

Summary History: The Davidson County Deeds show Thomas B. Coleman first purchased property in 1834. He was elected a City Alderman in 1835, and then re-elected five more times. Thomas B. Coleman was listed in the U.S. Census 1840 as a resident of Davidson County with a household of 13 free white persons and 10 slaves. In 1842, he was elected Mayor of Nashville. Coleman was one of the original purchasers of Lots in City Cemetery. Lot purchases began in 1843. On December 6, 1848, Thomas B. Coleman was buried, with Masonic Honors, at City Cemetery.

In 1850, his widow Margaret was listed in the U.S. Census records with her children. In the Census records, 1850-1870, Margaret's birthplace was listed Pennsylvania. The location of Thomas B. Coleman's birth place and the marriage date to Margaret are unknown at this time. The name "Thomas Coleman" is listed in early Pennsylvania records but more research would be necessary to establish a connection.

In the literature about Nashville Mayors, it has been suggested that Thomas B. Coleman was the son of Joseph Coleman, first mayor of Nashville. This is inaccurate. The Coleman Family Bible in the collection of the Public Library of Huntsville, Alabama, listed the names of Joseph and Ann Coleman's nine children. Thomas B. was not one of their children.

In the 1850 U. S. Census, City of Nashville, Margaret Coleman was listed as born in Pennsylvania with four children at home who were all born in Tennessee. In the 1870 U. S. Census, the oldest child, John W. Coleman, born 1830 in Tennessee, was listed in the household of his mother Margaret along with his wife Martha and six children. Margaret Coleman's sons were listed as "Butchers" in the Nashville City Directories beginning in 1855. The City directories listed their residences at the location of their business, as butchers, at several addresses on North Market Street.

City Cemetery Records. Thomas B. Coleman

1909 Alphabetical List of the Dead

Section 28 SE Lot 49 Lot Owner T.B. Coleman

C - T.B. C - M. M - T. (surname initial listed first)

1908 Plat Map Section 28 SE Lot 49 10 x 36

T.B.C. M.C. T.M. Note: On 1908 Plat, the graves in the Coleman Lot were marked with initials. In 1914, on Charles Marlin "List of Notables," published in Mrs. Acklen's Tombstone Inscriptions & Manuscripts, 1933, p. 8.

"T. B. Coleman, son of Joseph Coleman,
Mayor of Nashville 1842. Cedar head piece."

Note: Unknown if all three graves on the Coleman lot had cedar head pieces.

City Cemetery Records. Thomas B. Coleman, continued

City Cemetery Interment Books. Identification of Burials

"T.B.C." Dec. 6, 1848 Thos. B. Coleman Central box Lot

"M.C." June 16, 1872 Mrs. M. Colman 75 Central Lot

"T.M." Aug. 18, 1895 Thomas Monks 59 Central grave on Coleman lot

City Cemetery Lot Purchase Records 1843-1849 (Metro Archives)

Lot Ownership. "Thos. B. Coleman"

"Names of Individuals who have purchased lots in the Nashville City Cemetery and are exempt from paying for a Grave, providing such Grave is made on his, her or their lot."

City Cemetery Interment Records. Coleman/related entries

1848, Dec. 6 Thomas B. Coleman. Central

1853, Dec. 6 Hardy, 60, slave to Mrs. T.B. Coleman. Negro Ground

1854, Apr. 19 Rose, 55, slave to Mrs. Margaret Coleman. Negro Ground

1855, Jan. 26 Infant, slave to Mrs. M. Coleman. New ground

1860, Sept. 1 Infant, slave to Mrs. Margaret Coleman. Negro Lot

1872, June 16 Colman, M., Mrs., 75. Central *See obituary. Margaret Coleman

1880, Sept. 3 Coleman, John W., Jr., 17, Coleman Lot (grandson) *Mt. Olivet

City Cemetery Section 28.52 (28 NE) Lot 49

During the 2002 survey, no tombstones were identified in this lot by the MTSU Geosciences Team for Thomas B. Coleman or for Mrs. Margaret Coleman or for Thomas Monks.

Coleman Family History

Land Deeds. Davidson County

Land transactions by Thos. B. Coleman (1834-1848)

10 Land purchases (between Apr. 26, 1834 – Feb. 19, 1848)

10 Land Sales (between Dec. 31, 1836 – July 8, 1846)

(From the Index: deeds for land in the Town of Nashville)

Public Service. Thomas B. Coleman

Elected City Alderman in 1835, 1836, 1838, 1839, 1840 & 1841.

Elected Mayor in 1842.

History of Nashville, published by Crew, 1890, page 121.

U. S. Federal Census 1840

Davidson County, TN.

Thomas B. Coleman Household: Total 23 Persons: 13 Free White 10 Slaves.
[4 of these people Employed in Manufacture or Trade].

Obituary. Thomas B. Coleman

Western Weekly Review. Franklin, Tennessee December 8, 1848

"Thomas B. Coleman died Nashville, Tennessee, December 5, 1848."

