

Rufus Horner (Rufe) Watson

Rufus Horner Watson was born September 11, 1856 and died March 9, 1927 at Temperance Hall in Dekalb County, Tennessee. He was a son of Allen Watson (1809-1885) of Carteret County, North Carolina and Margaret Bates (1821-1900) of Tennessee.

On March 3, 1878 he married Mary Jane Terry of Brush Creek in Smith County, Tennessee. She was a daughter of William Franklin Terry (1825-1863) and Harriet Caroline Turner (1832-1894). Both her parents were from Smith County, Tennessee. Mary Jane Terry was born September 3, 1857 and died May 14, 1914 in Wild Cat Hollow, Temperance Hall, Dekalb County, Tennessee.

They had these children: Effie Caroline (1878), William Edgar (1882), Jesse Frances (1884), James Edward (1887), an infant (1889) and Alpha Roy (1890).

The 1920 U S Federal Census records that Rufus was 63 years of age and was living alone, his wife having died in 1914 and his children had all left home.

Rufus Watson was interred at Alpha Watson cemetery (his son's) and was disinterred and relocated at Mt Holly cemetery. His son Alpha Roy was present at his disinterment.