

Edward T. D. Murtha was born in 1855 in New York City. His mother not being able to support her family put him in the orphan's home in the city at the age of five years. She often visited him while he was in the home. He had no recollection of his father.

At the age of 7 ½ years, he and 25 of his little mates were brought to Indiana. He was taken in a very pious family by the name of Woolford. Martin Woolford, the head of the family being a farmer, had him to work on the farm during the summer and go to the school in the winter until the age of 21, after which he gave him the promised outfit, which consisted of a horse, bridal and saddle. He then taught school for some time.

He was married in August, 1886, to Jenny Cagle of Penn Ville, at the time of his death, which occurred October 13, 1900; he was running a grocery in connection with the post office at Bryce. He died in the triumph of a living faith and his God, at the age of 45, leaving a wife and three children to mourn their loss. He was an affectionate husband and father.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. Coleman of Bryant at Pleasant Grove church; interment in Pennville.

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