



Headstone/ Franklin Cemetery

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The April Meeting

Tuesday, April 22, 2008, 3:15 p. m.

Thomas T. McMillan Museum

The April Program

“Cemetery Preservation and Proposed Legislation,” is certainly an appropriate topic for this month’s program, since the Alabama Legislature is currently in session.

The speakers, Sherry Johnston and Lee Anne Wofford are not strangers to ECHS members.

Speaker for the program and ECHS member Sherry Johnston is a native of Conecuh County where she has lived for most of her life.

A gift basket consultant and designer (she says “before gift baskets were considered cool”) she is the owner of a new gift/ antiques shop in Evergreen, “Yours Truly Designs,” which fea-



From the left, Lee Anne Wofford, Mary Catherine Luker, and Sherry Johnston are pictured at the Franklin Cemetery, wearing hard hats because the cemetery is on an industrial site, the Georgia Pacific Plant in Brewton.

Lee Anne and Sherry are speakers for this month’s program. Mary Catherine is a Trustee for the ECHS.

tures local artists, upscale flea market finds, antiques, and “what ever else we can come up with!”

Sherry teaches classes through the shop on scrap-booking and genealogy. She says she loves being a shop-keeper and wishes she could do it all the time.

However, this busy lady also works with the Evergreen-Conecuh County Public Library as the research consultant, local historian and genealogist. She comments that in her job she answers

phone and email queries – “Often!”

In addition, she also serves on the Tourism Task Force through the Alabama-Tombigbee

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ECHS Meetings for 2008

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| May 27 | October 38 |
| June 24 | November—No Meeting |
| July 22 | December Christmas Party TBA |
| August 26 | |
| September 23 | |

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May and June Programs

County Commissioner Larry White is to have the program in May

Olin Tisdale, of Seminole, Alabama is scheduled to be our speaker in June

Dues

Remember to check your records to see if you have paid your membership dues.

The April Program Continued

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Regional Commission, serves as the local contact for the Your Town Alabama newsletter, is the local tourism contact person, and serves on other community service boards.

But it is her current positions as both state President of the Alabama Cemetery Preservation Alliance (ACPA) and local representative of that organization for Conecuh County which show her involvement in the subject for this month's program.

Of her work with the ACPA, Sherry says it gives her a chance to work for a cause which she is "dedicated to and passionate about," cemetery preservation and restoration, not only in Alabama but "everywhere."

She also uses her weekly column in the Evergreen Courant, "Written in Stone," to inform and educate readers on the importance of preserving history through preserving our cemeteries.

In another of her interests, Sherry also enjoys her role as the vice president of the "Aaulikit" Club, a local women's community service organization in Evergreen. She is the project coordinator for the organization's annual garden tour.

Sherry also enjoys gardening, antiques, restoring her 100+ year old home "by herself," and being with family and friends.

She is an animal welfare enthusiast, having been a co-founder of the local humane society way back in 1977, a former animal control director, and a founding board member of the statewide animal control association, and is a member of other animal law enforcement agencies throughout the southeast.

A single mother of three, she has twin daughters who will be 25 in May. One daughter and son-in-law live in Concord, North Carolina and the other in Orlando, Florida. She notes that she loves to travel "to see the girls." Her son lives in Evergreen.

Sherry tells us that she is going to be a first-time Grandmother in August 2008!

Our other speaker, Lee Anne Wofford, has been a welcome guest when she has been a part of previous ECHS programs.

Her credentials include her service on the staff of the Alabama Historical Commission for almost eight years, managing both the Architectural Survey Program and the Historic Cemetery Program.

In this position, she educates the public on the importance of documenting and preserving Alabama's historic places, specifically historic buildings and cemeteries.

She is also an Ex-Officio board member of the Alabama Cemetery Preservation Alliance, Inc., a statewide non-profit cemetery education group.

Lee Anne earned a Bachelor's degree in History with a minor in English and a Master's Degree in American Studies, both from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

She lives in Millbrook, Alabama with her husband, Wayne, and their two and a half year old son, Roman. They are active members of Morningview Baptist Church in Montgomery where Wayne is a deacon and Lee Anne sings in the choir and teaches Children's Choir.

