

Life of SARAH (BYARS) COOPER

1799 Apr 9: Sarah born in Rutherford County, North Carolina

1812, age 13: Byars family moved to Christian County, Kentucky

1816 Dec 25, age 17: Cader and Sarah were married

1830, age 31: Jefferson County, Alabama

1842 Sep 22; age 43: husband Cader died at age 46, Talladega County, Alabama; Eight children: Albert, 17; Mary Jane, 14; Sylvester, 12; Emily, 10; Joseph, 8; Sarah, 6; Martha, 4, George 1 (The four oldest children were married by now – Nancy, Eliza, John C. and Elizabeth.)

1845, age 46: DeKalb, Kemper, County, Mississippi

1850, age 51: Oktibbeha County, Mississippi

1862, age 63: Monroe County, Mississippi

1862 May 17: son George W. died from malaria at age 21: Served 4 months and 17 days

1862 Jul 1: son-in-law David C. Hefner died from illness at age 47: Enlisted Jan 18, 1862, in hospital May 4, 1862

1863 Jul 2: son Joseph died in Battle of Gettysburg at age 29

1864 May 27: grandson William S. Hefner wounded in battle at age 23: Served for three and one-half years; wounded Battle of New Hope, Marietta, GA

1864 Oct 6: grandson John C. Hefner died from illness at age 20: Enlisted Jan 18, 1862; captured at Vicksburg July 4, 1863; in hospital Aug 5-8, 1864 and Sept 28-Oct 6, 1864

1864 Oct 18: Sarah died at 65

1864 Oct 19: son Sylvester wounded in battle at age 34: Enlisted Feb 24, 1863, wounded at Battle of Cedar Creek, leg amputated on battlefield; taken prisoner.

Sarah Byars Cooper had twelve children from 1817-1841. She saw three sons, one son-in-law and two grandsons off to war. Four of these died as a result of injury or illness, two were wounded in battle.

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