

Hale Cemetery

Ohio County, KY

From Fordsville, KY take Highway 69 south. Turn left onto Narrows-Graham Road. Out about half a mile at the Y take the road to the left (Railroad Bed Road). Go another 1.5 miles and stop at brick house on the left. Located on farm of Harold D. Smith. Behind house follow pathway of old road to the left and up a hill. Pass a pond. Pathway ends at a large field. On right side of field near its far end the Hale Cemetery is in the edge of the woods. The hill on which the cemetery is located is known locally as the Jack Hale Hill.

Located on what was originally the farm of Caleb Hale (1790-1864). On 1 April 1852 Caleb & his wife, Sallie, sold it to their son, Armstrong Hale (Ohio County Deed Book M, p367). The farm (94 & one-half acres) was partitioned among the heirs of Armstrong Hale (1829-1904) on 8 April 1915 (Ohio County Deed Book 48, p504). It was divided among his children – Lottie Mitchell, Bettie Withers, Annie Hedden, Joseph C. Hale, Katie Robbins, John C. Hale, Ira Hale, Belle Kirby, Maggie Brown and the heirs of his deceased son, Charles P. Hale. The lot with the family cemetery went to John C. “Jack” Hale (1866-1948). Jack Hale left no children and by his will, dated 6 April 1948, left the property to his brother, Ira Hale (Ohio County Will Book 19, p363). Leonard Hale, inherited the cemetery property from his father Ira Hale (1874-1948). Leonard Hale, a single man, of Gary, IN sold it to Harold Dean Smith (1935-1999) & wife, Wanda Smith, on 22 October 1962 (Ohio County Deed Book 176, p145).

Gravestones in the cemetery were transcribed by Gary Dugger and Jerry Long, of Owensboro, KY, on 14 March 1998. Found 12 engraved monuments. Signs of many other unmarked graves. About 12 graves marked with fieldstones.

Durnell, Fanny J. (w/o W. L.)	31 Dec 1860	8 Apr 1943
[Note: Daughter of John H. & Emily Huff]		
Huff, John H.	5 Mar 1838	23 Jun 1914
Emily	8 Apr 1843	7 Jun 1915
[Note: Son of Charles Huff & Polly Whitler and daughter of Mark Wedding & Nancy Jane Hale.]		
Hale, Armstrong	6 Feb 1829	7 Sep 1904
	“Gone to bloom in the garden of heaven to dwell with the happy and blest”	
[Note: Son of Caleb Hale & Sallie Huff.]		
Brown, Thomas Hays	1834	1921
[Note: Son of John C. Brown & Jane Morgan, who were married in Ohio County, KY in 1835. In the 1850 Ohio County census he appears as Hazelwood and descendants record that his full name was Thomas Hazelwood Brown.]		

Brown, Elizabeth W.	1838	1918
[Note: Daughter of Joel Hayden Westerfield & Nancy Smith. She married 1 st Merrit White in 1853 and 2 nd Thomas H. Brown in 1859, both marriages in Ohio County. Her death certificate, 1919 - #11897, records that she was born 4 June 1837 & died 23 March 1919.]		
Hale, C. ("Born in Virginia")	18 Feb 1790	17 Mar 1864
[Note: Caleb Hale son of Armstrong Hale & Betsy Ruble.]		
Hale, Sallie (w/o C.)	25 Feb 1799	6 Oct 1868
[Note: Sallie Huff married Caleb Hale in Ohio County in 1817; daughter of Charles Huff & Polly New.]		
Wedding, Nancy J. ("Our Mother")	8 Jun 1819	17 Sep 1874
[Note: Nancy Jane, daughter of Caleb & Sallie Hale, married Mark Wedding in Ohio County in 1843.]		
Huff, Estel M. (s/o J. H. & Emily)	21 Oct 1871	8 Oct 1885
Brown, W. I. ("Father")	1 Sep 1863	4 Jan 1924
Margaret	23 Jan 1865	
Zerelzia ("Daughter")	25 Aug 1897	9 Sep 1909
[Note: William I. Brown married Margaret A. Hale in Ohio County in 1886. He was the son of Thomas H. Brown & Elizabeth Westerfield. Margaret was the daughter of Armstrong Hale & Sarah Haynes. Margaret Hale Brown died 15 April 1952 and was buried in the Hale Cemetery.]		
Sanders, William S.	16 Nov 1853	10 Dec 1935
Isabella S. (His wife)	5 Apr 1854	11 Nov 1933
[Note: William Silus Sanders, son of James T. Sanders & Nancy Ann Young, and grandson of George & Sarah Young; married Isabella Susan Hale, in Hancock County, KY in 1871. She was daughter of William Hale, Jr. & Ruth Elmira Bruner and granddaughter of William Hale & Catherine Snider and George Washington Bruner & Mary Davis.]		
Withers, James G.	1865	1936
Bettie	1863	1944
[Note: Mary Elizabeth /"Bettie" Hale, daughter of Armstrong Hale & Sarah Haynes, married James Grant Withers in Ohio County in 1891. Her death certificate, 1944 - #5364, records that she was born 18 March 1862 & died 27 February 1944; James Withers was born 24 January 1865 & died 2 January 1936.]		

