

PHA ANNUAL SUPPER A HUGE SUCCESS: Kudos to Alice Carter for another great event. The annual supper in July was a smashing hit, the food was delicious and the fellowship, warm. Mr. Larry Davidson, of the Chaplain's Staff at Baptist Hospital, delighted us with his informative talk on Joel Chandler Harris and his rendition of the conversations of Uncle Remus with the little boy. This was a well attended affair and we look forward to next year's supper with great anticipation. We cannot miss the opportunity to thank Robert (Bob) McCall for the unusual table decorations of exotic vegetables. They added an interesting touch to the decor plus being a conversation piece. Appreciation is expressed to all who helped in any way to make this a night to remember.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

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PHA RECEIVES NEWS/JOURNAL OF NEW HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

The NEWS/JOURNAL of MT. MEIGS--MERRY--PIKE ROAD Historical Preservation Society, Inc., Volume 1, Number 1, dated August, 1995, has been received by PHA and is now on file in the Pintlala Library. The Society "came into being to protect the history of our community. On March 4, 1994, the tax exempt, non-profit organization was incorporated." So states the first edition of their newsletter which tells of their plans for many activities and accomplishments. This is a very interesting News/Journal foretelling much preservation and protection of history of Montgomery County. PHA congratulates Mt. Meigs--Merry--Pike Road on taking this important step.

HISTORIC HOUSE BURNS: On July 29th, the beautiful little Victorian house owned by Marion Sankey and Bruce Gregory burned. Amazingly, the front porch did not burn. The house, on Butler Mill Road, was built and occupied by Sankeys in the late 1800s and had been lovingly restored by Marion and Bruce. The cause of the fire is unknown. Another landmark gone!

IN MEMORIAM: Our sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Emerald Henderson, 795 Henderson Lane, Hope Hull and to the family of Mr. Sam Whigham, Route One, Hope Hull. Both were members of PHA. The Whigham home, once the summer home of Alabama governor, Thomas H. Watts, was toured by PHA.

QUERY: A recent letter from Shirley Davis Schellhase requests information on Elijah Cumbie Anderson and his descendants. If you have any additional information other than that printed in our June 1990 Newsletter, please contact Mrs. William P. Schellhase, 907 Norton Street, Richmond, Texas, 77469-3010.

RAMER HIGH SCHOOL, CLASS OF 1936, REUNION HELD:

"A good time was had by all" is a perfect description for the reunion of the Class of '36 of Ramer High School which was held August 25, 1995 at the Carriage House restaurant in Montgomery. This year the class of '36 invited any students who attended Ramer High School between the years of 1934 and 1937 to come along for a day of fun, food and reminiscing. PHA was represented by Robert A. McCall, Laurie Sanders and Lurline & Charles Hall. Other former Pintlala community residents in attendance were Dorothy McCall Smith, Willie Kate McCall Dean and James A. "Bud" Brady. Dr. Andrew Turnipseed, who was the Baccalaureate speaker in 1936, recalled some interesting memories of Ramer High School and then gave the invocation. In a segment classified as "This is Your Life", former students wrote a memory of Ramer school days, either happy, sad or humorous. The pages of memories were mixed up and read by someone other than the writer. Then the group tried to guess whose memory it was or to whom the incident had happened. Many nostalgic and some historic events were disclosed and the memories filled the room. This was a very enjoyable day and the classmates parted with great anticipation for the next reunion which is tentatively scheduled for May 18, 1996. Submitted by Charles Hall

NEWSLETTER EDITOR PUBLISHES MEMOIRS: Many of you probably do not know that Lurline Hall is from Ocean Springs, Miss. I, for one, thought her roots were deep in the Mt. Carmel area. In August of this year, the Ocean Springs Record published three articles of memoirs written by none other than Lurline. ETT

QUERY: "I am trying to locate the grave of John Haynie Ruff, my great-great grandfather, who passed away about 1870-80. I have reason to suspect that he is buried in Lowndes County but that may be in error. His direct descendants (son and grandsons) are buried at Rocky Mount, at Highland Home, but he is not. His son lived in Lapine, but in 1870, John Haynie Ruff gave his address as Rutledge Post Office. I am informed that since Rutledge was the only post office in that area, this information is of no value in geographically placing him. Perhaps some of your members have knowledge of this or have happened upon his grave in their research." If you can help Captain Ruff, please contact: Captain John C. Ruff, USN(Ret), 6532 Cibola Road, San Diego, California, 92120.

