

Ray Cemetery

Fox Run Rd.
West Jefferson
Ashe County
North Carolina USA
Postal Code: 28694

[Ray, Earl Alton](#)

b. Oct. 23, 1893 d. Feb. 18, 1956

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[Ray, Franklin M.](#)

b. Apr. 30, 1857 d. Aug. 15, 1931

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[Ray, Ritz Clyde](#)



b. Sep. 10, 1888 d. Jan. 16, 1967

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[Ray, Thomas H.](#)

b. Nov. 16, 1862 d. Nov. 26, 1950

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Earl Alton Ray

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Birth: Oct. 23, 1893
Ashe County
North Carolina, USA
Death: Feb. 18, 1956
West Jefferson
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Husband of Mary Ray; son of Eugene and
Blanche (Hardin) Ray.

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Franklin M. Ray

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Birth: Apr. 30, 1857
Smethport
Ashe County
North Carolina, USA

Death: Aug. 15, 1931
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Son of Hilton H. and Elizabeth (Burkett) Ray.

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Ritz Clyde Ray

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Birth: Sep. 10, 1888
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North Carolina, USA

Death: Jan. 16, 1967
Jefferson
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Husband of Bobbie (Jones) Ray; son of Jessie and Blanche (Hardin) Ray.

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medicine degree.

Ritz Clyde Ray, Sr., M.D. began his career in Ashe County in 1916, his office being a small white building near his parents' home. His first call was for the delivery of a baby at a home about a mile from his office. At first he purchased a horse for transportation. His first automobile was a stripped-down roadster, and he often recalled that on "most trips he got stuck in the mud and had to put fence rails under the wheels to free them."

Dr. Ray moved his office to West Jefferson in 1921 and at that time he and his brother, Clifford, established Ray's Drug Store in the C.O. Parsons building. The drugstore, the first in Ashe County, along with Dr. Ray's office, was moved to its present location on Jefferson Avenue at a later date.

It is estimated that Dr. Ray delivered over 3,000 babies during his long career, including many citizens now living in Ashe County.

For twenty years, Dr. Ray served with the First National Bank of West Jefferson as director and vice president. He also took great interest in farming. He was heir to a portion of the Colonel Jesse Ray farm and over the years he accumulated other farms in the area. Dr. Ray had a large herd of beef cattle — he was known for his fine Hereford stock.

During World War I, Ritz Clyde Ray, Sr., M.D. was on the examining board in Ashe County, and a member of the United States Army Reserve, in which he attained the rank of Captain.

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Birth: Nov. 16, 1862
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North Carolina, USA
Death: Nov. 26, 1950
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Son of Helton and Elizabeth (Crockett) Ray.

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