

Margaret (Bates) Watson

Margaret Bates was born January 5, 1821 in Tennessee and died November 13, 1900 in Dekalb County, Tennessee. She was the daughter of Isaac Bates (1784-1866) of South Carolina and Didama Tubb (1781-1850) of North Carolina.

On October 9, 1849 she married Allen Watson in Smith County, Tennessee. He was the son of William Watson (1783-1814) of Carteret County, North Carolina and Elizabeth Arnold (1785-1809) of Jones County, North Carolina. Allen Watson was born September 6, 1809 in Carteret County, North Carolina and died February 19, 1885 at Temperance Hall in Dekalb County, Tennessee.

Margaret and Allen raised six children: Silas Wright (1850), Jourdan S (1852), John Allen (1854), Rufus Horner (1856), Lucious (1858) and Mary E (1861).

In 1900 at the age of 79 Margaret Watson was still living with her youngest and only daughter Mary. She died after she was recorded on the Federal Census in November of the same year.

She was interred at Alpha Watson cemetery and later was disinterred and relocated at Mt Holly cemetery. Her grandson, Alpha Watson was present at her disinterment.