NEW GENEALOGIST: Congratulations to Carolyn Snow who recently became a Director of Masterpiece Marketing, an organization that teaches realtors how to market themselves. Carolyn has been a director for Montgomery Area Association of Realtors for three years. Also, recently she was surprised to discover that her great grandfather was born in Montgomery County. This has prompted a visit to the Archives building in Montgomery and may be the beginning of a second career--in genealogy. Good luck with your search, Carolyn, and keep us informed.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE AT WORK: The nominating committee is busy at work finding replacements for outgoing officers. The slate of potential officers will be voted on at the October meeting and those elected will take office in January of 1996. This business is always of importance so come and vote.

LIBRARY GROUNDBREAKING: On Sunday afternoon, September 10, 1995, the groundbreaking was held for a new library building in Pintlala. The modern building was initially the idea of PHA member, Buena Mae Duncan Sellers of Fleta Community. Mrs. Sellers provided in her will for the nucleus of a library building fund. Dignitaries, library employees and friends gathered for this much anticipated event. Now, thanks to Buena Mae, we will have a permanent library in Southwest Montgomery County. Pintlala Baptist Church hosted a reception afterward.

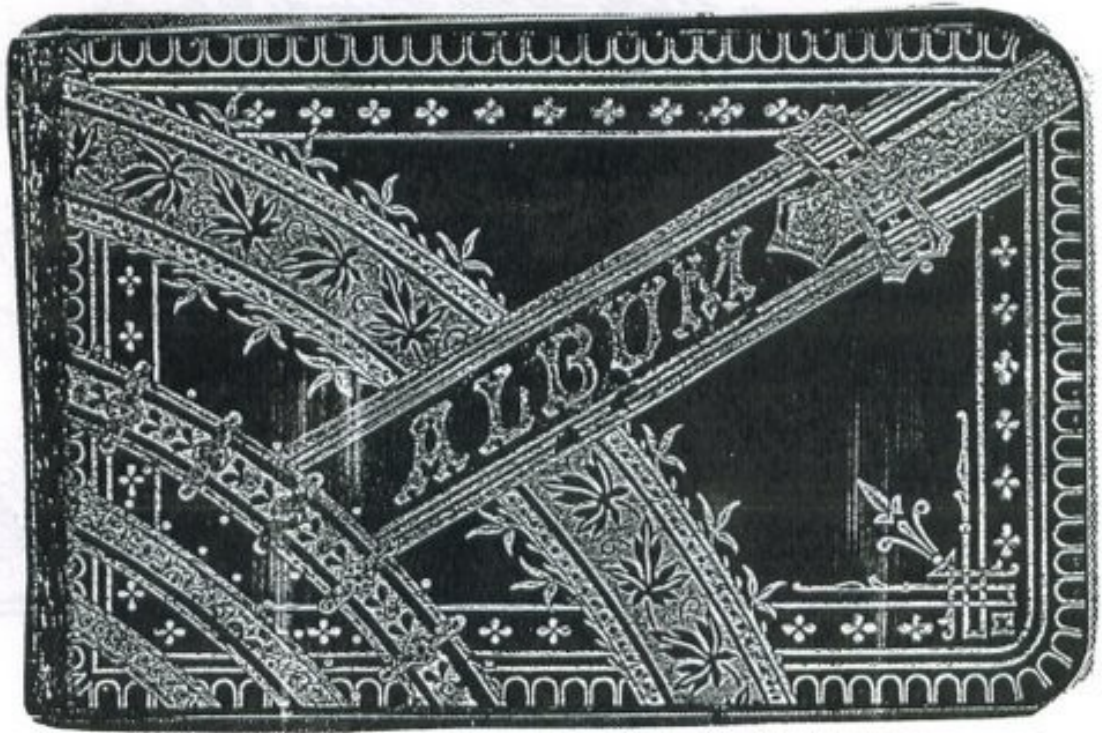
VISITORS TO PHA FILES: We have had a number of out-of-town visitors to the library this summer who came to do research in PHA files. A letter dated 13 August 1995, from Captain John C. Ruff, USN (ret) of San Diego, Calif, tells of his visit this past June and expresses his thanks for information he found in PHA files concerning the Guy family. To show his appreciation, he has sent us copies of the history of the community of Hickory Grove/Devenport and the Moncrief and Powell families written by Mr. Charles Powell, a native of Devenport and resident of New Orleans until his death.

