

Woodham
Family Cemetery



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Dale County, Alabama

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This book is an official publication of the

Woodham Family Association,

a national, non-profit family club for all descendants of the Woodham family in America. The Association was founded in 1979: its main purpose is to help reunite our scattered family and to gather and preserve our family heritage. The main goals are to gather every type of record and information on all descendants of the Woodham family in America and our English homeland; preserve these records and make them available to all our family; preserve and protect historic Woodham sites, such as the two Woodham Family Cemeteries, family Bibles and old homesteads, etc.; mark the resting place of all known Woodham burials; publish a family newsletter so our living relatives can learn more about themselves and their family; and other projects.

This book is published in the hopes the information contained herein shall not be lost in the memories of our family.

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Dedication :

This book is dedicated :

my ancestors :

Aris Woodham Senior

and

Rachel Beasley

and

Edward Woodham Junior

and

Mary

by the author,

Robert Earl Woodham

The Woodham Family Historian



In Memory . . .

This book is dedicated to the memory of two of our family's
hero's, one who fought for American independence
and helped found the United States:

Edward Woodham Junior

and the other, who fought to preserve this freedom
against the Japs and Nazi tyranny during
World War II:

Rufus Woodham



A Debt of Gratitude



This book could not be written without expressing the entire family's debt of gratitude to all those who worked so hard to restore and preserve our Woodham Family Cemetery.

It would seem that such a noble effort would bring out every descendant of the folks buried in the Cemetery but that was not the case. Despite the fact there are hundreds of very able-bodied descendants living within a short distance of the Cemetery, only a handful of relatives shouldered their responsibility and did any actual physical work on the restoration work or even contributed financially toward the costs incurred.

Special thanks must be made to James Ople ("Jim") Woodham, who at the time the restoration began, lived next door to the Cemetery, where he owned and operated a restaurant, convenience store and gas station on the nearby four-lane US Hwy. 431. Jim grew up in the area but spent his adult life in the military. He knew about the Cemetery but did not realize it was his own family's burying ground. Upon reading my first article in the family newsletter about the danger the Cemetery faced, he and his brother Rex immediately began working to clean up the site.

Jim spent many, many days at the Cemetery, clearing out thick underbrush, chopping down weeds, pulling out thorny vines and their roots, cutting down unwanted trees, trimming those that remained, clearing out dead limbs, raking leaves and trash and numerous other tiresome jobs. Jim also hired young boys to help him many times, often paying them out of his own pocket.

Jim served faithfully as Chairman of the Cemetery Committee for several years and kept the effort going to get the site restored and preserved. He was a pillar of strength in this enormous project.

Thomas Letrell (Letrell or "Tom") Woodham has also been a loyal worker since the start. He joined Jim and Rex right after they began work on the graveyard and has remained one of the strongest supporters of the Cemetery since then. He has worked hard not only in the

actual work on the Cemetery but also with his contributions to beautify the grounds as well as his large financial contributions. When anything was needed for the Cemetery, he was among the first to reach into his pocket for more funds.

Letrell bought dozens of azaleas and planted them himself, along with dogwood trees and other flowers. Every spring, he sets out colorful annual flowers around the graves. In addition, he has been growing cuttings of plants at his home which he will eventually install at the Cemetery. With Letrell's personal touch, the Cemetery has been changed from a shameful blight upon our family to a source of family pride. He pushed to get our own water source installed and as a result, a water well was drilled and a pump was installed for running water. The water helps preserve the new grass lawn that he helped plant as well as the beautiful flowers. It also supplies the new restrooms.

Our family and our ancestors can be justly proud of Letrell. He has done a wonderful job.

Another faithful worker is James Burch Daughtry. J. B., the grandson of Nellie Woodham and Major Holland ("Fox") Daughtry, also joined the restoration effort at the very beginning. He has been one of the largest financial contributors to the Cemetery. One of his major interests has been in trying to mark every known grave in the graveyard. He decided that he would install a tombstone on the graves of his great grandparents, Aris Woodham Junior and Caron H. Riley whose graves up to then had been marked with only rocks.