Lee Anne is fascinated with history and loves to explore and photograph old cemeteries. She spends her spare time researching her genealogy with the help of her 86 year old grandfather.

Just Briefly: Notes from ECHS President Jerry Simmons

Months seem to pass rather quickly when you're having fun! I am certainly having fun being your president. There are challenges galore that I never dreamed of, but the people elected as officers and trustees are helping me sort everything out.

There are a lot of announcements in the newsletter this month. Spring has burst forth with everyone having a festival, symposium or some sort of gathering in the next weeks. As you peruse the newsletter, I am sure there's something you'll want to follow up on!

At the officers and trustees meeting in April I proposed that the Society start a fund for county-wide historical markers. This would be used almost as a perpetual fund to have markers put up at various places throughout the county. Locations would be especially along the main highways (U.S. 31, U.S. 29, Highway 41 and 21) from where they enter the county to where they leave the county.

Another thought I'd like for you to consider is the establishment of scholarship assistance for each of the public high schools in the county for history students, perhaps as much as \$500.00 each. We have gone a long time without

an outreach program and what better way to help the cause of historic preservation than to encourage our youth in their pursuit of our common goal?

Please let me know whether you think this is a good idea, and if you'll contribute to such programs on an ongoing basis.

Finally, there have been several members who've been very generous in the past with their time, money and talents. I won't attempt to name them here for fear of leaving someone out, but I assure you that your generosity has not gone unnoticed.

Minutes of the March Meeting

President Jerry Simmons opened the meeting with leading the pledge to the flag. Minutes of the February meeting and the financial report were given and approved.

Treasurer Susan Crawford reported that the Beginning Balance for March was \$2258.63, Total Deposits for the month were \$648.99, Total Expenditures were \$560.80, and the Balance for the month of March was \$2346.82.

Other reports included that of Tom McMillan, who asked members to let him know of any pictures they had of Brewton which could be considered for use in the book on the history of Brewton presently being prepared. The pictures can be scanned in the Alabama Room. Tom reports that Mr. Appleyard has finished enough of the text that it is now time to plan the pictures for the book.

Announcements of events included three that took place in late March and early April:

(1) The Mobile Genealogical Society's Spring Genealogy Seminar, (2) The 108th Birthday of Century celebrated by the Alger-Sullivan Historical Society, and (3) the Confederate Memorial Service at Historic confederate Rest Cemetery, Point Clear, Alabama.

Announcements of upcoming events included:

(1) a Camp called a "unique Preservation Training Opportunity for Communities," a one-day event for April 24, 2008, to be held in Demopolis, Alabama;

(2) the Annual Alabama Writers Symposium to be held May 1-3, 2008 in Monroeville, Alabama; and

(3) the dedication of the Historic Marker at the Solon Dixon home place to take place on May 8, 2008.

Brochures for the Demopolis and Monroeville events can be found on tables in the meeting room in the Museum.

Other announcements included:

(1) The Alabama Tourism Department's plans to publish next year's Alabama Vacation Guide. The Tourism Department is calling this the Year of Alabama History and the Year of Small Towns and Downtowns. The Tourism Department is calling for photographs of "most beautiful neighborhoods," with an emphasis on historic ones, to accompany suggested places to be featured in the guide.

(2) Copies of ECHS Quarterlies are available if members want them. They are on the tables at the side of the meeting room in the Museum. One copy of all of the quarterlies is kept on file in the Alabama Room.

(3) Martha and Ken Corbin were commended by Jerry

Simmons for their work in filing materials in the Alabama Room. Jerry asked members to consider giving time to help organize the materials in the Alabama Room. There is a great deal of material that needs to be sorted and filed in the office next to the Elvira McMillan Parlor. Members need to keep in mind that as much filing and clean-up as possible needs to be done before the Alabama Room and Museum is ready for a planned open house to celebrate the changes that have been made in the Museum and Alabama Room. Although Dr. McBride has not announced a date for an open house, she has expressed her desire to have one. Probably some time this spring.

(4) Ann Biggs-Williams commended Jerry on the redesign of the Society web page and recommended members take a look at it.

New Business:

(1) Jerry has asked Paul Merritt (chair) and Darryl Searcy to serve on a committee to work on a review and revision of the society's By Laws. For detailed information on proposed areas of revision see the article on the By Laws in this April newsletter.