Some ladies from Mt. Meigs--Merry--Pike Road Historical Preservation Society also visited last month and were gratified to find some information which was very helpful to them.

MORE ABOUT AUTOGRAPH ALBUMS: At the April meeting of PHA, Marion Gregory brought for display, a very old autograph album filled with kind remembrances written to a Miss Eliza Smith in the early 1880s. Eliza's friends gave addresses at Catoma, LeGrand, Pugh and Montgomery, Alabama, and Stockholm, Sweden. The Spencerian penmanship is so lovely and the thoughts of her friends are so eloquent, warm and full of loving wishes that it gives us an insight into the kind of person she must have been. Laurie Sanders was gracious enough to take this fragile and beautiful book and copy it for PHA and we thank her and Marion for their thoughtfulness which enabled us to share it with you.

You will be reading some of the good wishes and compliments directed to "Bill" Hawthorne in a future issue. Have you dug out your autograph book yet to share with us?

ACCIDENTS HAPPEN TO THE BEST OF US: Yes, they do and many of us were shocked to learn of the accident which happened last month to Ethel Tankersley Todd, Newsletter Editor. However, like an India rubber ball, she has bounced back taking her broken bone in stride. She did not STOP, only paused. We wish her well and, with her determination, we predict she will mend 'way ahead of schedule.



To Eliza.
Write your name in
the hearts of all you come in
contact with year by year and
you will never be forgotten.
Joshua J. M.
July 1st 1882

My Dear Friend Eliza:-
As o'er the cold sepulchral stone,
Some name arrests the passer by,
Thus when thou viewest this page alone,
May mine attract thy pensive eye,
And when by thee that name is read,
Perchance in some succeeding year,
Reflect on me as on the dead,
And think my heart is buried here.
Yours Lovingly
July 2nd 1885. J. Arthur D.

Miss Eliza Smith!!!
The hills may tower the waves may rise,
And roll between my home and me,
Yet shall my quenched memories,
Turn with undying love to thee
your forever
Henning Nordling
Stockholm, Sweden. Catoma 25th / 1885

Dear Cousin:
 Though many joys around you smile
 And many faithful friends you meet
 Though love may cheer life dreary away
 And turn the bitter cup to sweet
 Yet let memory sometime bear thee back
 Back to days almost almost forgotten
 And when you think of absent friend
 That love thee well Do not forget me not
 Le Grand Minnie Smith
 Augth 29 1883



To Miss Clara

Friends we are
 And theme let us prove
 is the wishes of you
 Best friend

M.S. Gobin

Augth 13 - 1883

On these pages so pure and white
Let none but friends presume to write.

Anonymous

To Darling Eliza
A proof of friendship
Sacred power
In these few lines
You see
Then some times in
A lovely hour
View these and
Think of me.
Sincerely of your
Dearest friend. Callie G. Spratt

To Eliza.
A little word in kindness spoken,
A motion, or a tear,
Has often heal'd the heart that's broken,
And made a friend sincere.
Devoted friend
Theresa

BARNES FAMILY HOLDS PICNIC

Review Pioneer Days at Butler's Mill.

Elder J. M. Barnes Presides

Over Seven Hundred People Enjoy Day.

Interesting Incidents of Early Settlers
Along Pintlala Creek Recounted -
To Hold Picnic Next Year.

Picnicking on the picturesque site of the old Butler's Mill, the descendants of the pioneer families about Sprague Junction reviewed the history of the past, and enjoyed the day making acquaintance with relatives, examining original parchment land grants, and delving into the old time history of the section of the state.

The picnic was held on the banks of the Pintlala Creek, nineteen miles from Montgomery and two and a half miles from Sprague Junction. Heralded as a reunion of the Barnes family and of the descendants of pioneer settlers, fully 750 persons were present at the celebration over which Elder Justus M. Barnes presided. Included in the number were probably fifty negroes, three of whom were between the ages of 80 and 90, and who were slaves of the pioneers.

Mr. Barnes presided at both the morning and afternoon sessions. The morning session was opened by singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," followed by a short prayer. Mr. Barnes then explained the purpose of the meeting as being the bringing together of the descendants and friends of the early settlers on the ground first occupied during the early history of Alabama and to discuss their history.

Mr. Barnes then asked that all of the descendants of Walter Boyd, Thomas Boyd, Mrs. Anne Barnes, and Thomas Lumpkin to stand - apart in groups. The separating of the descendants of these settlers occasioned much merriment, but when finally completed it was found that there were eighty-six descendants of Walter Boyd present, while the three other families had just thirty-six representatives present.