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The following were buried in the Hale Cemetery in unmarked graves.

Durnell, Walter L. (age 80) c1866 15 Jul 1946
 [Kentucky Death Certificate 1946 – #16270. He married Fanny Huff in Ohio County in 1897.]

Hale, Charles Pike 19 Dec 1856 11 Oct 1908
 [Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, 13 Oct 1908, p5. Son of Armstrong Hale & Sarah Haynes, married Annie Eliza Kirby in Ohio County in 1879.]

Hale, Gertrude 26 Apr 1870 6 Sep 1889
 [Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 25 September 1889 p4, daughter of Armstrong Hale; age 19 years, 4 months & 11 days.]

Hale, Sallie (Haynes) 1834-1835 16 Sep 1912
 [Kentucky Death Certificate 1912 - #23353. Sarah Ann, daughter of Charles Ellis Haynes, Jr. & Ann McGuire, married Armstrong Hale in Ohio County in 1853.]

Hale, Sallie A. (Crow) c1860 20 Oct 1881
 [Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 2 November 1881 p1 - wife of Joseph C. Hale; daughter of Andre Crow; “interred in the Caleb Hale graveyard on the farm now owned by Cicero Smith.”]

Kinnison, Lillie (w/o Roscoe E.) 1884 22 Jul 1916
 [Kentucky Death Certificate 1916 – #19015. Nee Byers.]

Kinnison, Vitula (d/o Roscoe E. & Lillie) 20 Aug 1910 12 Sep 1926
 [Kentucky Death Certificate 1926 - #23876.]

Kirby, Parlee (d/o John W. & Belle; age 1-2-28) Jul 1880 3 Oct 1881
 [Hartford Herald, 12 October 1881, p1, “buried in family graveyard of Caleb Hale on farm of Cicero Smith”. John W. Kirby married Nannie Belle Hale in Ohio County in 1879.]

Sanders, Dewey (s/o Albert E. & Beatrice) 28 Apr 1917 12 Aug 1917
 [Kentucky Death Certificate 1917 - #26718. Fred & Dewey, grandsons of William Silus Sanders & Isabella Susan Hale and William Harrison Ralph & Clarinda Ward.]

Sanders, Fred (s/o Albert E. & Beatrice) 18 Mar 1913 2 Apr 1913
 [Kentucky Death Certificate 1913 - #11278.]

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Caleb Hale (1790-1864)



Caleb Hale (1790-1864), son of Armstrong Hale & Betsy Ruble, married Sallie Huff (1799-1868), 11 March 1817 Ohio County, KY; she was the daughter of Charles Huff & Polly New. Caleb & Sallie Hale were the parents of:

1. Zemira Hale (5 January 1818 Ohio County, KY – 24 December 1896 Ohio County, KY); married John Johnson, 6 November 1835 Ohio County, KY.
2. Nancy Jane Hale (8 June 1819 Ohio County, KY – 17 September 1874), married Mark Wedding, 19 January 1843 Ohio County, KY; buried Hale Cemetery, Ohio County, KY.
3. Charles Pike Hale (23 March 1821 Ohio County, KY – 23 March 1884); married Sarah Elizabeth Midkiff, 23 November 1848 Ohio County, KY; buried Calhoun Cemetery, Calhoun, McLean County, KY.
4. Mary Ann Hale (23 April 1823 Ohio County, KY – 11 August 1866 Ohio County, KY; married Robert G. Wedding, 22 December 1841 Daviess County, KY; buried Midkiff Cemetery, Ohio County, KY.
5. Sarah Elizabeth Hale (16 February 1825 – 21 October 1893 Ohio County, KY); married Elijah Hyatt Whittinghill, 19 October 1844 Robertson County, TN; buried Elijah Whittinghill farm, Ohio County, KY.
6. Armstrong Hale (6 February 1827 Ohio County, KY – 7 September 1904 Ohio County, KY; married Sarah Ann Haynes, 10 January 1853 Ohio County, KY; buried Hale Cemetery, Ohio County, KY.
7. Josiah Hale (born 25 January 1829 Ohio County, KY – 14 September 1905 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY; married Nancy Jane Willis, 19 July 1853 Ohio County, KY and Emma McHenry, 19 February 1873 Ohio County, KY; doctor; buried Elmwood Cemetery, Owensboro, KY.
8. Ellen Hale (7 February 1831 Ohio County, KY – 25 March 1918 Ohio County, KY; married Thomas Washington Acton, 2 January 1851 Ohio County, KY; buried Midkiff Cemetery, Ohio County, KY.
9. Hannah Hale (28 November 1832 Ohio County, KY – 13 February 1915 Ohio County, KY); married Henry Smith, Jr., 20 December 1854 Ohio County, KY and George Smith, 1 October 1861 Ohio County, KY; buried Smith Cemetery, Ohio County, KY.
10. Caleb Hale, Jr. (2 May 1835 Ohio County, KY – 7 March 1901 Whitesville, Daviess County, KY; married Sarah May, 3 November 1856 Ohio County, KY; doctor; buried Cates Cemetery, Whitesville, KY.
11. Martha Caroline Hale (2 April 1838 Ohio County, KY – 8 May 1931 Ohio County, KY); married David William Gray, 12 April 1864 Ohio County, KY; buried Fordsville Cemetery, Fordsville, Ohio County, KY.

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History of Daviess County, Kentucky (Chicago, IL, Inter-State Publishing Co., 1883, pp508a, 535-536):

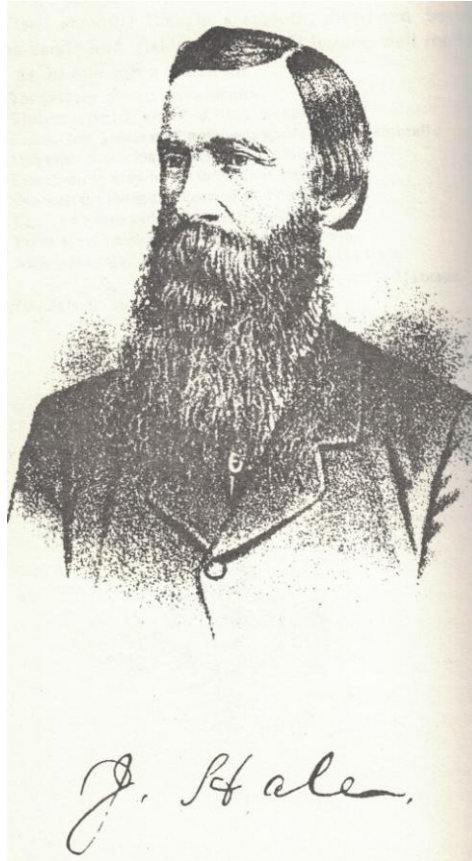


CALEB HALE, M.D., born May 2, 1835, in Ohio County, Ky.; son of Caleb and Sallie (Huff) Hale. His father was born in Virginia, and settled in Ohio County, Ky., in 1806, where he was married, his wife being a daughter of Charles Huff, native of Mercer County, Ky. Both parents died in Ohio County, the father at the age of seventy-six years, and the mother at the age of sixty-seven years. They reared a family of eleven children, four sons and seven daughters, of whom two of the daughters afterward died; among the sons two of them having become practicing physicians – Josiah Hale, of Owensboro, and Caleb Hale, of Whitesville. Dr. Hale, the subject of this sketch, was reared in Ohio County. His education was commenced in the common district schools, but completed at Hartford, Ohio County, and Calhoon, McLean County, principally at the latter place. He began his medical studies in his sixteenth year, with his brother Josiah, who was then practicing in Ohio County. He took his first course of medical lectures at the Louisville University, in 1852, and graduated from this institution during the session of 1857-'8. He first began the practice of medicine in his twentieth year, at Fordsville, Ohio Co., Ky., before graduating. In 1859 he moved to Yelvington, Daviess County; remained there, however, only a short time, when he moved to Calhoon, McLean County, where he stayed one year. In 1861 he came to Whitesville, where he has been engaged in the active practice of medicine ever since. When he was in his seventeenth year he united with the Baptist church. In 1856 he became identified with the Masonic order, the Fordsville Lodge, Ohio County. He has been successful in his professional duties, and has had as large as practice as any man of his age in the county. He was married in 1856 to Sarah F. May, daughter of Isaac May, of Ohio County. They have had five children – Laura,