(2) After expressing appreciation for the new books in the Alabama Room collection donated by Darryl Searcy and Barbara Dixon, Jerry introduced a proposal for having a procedure and policies for checking out books from the collection. Although some books are too valuable to be taken out of the Alabama Room, Jerry has suggested that many books could be more useful to Society members if they could be taken home to be read and studied. In a proposal to make the books more "user friendly," he has asked Ranelle Merritt (chair), Ann Biggs-Williams, and Jacque Stone to serve on a Library Committee to formulate these policies.

At the conclusion of the business, Jerry introduced Stephanie Salter, who read and interpreted scenes from the play about Flomaton, Cross Ties: Tales from the Junction, which she has written. The play will be presented the second week in August as part of Flomaton's centennial celebration.

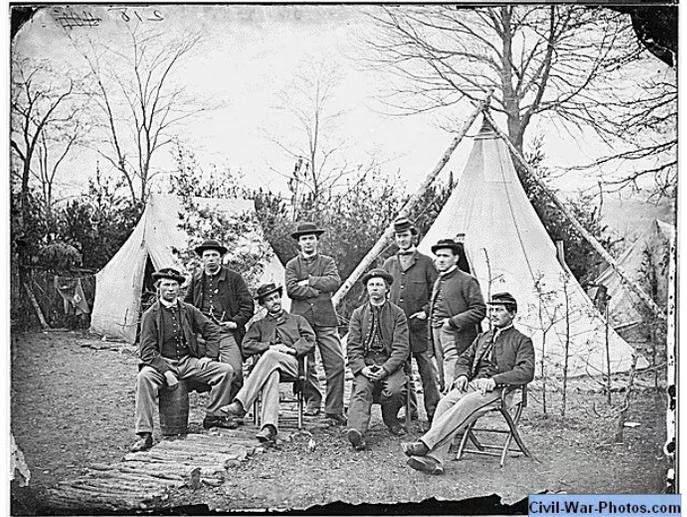
Guests included Dot Ptomey and Lunette Ptomey of Flomaton who were important sources for the material in the companion play (written by Stephanie Salter) and book (written by Jerry Simmons), both entitled Cross Ties: Scenes from the Junction. Lunette Ptomey's son was also a guest.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Pat McArthur and Darryl Searcy provided refreshments for members in the Parlor.

Confederate History Month

April is Confederate History Month and the Thomas E. McMillan Museum, in partnership with the Escambia County Historical Society and the W.N. Carney Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, is commemorating it by emphasizing the exhibit of "Camp Pollard, C.S.A." in the museum.

The Clanton Camp, located at nearby Pollard, was a loosely organized gathering of troops whose primary purpose was to guard the Alabama-Florida Railroad which ran from Pensacola to Pollard. Completed in 1861, just in time for war, the railroad's strategic presence would have been invaluable to the Union. Even though the track was eventually removed from Pollard to Gonzalez, Florida, about twelve miles north of Pensacola, the Pollard Confederate camp's soldiers were used to protect the many trestles between the two locations from Yankee raids.



Typical camp scene

Toward the war's end, however, the effort became futile as the Union forces moved out of Pensacola and eventually headed toward Canoe and points further west in the spring of 1865. An account of part of that ongoing battle is written at this site.

Florida Pioneer Awards: Nominate Your Ancestors Who Were in Florida Before State or in an Area Before It Was a County

The Florida Pioneer Descendants Certification Committee is calling for nominations for those to be recognized at the Florida State Genealogical Society's Pioneer Banquet.

The banquet at which certificates hon-

oring Florida Pioneers are given is held each fall as part of the state Genealogical Society Conference.

Those eligible for recognition are those who were residents of Florida before it was a state or who were residents in an

area of Florida before it was a county.

If you are interested in having ancestors recognized in this manner, you can go to the web site <<http://www.flsgs.org/>> and click on "Florida Pioneer" at the top of the page for more information.

"Triple Cousins" Have a Query

Society member Evelyn Lee has sent this email query. She writes that she and her "triple cousin" Sara Ashton Murphy (Evelyn and Sara are both society members, and, Evelyn says, – "Brewton based" have both been doing genealogical searching together for the last 10 or 12 years. Evelyn states that although she and Sara have never met, they have had a lot of fun on their joint projects.