It was explained to the several groups that the purpose of the picnic was the collection of family records and histories, and to further this end the following committees were named: the Walter Boyd family, W.W. Sellers, William Sellers, Walter Boyd, George Boyd, and Miss Augusta Ekwurzel; the Thomas Boyd family, Hubbard Bell, Walter Bell, Billy Boyd, Colon Bedsole, Leon Anderson and Sadie Bell; the Barnes family, Ellie Barnes,

Barnes Family Holds Picnic cont.

William Luckey, Elkanah Luckey, Elisha Talley, Mrs. F.M. Kirkpatrick, and Mrs. Paul Davidson; the Thomas Lumpkin family, Dr. M.B. Kirkpatrick, Dr. S.E. Jordan, Justus Jordan, Claude Mizell, Mrs. Ella Mizell and Miss Mary Barnes.

A letter from S.L. Arrington of Rock Mountain, S.C., who is the present owner of the plantation upon which the picnic was held, was read to the assembly in which permission was given for the old mill rock, used for half a century, be placed upon the grave of Thomas Butler, founder of the mill, and whose remains lie upon the hill just south of the picnic grounds.

Mr. Barnes made a formal address during the afternoon, giving reminiscences about the old family and the relationships, exhibiting family trees, Bibles, and parchment deeds, and other-souvenirs of pioneer days. He narrated many interesting incidents of the Pintlala settlement, telling of the old race course, the activity of the old mill, of the groggery shop and the fights (?) which were pulled off near the race track.

Reassembling after dinner it was voted to have a similar picnic on the last Thursday of next August, and to this end the following committee on arrangements was appointed: Squire Walter Boyd, chairman; Walter R. Watson, Fayette Duncan, Wm. Sellers, W.T. Norman, Colon Bedsole and Claude Mizell.

Dr. Thomas M. Owen followed with a talk on the value of historical research and the importance of studying the lives of the pioneers, closing with a compliment to Mr. Barnes. John Elmore also complimented Mr. Barnes, saying that if the old pioneers could look down upon the present generation they would be proud of the standing of their descendants.

The day was closed with a prayer by Dr. S.E. Jordan of Mountain Home.

Among the prominent families represented were: The Talleys, Kirkpatricks, Carneys, Tankersleys, Moores, Carrs, Sharps, Staceys, Pools, Robertsons, Shackelfords, Moseleys, Butlers, Lumpkins, Boyds, Barnes. The visitors included W.T. Seibels, Judge M.H. Screws, J.A. Elmore, Tom Peach, W.T. Norman, Dr. S.E. Jordan, Elisha Talley, W.J. Orum, Bob Taylor, Dr. Robert Shackelford, Dr. Thos. M. Owen.

OUR PIONEER ANCESTORS

WILLIAM CALVIN SELLERS

and his wives *LAVINIA ANDERSON* AND *MARIAH ADELINE TROTTER*

William Calvin Sellers was born in North Carolina sometime between 1794 and 1800. His parents were William and Rebecca Sellers. (see NOTE 1 below) William and Rebecca and their family spent time in Lexington District and Marlboro Co. SC before migrating further south. This family arrived in Jefferson Co. GA before 1818 where the marriage records show that *William Calvin* and his brother Alfred married *Lavinia* and Elizabeth Anderson in a double wedding on December 2, 1818. These women were two of the daughters of Elisha and Lavinia Brack Anderson.

The Sellers family appears in the 1820 Jefferson Co. GA census records as "William Cellers," "William C. Cellers" and "Alford Cellers" An unnamed male age 16-26 was in the "William Cellers" household and is presumed to be the third son Major Holcomb. The chance of acquiring free land through the Georgia Land Lottery attracted settlers as Indian lands were opened for occupation in Central and Western parts of Georgia. William Sellers drew a lot of land in Appling Co. GA in the 1820 lottery and received a state land grant of 200 acres in Jefferson County in 1824. Alfred also was a lucky winner in 1820. *William Calvin* and M. Halcomb drew land in 1821 so this family was quite fortunate to acquire several land lots in the lotteries.

William Calvin and his wife *Lavinia* and Alfred and his wife Elizabeth were among those who came to Alabama from Jefferson Co. GA in the late 1820s, including the Sellers, Andersons, Shepherds, Bonhams and others in this extended family. *William Calvin's* mother Rebecca accompanied her sons to Alabama. We have no information concerning the death of the father William but since Rebecca was shown as head of household in the 1830 Lowndes Co. census record it is presumed that he was deceased at that time. *William Calvin* was the original owner of record of a tract of land in Lowndes Co. west of Pintlala which he acquired on 2 Feb 1829.

