1875	1946 1933
Roberts, Wavie Birdie	1894 1894	1958
Rouse, Elizabeth Ann	1828	1907

Rouse, James A.	5 Jan 1821	13 Nov 1878
Sampson, Captola	20 Jul 1907	8 Oct 1974
Sampson, Frank	1 Oct 1889	7 Sep 1937
Sampson, James Ray "Bubby"	18 Oct 1929	2 Jun 1982
Sampson, Mae	13 May 1895	28 Dec 1920
Schweikert, George (Born in Weiler, Germany)	21 Jun 1832	4 Dec 1900
Sims, Joseph H.	1872	1933
Mattie Harl	1877	1955
Smith, A. G.	12 Nov 1878	16 Dec 1953
Smith, Christine F. (w/o R.T.)	20 Mar 1854	3 Sep 1934
Smith, Robert T. (Born in Glasgow, Scotland)	4 Dec 1846	16 Jul 1901
Sowders (concrete cross)		
Speed, John	29 Apr 1875	31 Jul 1950
Speed, Louis B.	25 Nov 1882	21 Dec 1963
Lena	1 Mar 1885	30 May 1972
Sudduth, Mary E. (d/o W.S. & H.C.)	born & died	16 Dec 1940
Sudduth, William S.	1909	1977
Survant, A. H.	29 Jul 1854	16 Jan 1935
Taylor, Hugh G.	no dates	
Mary A.	no dates	
Timbrook, Freeman	20 Jan 1903	1 Jul 1982
Cora V.	17 Jul 1914	
Timbrook, Jessie June	16 Apr 1908	26 Aug 1917
Timbrook, John F.	26 Nov 1911	10 Aug 1980
Timbrook, P. T.	7 Mar 1905	24 Mar 1977

Thelma	9 Jan 1904	27 Aug 1944
Timbrook, W. F.	1870	1954
Bettie	1875	1942
Timbrook, W. W., Jr.	born & died	12 Aug 1934
Timbrook, William	7 Sep 1835	23 Nov 1905
Laura (his wife)	21 Apr 1845	10 May 1932
Timbrook, William W.	27 May 1914	13 Feb 1941
Todd, Dorris E.	28 Jul 1925	13 Mar 1979
Evelyn B.		
Trice, J. Thomas	13 Feb 1833	14 May 1912
Trice, J. W.	28 Jan 1831	22 Nov 1908
Bettie	11 Aug 1837	22 Feb 1908
Trice, Oliver S.	25 Jan 1843	5 Dec 1911
Susan C. (w/o O.S.)	15 Dec 1839	1 Aug 1910
Van Bussum, Cecil	16 Apr 1896	2 Dec 1924
Walden, Herbert (s/o C.R. & H.B.)	8 Jul 1885	24 Jan 1906
Walden, J. W.	17 Jul 1858	12 Apr 1929
Lydia H. (his wife)	18 Jul 1867	10 Sep 1930
Walden, Louisa M. (w/o Dock)	12 May 1835	9 Nov 1906
Walden, Mendal S. (s/o Mendal & Verda)	5 Mar 1927	25 Nov 1928
Walker, Amelia (w/o O.N.)	28 Feb 1852	29 Jul 1902
Walker, El Vira	7 Nov 1870	26 Jun 1949
Walker, O. N.	11 Aug 1857	24 Mar 1947
Wall, Ishmael W. (father)	22 Apr 1899	27 Feb 1988
Wallace, Edward T.	18 Apr 1945	4 Nov 1971
Joann C.	19 Mar 1943	
Waltrip, Doris J. (d/o G.D. & Mae)	born & died	25 Feb 1935

Waltrip, Guy D.	3 Nov 1902	22 Nov 1937
Warren, J. Forest	22 Oct 1869	1 Nov 1945
Maude T.	23 Mar 1873	25 Jul 1950
Warren, James A.	1837	1921
James D.	1871	1956
Warren, John G.	11 Jan 1874	15 Feb 1902
June (w/o J.G.)	1 Jun 1878	
Warren, Mary Edith (daughter)	1908	
Wemes, Edna (d/o W.E. & E.C.)	24 Jun 1909	14 Nov 1911
Wemes, Etta C.	22 Apr 1870	29 Oct 1942
Wemes, Julia E.	24 Jan 1848	7 Aug 1923
Wemes, W. E.	28 Apr 1870	1 Jan 1914
Whitaker, Ernest H. (husband)	1889	1967
Laura R. (wife)	1886	1911
Nellie C. (wife)	1887	1958
Harden E. (son)	1909	1920
Whitaker, J. B.	8 Feb 1857	25 Apr 1933
Mary M. (his wife)	10 Apr 1865	21 Feb 1922
Whittaker, Robert J. (father)	3 Mar 1854	8 Jun 1916
Lizzie (his wife, mother)	30 Oct 1854	1 May 1928