J. B. donated the entire cost of the handsome double tombstone. At the same time, he told the Cemetery Committee that if they would join in the effort, he would donate the difference so that a double tombstone could also be installed for the graves of Edward H. Woodham Sr. and Sarah Dowling.

In addition to getting these two new marble tombstones installed, J. B. bought cement blocks, which he labeled "Woodham" or "unknown" and then spent considerable energy to coat each block to weatherize them so the writing would not wear off. These he installed on all the known graves that were not marked with tombstones. He personally paid for this cost and did all the work himself. J. B. also had granite coping placed around his grandparent's plot and granite chips installed to cover the area.

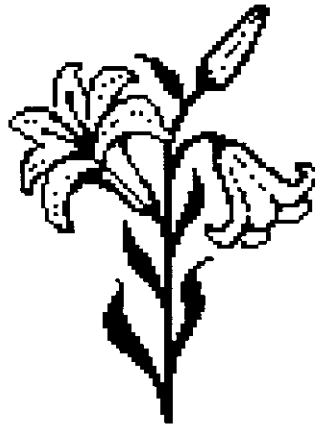
To help raise funds for the Cemetery, J. B. contacted dozens of relatives by mail and telephone. He has worked hard to make the annual Decoration Day at the Cemetery a success.

There have been many others to whom thanks are due. During one of the many cemetery

cleanings that had about 25 people present and working with tractors, hoes and rakes, not one person there was under the age of 50. The oldest couple working that day were both in their late 80's., with the lady dressed in her old-timey head bonnet. They worked as hard as anyone else. Also there was Ollie Belle Enfinger McDaniel, who was 82 at the time.

Special thanks are due to Rex Stevens and his son David who donated their labor to install the chain-link fence around the cemetery. Thomas Letrell Woodham joined them and helped.

To the guys who donated their money and labor to build the picnic shelter and restrooms--a great big thanks. This was a major job and one that took a lot of hard work. Visitors to the graveyard for years to come can now take a cook rest on the built-in seats under the shelter while they contemplate their ancestors buried there. They will have restrooms with running water--all thanks to a handful of faithful descendants.



Woodham Family Cemetery

Dale County, Alabama



Photo showing archway entrance to the Woodham Family Cemetery erected by the Cemetery Committee in 1989. A Dothan iron works built and installed the archway at a cost of approximately \$750.

Photo taken April, 1990 by Mrs. Jane Adrian Hundley Roper of Columbus, Georgia (daughter of Tessie Inez Woodham).

Location

Woodham Family Cemetery

Bagwell's Crossroads
Dale County, Alabama

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Location Map

Section of the official Dale County Road Map published by the Alabama Department of Transportation. The Woodham Family Cemetery is shown located between Hunt Army Airfield and James "Cook" (should be Crooks) Lake just west of Bagwell's Crossroad, just southwest of the center of the page.

Woodham Family Cemetery

Bagwell's Crossroads
Dale County, Alabama

The Woodham Family Cemetery is a private, family-owned graveyard located in southeastern Dale County, Alabama. It fronts on the Newton-Echo Road, a Dale County paved highway, a few hundred yards and within view of the intersection of this road and U.S. Highway 231. A few hundred yards east of this intersection is another intersection, where the Newton-Echo Road crosses Woodham Road: this intersection is known officially as "Bagwell's Crossroads".

The town limits of the Town of Newton (once the county capital) lies along the southern boundary of the Newton-Echo Road and all the land directly across this road from and south of the Cemetery lies within the limits of Newton.

A private paved road lies along the western boundary of the Cemetery. This road was once a Dale County public road which ran across the Choctawhatchee River to the south and connected to another road running north from Newton. This public road was abandoned by the County and turned over to the adjoining property owners. According to law, the Cemetery owns all of the eastern half of this now-private road, which adjoins the Cemetery.