William Calvin, Alfred and Elizabeth were received into membership of Bethel Church at Pintlala "by experience" in 1827. *William Calvin* being dismissed by letter in 1833. His wife, *Lavinia*, does not appear in Bethel records. They continued to reside in the Eastern side of Lowndes Co. The children born to them were as follows:

James Anderson b 1819 GA, married Harriet Trotter; lived at Fleta
Elizabeth b 1820 GA, married Eaton Walton
Rebecca L. b 1822 GA, married 1. Henry Melton, 2. Joseph C Stockard
William C. b 1825 GA married Rebecca Owens; lived in Ft. Deposit
Lavinia J. b 1827 AL married Seaborne Anderson
Anderson M. b 1829, Lowndes Co. AL married 1. Martha Boyd, 2. Georgia Bussey; lived at Sellers.
Frances Ann b AL married John M Butler; lived in Selma, Dallas Co. AL
Major Holcomb died young
Mary died young

Lavinia Anderson Sellers died in 1843. On 15 April 1845 *William Calvin* married his second wife, *Mariah Adeline Trotter*, daughter of Joseph and Martha Trotter of Russell Co. AL and sister of James A. Sellers' wife Harriet. The mother of *Mariah* and Harriet - Martha Trotter - is buried at Mt Carmel and is one of the earliest born persons interred there. Two children were born to *William Calvin* and *Mariah*:

Arenza b. 1846 married Jesse C. Matthews.
Thomas Jefferson b 1848 married Martha Letitia Bonham; lived at Mt. Carmel (See NOTE 2)

William Calvin Sellers died intestate in Lowndes Co. AL in 1848. Family lore places his burial place as Concord Cemetery which is located behind the Sylvest Chicken Farm in Lowndes Co., west of Pintlala. No marker was found but this long neglected cemetery was obviously very large. It is likely that his wife, *Lavinia* and his mother Rebecca were also interred there.

His eldest son James A. Sellers was the administrator of his estate and his reports to the court are available in Lowndes County Estate Papers at the Alabama Archives. In keeping with the law *Mariah* was awarded her widow's dower in the real property. All the personal property of the estate was sold at auction and the proceeds divided among the heirs. Bills submitted to the administrator included bills for \$10.00 and \$8.00 from Mr. John C. Parmer for the coffins he made for *Mr. Sellers* on August 19, 1848 and his daughter Mary on September 28, 1848.

The land owned by *William Calvin* at his death included about 250 acres in Lowndes Co. and about 150 acres in south Montgomery Co. northeast of Bethlehem. The original owner of record of part of the Montgomery Co. property was Elijah Shepherd, a nephew of *William Calvin's* first wife. The remainder had originally been owned by John Simmons. We do not know whether it was acquired from them or from interim owners nor do we know what disposition was made of the property in the settlement of the estate. Montgomery deed records might provide this information.

The 1850 Montgomery Co. census records indicate that James and Harriet Sellers provided a home for *Mariah* and her two children as well as James' younger brothers, Anderson M. and Major Holcomb. In 1850 *Mariah* married Samuel F. Johnston - a Methodist Protestant minister. Samuel had children from a previous marriage and at least two sons were born to them mostly referred to as Doc (H.P.) and Dude (D.H.) Johnston. After Rev. Samuel Johnston died in 1877 *Mariah* made her home with one of these sons near Sellers until her death in 1913. Samuel and *Mariah* are both buried at Mt. Carmel.

(NOTE 1) *William Calvin's* father William is most likely the Son of Revolutionary War soldier Elisha Sellers of Brunswick Co. North Carolina and his first wife and is probably the William mentioned in Elisha's 1801 will. No documents have been located which will prove this relationship but a thorough search of existing records fails to show any other identification for William. *William Calvin* Sellers has a name-sake among the descendants of Pike Co. pioneer Samuel Sellers who was a proven son of Elisha Sellers indicating a probable family relationship.

(NOTE 2) Ronald E. Sellers, Sr was the youngest son of Thomas Jefferson Sellers. Research into this lineage was a genealogical challenge. Thomas Jefferson was born when his father William Calvin was about 50 years old and Ronald was born when Thomas J. was nearly fifty, making only two generations in 100 years. One would ordinarily expect at least 3 or perhaps 4 generations in such a time span and we expended a great deal of effort searching for non-existent ancestors in this line before finding the documents needed to prove the relationships. The research was further complicated by erroneous information which has been published about this family.

