



Jim Brazier

There is a death certificate for a James Neal Brazier Jr who died in DeKalb County, TN on August 8, 1950, and was born Feb. 16, 1903. He was buried in Brasswell Cemetery and not removed to Mt. Holly Cemetery. This is NOT his grave. His parents listed on the death certificate were James Neal Brazier, Sr. and Martha "Mahathey" (which should correctly be Mahaffey- the other spelling does not exist in TN). This grave seems to be for James Neal Brazier, Sr., who is never in the census anywhere in TN, has no marriage record and no death record. He hid very well. These are the only known Jim Braziers in the area to possibly be buried here, and Jr. is in another cemetery. It appears this Jim Brazier died between 1902 and 1906, because of the birth date of their son, James Jr. and the date of his wife Martha's remarriage to John B. Arnold. Since the marker for this grave is a brass plate, it means the grave was relocated from some cemetery originally in the area to be flooded by Center Hill Dam, and that there was no grave marker. The lake was filled in 1948/1949.

James Sr's wife was a Martha Mahaffey, who was Martha Frances Mahaffey (1872-1955), the daughter of Isaac Houston Mahaffey (abt. 1839-?) and Margaret Emeline Pack (1843-1926), and both she and her father are also buried here in Mount Holly Cemetery.