Just a few yards west of the cemetery is the Hunt Army Airfield, covering 100 acres of land which was once part of the land owned by Mrs. Rachel Woodham Daughtry. This airfield was founded several decades ago when nearby Fort Rucker became the Army's primary helicopter training facility. It is one of several such airfields in Dale County used by Fort Rucker to train helicopter pilots.

Immediately east of the Cemetery is a small artificial impoundment known as the James Crooks Lake. This small pond was built during the 1950's by James Crooks who then owned the surrounding property. The eastern edge of the pond is only a few feet from the boundary of U.S. Highway 231. It is listed incorrectly as "James Cook" Lake on official county maps.

Location, continued

A truck stop and restaurant operated for several years at the intersection of the four-lane US 231 and Newton-Echo Road. During the early 1980's, James Ople ("Jim") Woodham developed a convenience store, gas station and restaurant in the southwest corner of this intersection. He and his wife Elouise operated the business for several years and lived next to the operation, overlooking the lake. Jim later sold the business to his wife's brother-in-law and then built another larger barbecue restaurant next door. In the early 1990's, he retired and moved to Pensacola.

At one time, the Dale County Fair Grounds was located in the northwest corner of this intersection. The fairgrounds later moved and this site has been abandoned now for several years. The fairgrounds are still shown on the latest available county maps.

The graveyard is approximately half way between Ozark, the county capital, and the town of Midland City. It is about 16 miles or so northwest of Dothan, Alabama, a thriving metropolitan area. It is about a 15 minute drive from the perimeter highway around Dothan.

The site lies upon the rim of the valley of the Choctawhatchee River about a mile northwest from where the river branches and forms the west fork and east fork of the river. This fertile valley was where the Woodham family first settled in the early 1830's. The family first built their homes in the valley near the river. However, the river is prone to flooding and this is probably what caused them to move their homes to higher ground. This is why the Cemetery was placed on the rim, overlooking the valley.

For visitors coming from Dothan, turn left on the first highway after crossing the Choctawhatchee River. Those traveling from Ozark should turn right on the first highway after coming under a railroad overpass. There are businesses on three corners of this intersection. We do NOT recommend patronizing the convenience store next to the lake at this intersection: it is no longer owned by our relatives and the present owner is not friendly to cemetery visitors.