Obituary. Thomas B. Coleman

Nashville Union. Thursday, December 7, 1848

MASONIC NOTICE

"The members of Nashville Lodge, No. 142, and the several transient brethren, are requested to meet at Masonic Hall this afternoon, at 1 o'clock for the purpose of attending the funeral of Bro. Thomas B. Coleman, S. W.

By order of the W. M. of Nashville Lodge No. 142. W. H. Horn, Sec'y"

U. S. Federal Census 1850 (after death of Thomas B. Coleman)

The City of Nashville. Davidson County, TN.

Household of Margaret Coleman

Margaret Coleman 52 Born Pennsylvania

Thomas Coleman 18 Butcher Born Tennessee

Leroy Coleman 15 Born Tennessee

James Coleman 13 Born Tennessee

Mary J. Coleman 12 Born Tennessee

U. S. Federal Census 1860. Nashville Ward 2, Davidson County, TN.

Household of Margaret Coleman

Margaret Coleman 62 Born Pennsylvania

Value Real Estate \$7,000 Value Personal Estate \$3,000

Thomas B. Coleman 24 Butcher Born Tennessee

Next Household in Census listing:

Household of John W. Coleman

John W. Coleman 30 Butcher Born Tennessee

Martha Coleman 26 Born Tennessee. 4 children, born in Tennessee:

Thomas B. 9; Frank P. 8; Sam P. 5; Mattie 3

U. S. Federal Census 1870. 2nd Ward, Nashville, Davidson County, TN.

Household of Marg't Coleman

Marg't Coleman 70 Keeping House Value Real Estate \$5000 Born Penns.

John W. Coleman 40 Butcher Born Tenn.

Martha Coleman 35 At Home Born Tenn. 6 children, born in Tennessee:

Thomas 19; Frank 17; Sam 15; Madeline 12, John Jr. 7; Wm. K. 5

Nashville City Directory 1853
1853 Coleman, Mrs. M. 83 N. Market St.

Nashville City Directory 1855
Coleman, Mrs. Margaret 83 N. Market St.
Coleman, John Butcher 83 N. Market St.
Coleman, Thomas Butcher 83 N. Market St.
Coleman, James Butcher 83 N. Market St.
Coleman, Lee Barkeeper 83 N. Market St.

Nashville City Directory 1857
Coleman, John W. Butcher & Marketer
Slaughter House North Nashville. Stall No. 2 Market House
Advertisement: *My meats are savory, fresh and sweet,
Therefore my customers love to eat.
I make these little funny rhymes,
Because I like to see the dimes.*

Coleman, T. B. Butcher & Marketer
Slaughter House 83 North Market St. Stall No. 4 Market House
Advertisement: *I'm always at my stall by times,
Because I love to make the dimes;
My customers I'm glad to greet
And always give them precious meat.*

Coleman, Mrs. Margaret 83 N. Market St.
Coleman, James M. Butcher Stall 4, 83 N. Market St.
Coleman, Lee, Barkeeper, as above

Nashville City Directory 1859
Coleman, T. B. Meat Marketer Stall No. 4
Coleman, J. W. Meat Marketer Stall No. 5
Coleman, L. C. Meat Marketer Stalls No. 6 & 7

Nashville City Directory 1870
Coleman, John W. Butcher h 112 N. Market

Nashville City Directory 1871
Coleman, J. W. Butcher h 112 N Market
Coleman, Margaret, widow h 112 N Market
Coleman, Tom h 112 N Market

Obituary. Mrs. Margurite Coleman

National Republican Banner. June 15, 1872

"Died Coleman, at her residence, No. 112 North Market Street, in this city, on yesterday at 3 o'clock, Mrs. Margurite Coleman, relict of the late Thomas B. Coleman. The funeral will take place from the Second Presbyterian Church on tomorrow (Sunday) at 3 o'clock p.m. Services by Rev. Dr. Hoyte. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend."

Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Lot Owner Lots

Burials. Lot Owner Coleman, Frank P. Lot No. 155 Section 14

William K. Coleman 1-20-1944

John W. Coleman 9-21-1880 Removed from City Cemetery 11-9-1904

Mrs. Martha Coleman Age 83 years 9-17-1916

Thomas Coleman 9-16-1910

Samuel P. Coleman 1-8-1923

John W. Coleman 9-1-1908

Mary H. Coleman 4-16-1927

Frank P. Coleman 9-7-1917

John Lowry 9-6-1929

Frank C. Lowry 9-13-1912

Mattie Coleman Cox (Madeline) 3-27-1902

Catherine R. Lowery 12-13-1972

Underscored > all listed in 1870 US Census: Household of Margaret Coleman

John W. & Martha plus all six children interred in same lot at Mt. Olivet including the son John W., Jr. who was initially buried at City Cemetery.

Children of Mayor Joseph Coleman

List of the names of the nine children

Coleman Family Bible, Public Library, Huntsville, Alabama

From Dr. Allen Weaver, descendant of Joseph Coleman

Email to Fletch Coke on November 10, 2010