Evelyn and Sara need help on answering two questions. They need confirmation that a James Snowden Sr., was in the community of Colleton, and information about the John Snowden of Colleton who married Lavinia Padgett. Evelyn writes that any details about the parentage or identity of John Snowden of Colleton would be very helpful.

Proposed ByLaws Amendments

By ECHS President Jerry Simmons

In order for our 501(c)(3) status to be fully effective and in order to comply with many politically correct issues, we found that we need to have an official policy toward non-discrimination, as I mentioned in the March meeting.

When we started looking more closely at the bylaws, we also found where we have not been following them to the T in quite some time. The bylaws clearly state that before one becomes a member, the membership must vote to approve the prospect.

We don't want to disenfranchise anyone, so we are proposing one amendment to the bylaws that covers the two issues above.

This is the change proposed:

“ARTICLE IV, Section 1: Membership in this organization shall be granted to any individual who expresses a desire to belong, along with the tendering of the annual dues in effect. In accepting any individual as a member of this Society, this organization warrants that it does not advocate, support, or practice unlawful membership discrimination based on age, marital status, ethnicity, gender, national origin, disability, race, size, religion, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic background.”

The officers and Trustees of the Escambia County Historical Society deeply apologizes that this ambiguous statement has been allowed to slip past us. It is our sincere hope that the valued membership of this Society will see the need for adjusting the bylaws and will support our decision to amend ARTICLE IV, Section 1, at the April 2008 general meeting of voting members.

ARTICLE XIV IS PROPOSED TO BE ADDED:

From time-to-time the elected officers to this Society have found themselves in situations that require interpretations above and beyond the current bylaws as written.

When those situations arose, it was prudent for the President to refer to recognized publications that cite the rules governing parliamentary procedures. For the most part, that publication has been Robert's Rules of Order.

The 10th edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, RONR (10th ed), p. 56930-35, not only suggests, but strongly recommends the cited 10th edition be incorporated in all bylaws as follows: "The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Society (or business) in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Society may adopt."

In short, this Society proposes to incorporate Robert's Rules of Order as the basis on which this Society decides for itself the meaning of its bylaws, and ensuring that no interpretation will be made until all provisions of Robert's Rules of Order have been met and tested. The 10th edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, RONR (10th ed), p. 569 30-35, not only suggests, but strongly recommends the cited 10th edition be incorporated in all bylaws.

Therefore, we propose that a new article be inserted in the Escambia County Historical Society bylaws as follows:

“ARTICLE XIV, Section 1: The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Society may adopt.”

There are some other areas in the bylaws in which we are going to look at as well. Paul Merritt is to serve as chairman of the committee charged with looking into bringing the bylaws up to date.

Snapshots



(Left) April meeting snapshots
Stephanie Salter, speaker



(Above and right) Second-graders from
Brewton Elementary School



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Queries

From John Bush of Decatur, AL

He writes that he has just received a copy of the death certificate of a Susan Jones, whom he believes to be his great grandmother, the mother of John B. Vaughn.

He has learned that after John E. Vaughn's father died in Texas, Susan and the children returned to Escambia County, FL, where she married a George Jones around 1855.

Susan died in Pensacola, but John Bush who sent the inquiry, has been unable to find her grave.

The date on the death certificate is July 28, 1891. John Bush is interested in an obituary (hopefully from one of the newspapers of the time) on Susan or any other help in finding where she is buried.

From Jeff Bowman

Jeff writes that he has family history in Flomaton, Brewton, and Kirkland, Alabama.

He is looking for information on the following people:

(1) Charles Wesley Edwards (a great grandfather of Jeff's) who was born on Augustus 21, 1875 and died on Aug. 21, 1954.

Charles Wesley Edwards was married to Clara Louise Cross, who was born on February 14, 1888 and died on June 24, 1961.

The couple had two sons, Charles Sanford Edwards and James Manford Edwards (a grandfather of Jeff's).

All are buried in the Flomaton Cemetery.

(2) William Henry Grant (a great grandfather of Jeff's), who was born on September 1873 and died on June 25, 1911.

