

James Woods, Jr. was born December 10, 1793 in Rockbridge, Va. and died August 9, 1875 in Nashville, TN at the age of 81. He was the son of James Woods and Nancy Rayburn. He had four brothers, Andrew, Joseph, Robert and Archibald and four sisters, Margaret who married John Walker, Martha married Alexander Robertson and they lived in Stewart Co., Elsie and Agnes Green who married Charles Clay Trabue. Andrew married Louise Chauvin and they lived in St. Louis, Mo. He was engaged in the fur business. Joseph married Jane West and they live in Nashville. He is buried on the Woods lot and although Jane does not have a tombstone, I feel sure she is buried near her husband, Joseph. Robert married Jane's sister, Sarah West and they also lived in Nashville. James Woods' home was on Broad Street near the corner of Vauxhall and was a handsome, double red brick building with porches in the front of it, ornamented with white fluted pillars.

He was a tall man and very erect. His hair was iron gray and his face smooth shave. He dressed with extreme neatness and usually carried a gold headed cane. He was the owner, along with his brothers, Joseph and Robert, of Cumberland Iron Works in Montgomery Co. TN. He was one of the partners of Woods, Yeatman & Co. He also had an interest in steamboats and one of the better known one was named the James Woods.

James Woods married Elizabeth Kay and they were the parents of nine children. Margaret married Edward S. Handy of Philadelphia, PA. Robert K. married Susan Berry and they lived in St. Louis, Mo. Annie Elizabeth married Robert Bell Castleman and they are both buried in the City Cemetery along with two of their children, Elizabeth Kay Castleman and Margaret (Maggie) Castleman. A fourth child died young in 1827 and is buried in the City Cemetery. Joseph Woods died in Louisiana at age 28. He was brought back to Nashville and is buried in the City Cemetery. James Woods, Jr. married Roena Adeline Milan and they lived in Stewart Co. She died and he married Anna Erwin, daughter of Isaac Erwin and Rebecca James. Andrew married Jeanette Love Washington. He died in 1864 and is buried in the City Cemetery. Elizabeth married Samuel Kirkman, died in 1865 and is buried in the City Cemetery. Also buried there is her daughter, Ellen Kirkman who died in 1864. Susan married George O'Bryan. James Woods outlived all of his children except one, James Woods, Jr. According to an article in the Nashville American, they all died of tuberculosis.

Elizabeth Kay Woods died in 1844 and is buried in the City Cemetery. James Woods' second wife was Penelope Porter, daughter of Alex Porter, who he married in 1847. She died in 1852 and is buried in the City Cemetery. In 1855, he married Rebecca Erwin who had several children by her first marriage. Her daughter, Anna Erwin, married James Woods, Jr. after his father's death.

Also buried in the City Cemetery is the painter, William Edward West, who was James Woods' brother-in-law. John Browne West, another brother-in-law is buried there and also Hannahretta West Norvell who is a sister-in-law. Maria West Price, another sister-in-law is buried on the Woods lot. Another brother-in-law buried there is Patterson Bain West who died in 1866.