Information compiled by Mrs. Ronald Sellers Jr. Sept 1995
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Montgomery, AL, 36106

SHARP-SHARPE CEMETERY ALPHA-CROSS REFERENCE INDEX

	<u>Grave Location Identification Number</u>
CALLOWAY	
Elizabeth <u>Calloway</u> Carter	7
CARR - Also see KARR	
Alice <u>Carr</u> Sharpe	27
Lee Ann Mann Carr	14
Margaret Carr	15
Mary A <u>Carr</u> Noble	12
CARTER	
Elizabeth Calloway Carter	7
Infant Son of A.J. and E.C. Carter	8
CODY	
Edmund Cody	34
Fannie Cody	35
COPE	
Ellie Padgett Cope	3
Jackson M. Cope	1
Ruben Lee Cope	2
CUNNINGHAM	
Margaret <u>Cunningham</u> Sharpe	46
DAVIS	
Nettie Ruth Sharpe Davis	28
DEAVERS	
Infant Son of Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Deavers	23
FOSTER	
Charlotte Foster	5
Joseph S. Foster	4
KARR - Also see CARR	
Eliza J. Karr	51
Georgia Ann Karr	42
Infant of Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Karr	43
Infant of Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Karr	44
Lottie B. Karr	41
Robert F. Karr	50
William Karr	52
William Walter Karr	40

Sharp-Sharpe Cemetery Index cont.

	<u>Grave Number</u>
MANN	
Lee Ann <u>Mann</u> Carr	14
NOBLE	
Alice Noble	13
Infant Sons of Raymond and Annie Noble	21
Lannie M. Noble	10
Mary A. Carr Noble	12
Nettie Noble	22
Volney Noble	11
Walter Clarence Noble	9
PADGETT	
Ellie <u>Padgett</u> Cope	3
Reynolds	
Ila Mae Reynolds	39
SHARP - Also see SHARPE	
A.F. Sharp	33
Amanda C. Sharp	32
Anna B. Sharp	36
Audrie Sharp	30
Christopher Columbus Sharp	61
Eliza Sharp	16
Eliza Rue Sharp	31
Henry M. Sharp	37
Infant of G.W. and E.J. Sharp	17
Irby Wyatt Sharp	38
James W. Sharp	37
Lucinda Sharp	56
Martha Jane Sharp	48
Miles A. Sharp	54
Robert C. Sharp	55
Robert Franklin Sharp	53
Samuel M. Sharp	47
William H. Sharp	60 (?)
SHARPE - Also see SHARP	
Albert L. Sharpe	24
Alice Carr Sharpe	27
Archie Young Sharpe	25
Emily C. Sharpe	59
Fred L. Sharpe	29
James Sharpe	45
Josephus Sharpe	58
Margaret Cunningham Sharpe	46
Nettie R. <u>Sharpe</u> Davis	28
Robert Lee Sharpe	26

Sharp-Sharpe Cemetery Index cont.

	<u>Grave Number</u>
WALTER Briant Walter	62
WILKINSON Infant of W.R. and A.M. Wilkinson	6
UNIDENTIFIED GRAVES	18
" "	19
" "	20
" "	63
" "	1 A
" "	5 A

SHARP OR SHARPE CEMETERY

Recorded January 30, 1982 by J.J. and Laurie Sanders

Located in Montgomery County, Alabama - off the Hayneville Road (between Highway 31 (sic) 331? and Butler Mill Rd.) (West of Legrand) Turn off Highway 31 (331?) in front of Mosley's Store near Providence Presbyterian Church - go about 1½ miles on Hayneville Road (toward Butler Mill Rd.) Turn left about .2 mile past Franklin Road at a Lane-type road leading to 2 cemeteries - Sharp is 2nd cemetery.

#1 Located near front gate.

1. Jackson M. Cope
Born January 21, 1883
Died June 6, 1914
Son of D.E. and Josephine Cope
- 1A. This is a cyclone damaged area - tree "up-rooted" - appears to be a partial tombstone and tombstone fragments which could belong in this area or may be misplaced from another part of the cemetery.