William was married to Annie Lee Ivey, who was born on September 27, 1874 and died on April 6, 1957.

The couple had eight children: Ivey, Grant, Mary Grant, Willie Grant, Maude Thelma Grant, McVoy Grant, Katie May Grant, Louise Grant, and Ellen Francis Grant.

Ellen was married to James Manford Edwards (a grandmother of Jeff's).

Jeff notes that most, if not all, are buried

in the Flomaton Cemetery

(3) William Cross, who born in 1845 and died in 1937. William was married to Minerva Jernigan.

Minerva was born in 1847 and died in 1939.

William and Minerva are buried in Brewton.

The couple had four children: William Cross, Henry Cross, "No name" Cross, and Clara Louise Cross (a great grandmother of Jeff's).

(4) George A. Ivey, who was born in 1852 and died on May 15, 1899. George was married to Annie C. (?), who was born in 1830 and died on May 16, 1899.

Jeff believes that Annie C. is originally from Germany. She had one child that he knows of, Annie Lee Ivey (also a great grandmother of Jeff's).

All of these Ivey ancestors of Jeff are buried in the Flomaton Cemetery.

Jeff would appreciate information on any descendants of these ancestors.

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Written in Stone

By Sherry Johnston

Historic cemeteries are found in every community across Alabama, whether rural or urban areas. They are in thickets so dense you can't see them; copses of trees in an open field; in the churchyard or old family home place; or right in the middle of the town.

Cemeteries provide an excellent opportunity to tell the life story of a community, providing insights into our past and windows to our future. Many cemeteries are well maintained; taken care of by family, churches, historical societies or a town.

Benjamin Franklin said that you can tell the nature of man by how they take care of their cemeteries. We show our pride in community, respect of our elders, and care of the legacy of our community by how we treat the final burial places of our dead.

There are just as many, if not more, cemeteries that are

endangered by vandalism, neglect, encroachment or destruction by larger companies. Several organizations are actively working to protect and preserve the historic cemeteries of Alabama. The Alabama Historic Commission; the Alabama Cemetery Preservation Alliance; and the Canebrake Historical Society are just three that are working locally to bring respect and recognition to our cemeteries.

More help is needed if we are going to preserve for future generations the Heritage of our community. It's going to take sincere dedication, some muscle, money, and a willingness to look beyond who might be buried in these places; and respect for all of the people in all of the county.

Note: As current President of the Alabama Cemetery Preservation Alliance, and county representative for Conecuh County, Sherry has asked for the help of all citizens in helping to preserve the history that is "Written in Stone."

Lonesome George

By Ann Biggs-Williams

The grave site of "Lonesome George Manning" rests on T. R. Miller land off Teddy Road, off County Road 43, the Brooklyn Road in northeast Escambia County.

Accounts from members of the Williams' Family in Teddy is that George Manning Jr. was employed at the mill owned by the late Andrew Robinson Williams of Teddy. He was related to the Phelps Family that also worked at the mill.

George was sickly and died in his sleep. One account is that George had a seizure. Mr. Williams buried George on what he thought was Williams' land but is actually on T. R. Miller Land.

The photo was taken when the land was clear cut by T. R. Miller in the late 1990's. According to a neighbor, Matthew Jackson Jr., he helped the late John Dana Williams put the four posts around the grave to keep the grave from being destroyed by woodsmen when the land was clear cut. The land was replanted with pines and the grave is once again hidden away in the forest.

Relatives of George Manning Jr. came through Teddy some time after his death to make sure George had been buried correctly in the Mormon tradition. Andrew Robinson Williams assured them that George had been buried appropriately.



The grave marker for "Lonesome George," George Manning, Jr.

The lone pine tree that was left when the land was clear cut with the four posts marking Lonesome George's grave.

The lone pine tree gave "Lonesome George" his name.



The ECHS *Journal* Section

Preserving Our History by Registering and Maintaining Our Cemeteries

Escambia County cemeteries registered with The Alabama Cemetery Preservation Alliance are listed below with the name of the cemetery, the date registered, the land plot location (first township and range and then section number), the nearest community, and the person registering the cemetery.