deceased, wife of Rev. R.S. Fleming, who died leaving two little sons; Sue, Mattie, Sallie, and Virdie, who was drowned at the age of two years.

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JOSIAH HALE, M.D., born Jan. 25, 1829, near Fordsville, Ohio Co., Ky., is a son of Caleb and Sallie (Huff) Hale, both born in Virginia, and married in Ohio County, Ky. His father died aged seventy-four, and his mother aged seventy. They had a family of four sons and seven daughters; four sons and five daughters now living. Josiah was the third son. His parents being in moderate circumstances his early education was pursued in the schools of his county (Ohio), but he was ambitious, and by close study and persevering effort succeeded in making himself a fair scholar, and at the age of twenty, having chosen the profession of medicine, began his studies at home under the instructions of Dr. N.L. Lightfoot, a country practitioner, where he pursued his studies diligently for one year. He then went to Fordsville, Ky., and entered into a partnership with Dr. H. Wells, and practiced his profession for two years; then went to Louisville and became a pupil of Dr. D.W. Yandell, of that city, at the same time attending lectures at the Louisville University, where he graduated in 1856. He now entered the practice of medicine in Hartford, Ky., continuing three years. Then he went to New York, and attended a course of lectures at the New York University, also at the New York Ophthalmic Hospital. In 1860 he returned to Hartford, and resumed his practice there for

two years, when he removed to Owensboro, Ky., where he practiced for nine years; then being determined to stand among the first in his profession went again to New York and attended lectures at the Bellevue Hospital Medical College, and also took a course of private instruction at the Ophthalmic Hospital, under Prof. H. Knopp. He returned to Owensboro, where his success has fully repaid him for his long and persistent study. In his experience as a physician he has had a large practice as surgeon, performing many difficult operations. Recently he has devoted himself more especially to the diseases of the eye, and surgical diseases of women, and has attained great distinction and a very large practice. In 1866 he became a member of the Kentucky State Medical Society, and in 1871 was elected Senior Vice-President of that body. He is a permanent member of the American Medical Association, a member of the McDowell Medical Society, of the Owensboro Medical Society, and a member of the Board of Medical Examiners for the Fifth District of Kentucky. He was a delegate to the International (Centennial) Medical Congress, at Philadelphia, in 1876. He was a delegate from the Tri-State Medical Society (Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois) in 1881, to the International Medical Congress that met in London, England; and during his stay in London took a course of instruction on the diseases of the eye at the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital. He remained in Europe one summer, visiting the leading hospitals, museums and art galleries of London, England, Paris, France, and Edinburgh, Scotland, returning to Owensboro in the fall of 1881. He has written many valuable articles for the medical journals of this country, several of which have been republished both in this country and in Europe. He is a member of the Baptist church and a Freemason. Dr. Hale was married in 1853 to the daughter of J.W. Willis, of Ohio County, Ky.; she died at Hartford in 1861, leaving one child – Mary, wife of J.A. Dean, attorney of Owensboro. Dr. Hale was again married in 1873 to Miss E. McHenry, daughter of the Hon. J.H. McHenry, an ex-member of Congress and a noted lawyer of Owensboro, Ky. Dr. Hale has devoted himself to his profession with an energy which has made him a successful physician and a useful man, his high sense of honor rendering him always regardful of the rights of others, and his urbane, kindly manner winning him the esteem of all. The Hale family were originally from England, and settled in Virginia at an early day, where the family is still represented, as well as in Maine, Massachusetts, Missouri, Illinois and Kentucky. In politics Dr. Hale was first a Whig, but since the war has been a Democrat.