Next Row:

2. Ruben Lee Cope
Born 1877
Died 1953
3. Ellie Padgett Cope
Born 1884
Died 1935
4. Joseph S. Foster ."
No Birthdate #4 and #5
Died June 6, 1868 side by side
Aged 71
Husband - Father - Christian
5. Charlotte C. Foster
No Birthdate
Died July 20, 1864
Aged 66
Wife - Mother - Christian
- 5A. There is an iron fence (mislocated by cyclone) which could have enclosed Graves #6, 7 and 8 -- and tombstones which are broken into small pieces -- cannot determine for certain if #6 belongs in the fenced lot - No data on small pieces of broken tombstones in Lot-

Sharp or Sharpe Cemetery cont.

6. Infant of W.R. and A.M. Wilkinson
No Data

7 and #8 on same tombstone.

7. Elizabeth Calloway Carter
Born Feb. 1, 1805 in the State of Georgia
Died Feb. 10, 1847
Aged 42 years, 9 days
Wife of Asa J. Carter

8. Also: Infant son of A.J. and E.C. Carter
(No data)

End of Fenced Lot

Noble Lot #9 thru #13 - (all slabs)

9. Walter Clarence Noble
Born Feb. 27, 1892
Died Oct. 21, 1975

10. Lannie M. Noble
Born Nov. 14, 1890
Died Oct. 20, 1965
"May she rest in peace."

11. Volney Noble (Husband of Mary Carr #12)
Born March 2, 1850
Died January 10, 1940
"May he rest in peace."

12. Mary A. Carr Noble
Born March 12, 1856
Died March 29, 1919
Wife of V. Noble
"The Lord giveth, the Lord taketh away"
"Blessed be the name of the Lord"

13. Alice Noble
Born June 8, 1880
Died Aug. 9, 1947
"After time we'll meet her"

End of Noble Lot

Outside Noble Lot:

14. Lee Ann Mann Carr
Born 1838 (no other data)
Died Nov. 20, 1919
Wife of R.C. Carr
"At Rest - "Mother"

Sharp or Sharpe Cemetery cont.

15. Margaret Carr
Born Oct. 1, 1858
Died Oct. 13, 1935

Another row:

16. Eliza Sharp
Born Feb. 15, 1858
Died Dec. 3, 1894
"Resting in a hope of a glorious Resurrection" (sic)

17. Infant of G.W. and E.J. Sharp
Died Dec. 23, 1893
"Little Babe gone to rest"

#18, 19, 20 in a line

18. Old Homemade Marker - no data
19. Old Homemade Marker - no data
20. Old Homemade Marker - no data

Further over - small tombstone for 2 infants - #21

21. Infant Sons of Raymond and Annie Noble - no data

22. Nettie Noble
Born Sept. 30, 1876
Died Sept. 30, 1877
"Gone so soon"

23. Infant Son of Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Deavers
Born June 5, 1925.
Died June 6, 1925
"An angel visited the green earth
and took the flower away"

SHARPE LOT - #24 thru #29 - all slabs

24. Albert L. Sharpe
Born Aug. 26, 1901
Died March 4, 1926

25. Archie Young Sharpe
Born Jan. 1, 1891
Died Aug. 15, 1918
Son of R.L. and A. Sharpe
"Just in the morning of his day -
in youth and love he died"

Sharp or Sharpe Cemetery cont.

26. Robert Lee Sharpe Note: Husband of
Born January 15, 1866 Alice Carr #27
Died February 9, 1936
"God gave, He took, He will restore -
He doeth all things well-"
27. Alice Carr Sharpe
Born April 17, 1866
Died Feb. 13, 1938
Wife of Robert Lee Sharpe
"Beloved one farewell"
28. Nettie Ruth Sharpe Davis
Born April 8, 1899
Died Nov. 1, 1944
Wife of A.C. Davis
"Forever with the Lord"
29. Fred L. Sharpe
Born August 14, 1907
Died March 15, 1950

End of Sharpe Lot

Near Sharp Lot #30 and 31 - a "child designed" marker -
2 children listed on same marker

30. Audrie Sharp
Born January 1, 1891
Died February 20, 1891
31. Eliza Rue Sharp
Born Dec. 22, 1894
Died July 28, 1896
"For such is the Kingdom of God"

SHARP LOT (2 graves #32 and 33 enclosed by Iron Fence)

32. Amanda C. Sharp
Born April 5, 1865
Died Dec. 24, 1953
"Gone but not forgotten"
33. A.F. Sharp
Born Feb. 10, 1847
Died April 4, 1897
"Mason"
"Gone Home"

End of Sharp Lot

Sharp or Sharpe Cemetery cont.