The Weaver Cemetery was registered twice by two different people with one naming it the Weaver Cemetery and one listing it as the Weavers Cemetery.

Information about these cemeteries as well as instructions on registering and/or adopting a cemetery can be found at the Alabama Cemetery Preservation Alliance Web Site <www.alabama-cemetery-preservation.com>.

1. **Cooper**, 9-7-06, T3N, R9E, S10@ Appleton Sherry S. Johnston
2. **Dixonville**, 9-7-06, T1N, R10E, S35, @ East Brewton, Sherry S. Johnston
3. **Flomaton**, 9-7-06, Flomaton, Sherry S. Johnston
4. **Fort Crawford**, T2N, R10E, S33, @ East Brewton, Sherry S. Johnston
5. **Hillcrest**, 9-7-06, T1N, R8E, S20 @ Pollard, Sherry S. Johnston
6. **Huxford**, 8-27-06, T3N, R6E, S17 @ Huxford, Ted Urquhart
7. **Martin**, 3-20-07, T3N, R10E, S31, @Brewton-Appleton, Jackie M. Marky
8. **McConnell**, 11-12-06, T2N, R10E, S21 @ Brewton, Jackie Marky
9. **Old Sullivan Community**, 10-3-05, Shannon Hall-Jones
10. **Pilgrims' Rest**, 9-7-06, Brewton, Sherry S. Johnston

11. **Sardis**, 1-8-05, T1N, R7E, S22, Ted Urquhart
12. **Weaver**, 3-2-09, T3N, R10E, S31, Brewton, Ted Urquhart and Jackie M. Marky.
13. **Atmore City**, 4-10-08, T1N, R5E. Atmore, Sherry S. Johnston.

Note: All the descriptions and informative material about the cemeteries in this article are taken from the web page for the Alabama Cemetery Preservation Alliance. The comments have been submitted by the individual who registered the cemetery with the Alliance.

Other sources which give names and dates and well as other information about the individual graves can be found in these books which are in the Alabama Room : Headstones and Heritage: Cemeteries of Escambia County (1974) and Alabama Atlas of Cemeteries (two volumes, with an additional volume which contains information only for Escambia County).

In addition, further information about cemeteries in the area can be found filed in the Alabama Room collection.

Cooper Cemetery

This cemetery, located near Appleton does not have an address listed but the driving directions are: from Brewton, traveling north on Appleton Road [CR 49], take dirt road to the left, follow signs to Cemetery. Coming from I-65, Conecuh County #6, turn right on CR49, travel south towards Brewton, come through the Appleton Community, road will be on right, follow signs. Cemetery is on left side of road

The number of burials is 250+ graves and the cemetery is said to be fairly well maintained.

Dixonville – Alternative Name: Dixonville RLDS Church Cemetery

This cemetery located near East Brewton has these driving directions: traveling from Brewton AL on AL41 South to-

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The McMillan Museum and ECHS now offer free access to the online service, Ancestry.com, one of the best sources for tracing family history. However, access to this web service is available only from the Museum.

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Preserving Our History (continued)

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wards the FL line, the sign for the cemetery is posted on the road.

There are 400+ graves with the first known interment listed for 1856. This cemetery is listed as one that is fairly well maintained.

Flomaton Cemetery

This cemetery is located on US 31 on a hill overlooking the Flomaton High School and Community Athletic Park. There were 850+ recorded in Dec 1972. This cemetery is still in use and is well maintained by the City of Flomaton.

Fort Crawford Cemetery

Located on the Ridge Road near East Brewton, the driving direction are: from US 29 South, go across Murder Creek bridge into East Brewton, turn left on CR 22, also known as Ridge Road. The cemetery will be on the left side of the road; an older and a newer section.

The Fort Crawford (East Brewton) area had a Post Office in 1823. Land for the cemetery was subsequently owned by the Brewton family and later, the Weaver family.

The community which grew up around the old fort was called Fort Crawford until it was absorbed into the town of Brewton; later those inhabitants on the east side of Murder Creek incorporated the town of East Brewton. The name remained for the cemetery in which many of the earliest settlers of Escambia County are buried.

The cemetery seems to be fairly well maintained. In 2003, some overgrown shrubbery and high grass were evident; broken headstones; and uneven paths were observed. There are 1000+ graves with the first known interment circa 1877.

