



Benjamin M Meritt

Benjamin M Meritt was born February 14, 1867 and died November 4, 1893. Every reference found gives his name as Benjamin “H” Meritt, excepting his tombstone which reads Benjamin “M” Meritt. He was a son of William Hanley Meritt (1838-1913) and Sarah Frances Johnson (1839-1913). Benjamin was born and died in Dekalb County, Tennessee.

On June 28, 1884 he married Margaret Emeline Moore. She was born December 18, 1867 and died August 25, 1951 in Cannon County, Tennessee. She was the daughter of Jesse D Moore and Frances L Hutchins.

Ben and Margaret had two children, William F (1885) and Robert Cleveland (1889).

Ben's death was caused by a jump he made that resulted in a broken leg. He bled to death.

He was interred at W J Nixon cemetery and was later disinterred and relocated at Mt Holly cemetery. A brother, Oscar Paton Meritt, was present as the disinterment.

He was 26 years old when he died. His epitaph reads:

“Sleep on dear child, and take thy rest,

In Jesus' name forever blest.”