Outside Iron Fence - #34-#35 next to each other

34. Edmund Cody
Born June 28, 1854
Died July 21, 1930
"Though lost to sight, to memory dear"

35. Fannie L. Cody
Born December 20, 1863
Died May 23, 1949
"At Rest"

#36 & 37 are not in line with other graves - nearer back of cemetery - #36-37 - double marker

36. Anna B. Sharpe
Born 1870
Died 1928

37. Henry M. Sharp
Born 1847
Died 1923

#38 not in line with other graves

38. Irby Wyatt Sharp
Born July 24, 1910
Died May 31, 1911
Son of M.T. and M.B. Sharp
"A little bud of love to bloom with God above"

Next several graves in line -

39. Ila Mae Reynolds (Slab)
Born December 20, 1893
Died January 6, 1919
"Gone to a bright home where grief can not come"

40. William Walter Karr
Born December 17, 1859
Died March 5, 1912
"His work is done, the victory won"

41. Lottie B. Karr
Born July 14, 1896
Died Sept. 2, 1903

42. Georgia Ann Karr
Born Oct. 13, 1867
Died Sept. 20, 1903

Sharp or Sharpe Cemetery cont.

(Space - but in same line)

- 43. Infant of Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Karr
No data
- 44. Infant of Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Karr
No data

Several grave spaces over - not near other graves - small flat marker buried even with ground with 2 listings, #45 & 46.

- 45. James Sharpe
Born May 4, 1740
Died Dec. 10, 1830
- 46. Margaret Cunningham Sharpe
Born March 17, 1757
Died Oct. 14, 1841

SHARP LOT #47. 48, 49

- 47. Samuel M. Sharp
Born Nov. 21, 1833
Died Dec. 28, 1879
(Note: Stone weather worn - appears to be an insignia,
"Mason, ?")
"Kind father of love, thy art gone to thy rest"
- 48. Martha Jane Sharp
Born Oct. 10, 1839
Died Aug. 16, 1913
"Weep not she is not dead by sleeping"
- 49. Willie Robert Sharp
Born June 7, 1878
Died March (no day) 1881
"An angel visited the green earth and took the flower away"

End of Sharp Lot

KARR LOT (Enclosed in cyclone fence #50-52)

- 50. Robert F. Karr
Born 1860
Died 1939
"How desolate our home bereft of thee"
- 51. Eliza J. Karr
Born March 14, 1836
Died Feb. 4, 1880
Wife of W.W. Karr
Wife, Mother and Christian

Sharp or Sharpe Cemetery cont.

52. William Karr
Born January 3, 1827
Died April 7, 1866
Husband, Father and Christian

End of Karr Lot

SHARP LOT #53 thru #57

53. Robert Franklin Sharp
Born Sept. 1, 1829
Died April 1, 1852
"Behold and see as you pass by
As you are now so once was I
As I am now so you must be
Prepare for death to follow me"

54. Miles A. Sharp (Tombstone Broken)
Born March 29, 1837
Died Sept. 3, 1847

55. Robert C. Sharp
Born July 25, 1794
Died Sept. 30, 1858
Aged 64 years 2 mos 5 days
Born in Mecklenburg County, N.C.

56. Lucinda Sharp
Born Dec. 29, 1798
Died Oct. 11, 1867
Married Feb. 5, 1818

Tombstone #57 is a broken tombstone placed against fence in Sharp Lot - Lot does not appear to be large enough for more than 4 tombstones so this 5th tombstone may be misplaced and belong outside lot - (Possibility)

57. James W. Sharp
Born Feb. 21, 1824
Died Feb. 8, 1832

End of Sharp Lot

About center of cemetery - flat marker - ground level -
(Slab type 18 in. x 24 in.) #58 and #59 on this marker:

58. Josephus Sharpe
Born December 13, 1831
Died January 20, 1871

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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c/o Pirtala Public Library
175 Federal Road
Hope Hill, AL 36043

\$5.00 registration fee + 8.00 annual dues.
Note: All members of a household are included.

Mr., Mr. and Mrs., Mrs., Ms. _____

Other household members: _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home (home) _____ (office) _____

Interest Areas: _____

If you are interested in genealogy, please indicate family surnames _____

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This is your last chance to pay your DUES for 1995. When we meet again
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We wish you Happy Holidays - Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Days.
From your Newsletter Staff: Ethel Tankersley Todd, Mamie & Ronald
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