There is the original wrought iron fence surrounding the cemetery with an artistic iron gate which has a narrow span because it was erected in 1908 in the days of horse and buggy.

Two rows of unmarked graves are those of soldiers who died in service at the fort, making it the oldest burial ground in the county.

Hillcrest Cemetery – Also known as Pollard Catholic Cemetery, Pincrest Catholic Cemetery, and Pincrest Cemetery

The brief history of this cemetery notes that the earliest church at the location was a Methodist Church (1830-1850), followed by a Baptist Church which was at the location begin-

ning in 1895. There was a Catholic Church which built and maintained for many years.

The many churches at the location are considered to be an indication of the influence of the cemetery on the residents of the community.

Located off US 31 South, going toward Pollard, on CR6, the nearest Community to the cemetery is Pollard. The driving directions are to go south on US 31, turning onto CR 6 and look for the sign over the gate to the cemetery.

There are 100+ graves in this cemetery which is nicely cared for.

Huxford Cemetery

Also known as Huxford Baptist Church Cemetery

Located near Huxford, the driving directions are: from intersection of SR21 and CR30, go west on CR30 for about 1/2 mile. The church and cemetery are on the left.

There are approximately 350 graves with the first known interment that of Florence Marie Fountain (born and died in 1899). Still in use, this cemetery is nicely cared for.

Martin Cemetery

The location is on County Road 49 with the nearest community being Brewton.

The driving directions are: from downtown Brewton at the intersection of Highways 31 and 41 (the main red light where R.R. tracks run through the middle of town), go north on HWY 31 to the second R.R. crossing, where Belleville Ave. begins on the left at the Bank of Brewton. Turn left onto Belleville Ave. and proceed north on this road approximately 7 miles. Belleville Ave will change into County road 49 at some point. The cemetery is located on the north boundary line of Weavers Cemetery. There is a metal sign on the fence that identifies it as the Martin Cemetery established 1959.

The land for this cemetery was acquired from a Mr. Lovelace in 1954, for a Martin Family Cemetery. The first burial was George Wallace Martin, the matriarch of this family, in 1959.

There are 12 burials. The oldest is that of G. W. Martin in 1959. The most recent is that of Morgan White. There is the grave of a small child of Wallace and Julia Baggett Martin that was moved from Weavers Cemetery after the Martin Cemetery was acquired. She died in 1918.

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Atmore City Cemetery

Also known as Old Atmore City Cemetery and Williams Station Cemetery

The only location given for this cemetery is that it is near Atmore. The person registering this cemetery noted that for security reasons it was requested that no address or driving directions be published. The cemetery is listed as one requiring permission to enter.

This cemetery, was started supposedly when the Old Williams Station Cemetery was abandoned. Burials were ceased because of the water table, and many graves were then removed to the Oak Hill Cemetery. Of the eleven graves that were removed from this cemetery, Headstones and Heritages mentions that of the eleven, eight were adults and three children.

The first known interment was that of Adeline Goldsmith, who was born and died in 1911 and the last known interment that of Joseph Johns (1867-1913).

McConnell Cemetery

The Cemetery is located on the northwest corner of Liles Boulevard and Sellers Street in Brewton.

From 2 separate sources there is the legend that the first burial in this cemetery was either 1 or 2 daughters, of a Mr. McConnell. These girls died in a house fire and were buried here.

One source said 1 child and the other said 2. There are two adult slabs and two small child-sized unmarked slabs together about in the middle of this cemetery.

Most, if not all, of the people buried, with marked graves, in this cemetery lived in or close to the section (21) that this cemetery is located in.

There are 18 recognizable graves. At least two headstones have fallen or been knocked off of their foundations but they don't appear broken. Four graves, those of two adults and two children, do not have headstones, just concrete slabs. There are 6 concrete headstones with names and dates on them, all in a row.

One headstone, which looks like a marble government marker, has a name with also the name, rank, company, and division of the Confederate Army. This headstone says "Confederate States Army," but there are no dates.

There is also another grave stone that has an army name, rank, company and division as well as the name of the deceased but does have the birth and death dates. This head stone also looks like a marble government marker.

The registrar of this cemetery notes, "The oldest burial date is 1884 and the newest one is 1948. The other dates are 1899, 1903, 2 in 1904, 2 in 1907, one in 1923, 3 in 1926, and one in 1927. There are some depressions, but not many that I could see, that look like they might be graves. But I believe there are a lot more graves in this cemetery beneath the leaves and mulch. The 1884 grave was hidden in the bushes and I didn't find it on my first visit."

The recorder states that the cemetery is poorly maintained although the City of Brewton has cleaned it up in the past..

Old Sullivan Community Cemetery

The nearest Community is Nokomis. The submitter has chosen to suppress the address and the driving directions for this cemetery for security reasons. This cemetery is one that requires permission to enter.

Old Sullivan Cemetery is two church-yard cemeteries. A Baptist Church and Methodist Church were on each corner of the property. The churches are no longer there, only the cemetery. It adjoins the Presley Family Cemetery

There are over 200 burials. There are many unknown and unmarked graves, so a true number is unknown

The cemetery is described as maintained with a chain link fence around it.

Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery

Located on Alco Drive in Brewton, the cemetery, which is one of the oldest burial grounds in the county, still bears the church name, Pilgrim's Rest.

Two brothers, Benjamin and Joseph Bruton (Brewton) purchased land in the area of Alco ca. 1828. A town, Alco, sprang up ca.1885, existing until it was dissolved in 1897. The Alco area was incorporated into the City of Brewton 1945.

There are 200+ graves. The earliest known grave is marked 1858.

Sardis Cemetery

Located near Wawbeek, driving directions are: from the intersection of US31 and CR2 (Wawbeek), the church and cemetery are on the right just after turning north on CR2.

The Alabama Historical Cemetery Atlas cites approximately 500 graves. The first known interment is that of Francis A Miles (1826-1894). The cemetery is still in use.

Weaver Cemetery

This cemetery is located on the Appleton Rd (CR49), about half way between Brewton and Appleton, on the right side of

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CR49, about 7 miles from the intersection in Brewton with the red light over the rail road tracks.

There are about 500 burials. This well maintained cemetery is still in use.

Jackie Markey who registered the cemetery and wrote the descriptions, says that she was told in her youth that the land was donated by the Weaver Family for a cemetery and the first person buried there was "a Black lady who had been in their household service for many years."

The Alabama Historical Commission Register

Escambia County has three cemeteries on the Alabama Historical Commission Register, (a separate organization from the ACPA): Union, Franklin, and Old Sullivan Community.

These cemeteries, which have to be 40 years or older, are recognized as having historical significance because of the importance of families or individuals buried there, the signifi-

cance to the community of the cemetery, or the historical significance of the materials used for markers or fences or other ornamentation.

Franklin Cemetery

Franklin Cemetery is located on the property of Georgia Pacific in Brewton. There are approximately 50 graves. A listing of the names and dates on gravestones which was prepared by Annie Waters and Evelyn Jernigan in 1973 can be found in files in the Alabama Room.

Union Cemetery

Brewton's Union Cemetery was the first cemetery in Escambia County to be listed on the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register. The cemetery is over 128 years old.

Old Sullivan Community Cemetery

This Cemetery near Nokomis is also registered in the Alabama Cemetery Preservation Alliance. It requires permission for entry.

Conecuh County Sons of Confederacy Camp Undertakes Cemetery Project to Clean-up and Restore Hyde-Wiggins Cemetery



The "Before" shot on the left shows that the graves with headstones could not be seen clearly.

The "After" Shot on the right shows the two headstones.



A Cemetery Restoration and Clean-up in Conecuh County

The two pictures above show the "before" and "after" of a burial site known as the Hyde-Wiggins Cemetery, located off County Road 43 in Conecuh County. Registered with the ACPA, the cemetery is on private land.

Recently the Colonel Pinckney D. Bowles, Camp 1840, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Evergreen, spent a work-day cleaning

up this burial spot. Two headstones were found. There are indentations indicating other unmarked graves.

Finding one of the headstones to be that of a Confederate soldier, Coalman (Coleman) Sheffield, the clean-up crew had the headstone repaired and restored along with their work of clean up.

The "Before" and "After" pictures speak of a job well done.

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