Woodham Family Cemetery

Aerial Photo

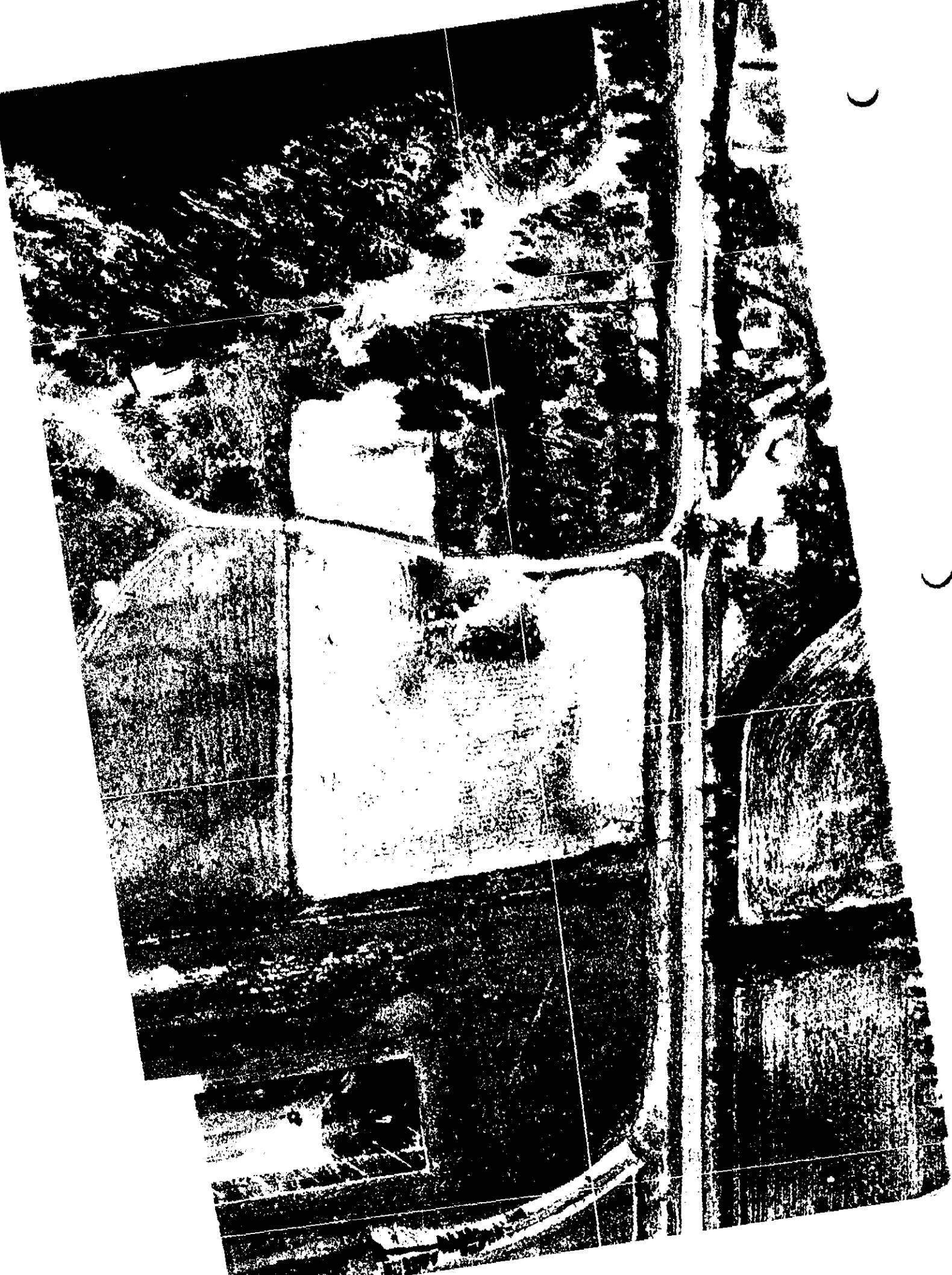
This aerial photo shows the Woodham Family Cemetery and its immediate environs. The photo was taken before the site was cleaned up and when it was overgrown with weeds, small undergrowth and numerous trees. All of the underbrush has since been cleared out and most of the trees cut down (unfortunately).

The top of the photo is east; the left side is north; right side is south.

The road on the right side of the page is now a paved Dale County highway--the Newton-Echo Road. The road which runs from this highway to the north (left) was once a public road but has been abandoned by the County and returned to the adjoining property owners. It was paved by the owner of the surrounding property in 1989.

This private road is the western boundary of the Cemetery, while the Newton-Echo Road on the right is southern boundary. The outline of the Cemetery can be distinguished by the large square patch of trees. The large white square in the center is a freshly plowed field across the road from the Cemetery.

An old homestead sits at the intersection of the two roads. Hunt Army Airfield lies in the lower left corner (west) of the Cemetery, lying next to the plowed field. A runway can be seen.



Woodham Family Cemetery

Map Showing Woodham Family Land

This map shows land owned at one time or other by Woodham relatives in the area around the Woodham Family Cemetery of Dale County, Alabama. This information is taken solely from deeds found in the Dale County courthouse at Ozark. Our family has probably owned much more of the land shown here than what is indicated on this map.

The map is oriented with north on the left side of the page and east on the top.

The Woodham Family Cemetery is located at the bottom center of the map.

The dates shown are the dates when the relative bought or sold the land. The letters HS mean a federal homestead; D means a deed.

Each small square is a forty acre tract of land. The numbers (28, 29, 30, etc.) indicate Land Sections and each section contains 640 acres and a Quarter Section, or one fourth of a Land Section, contains 160 acres.

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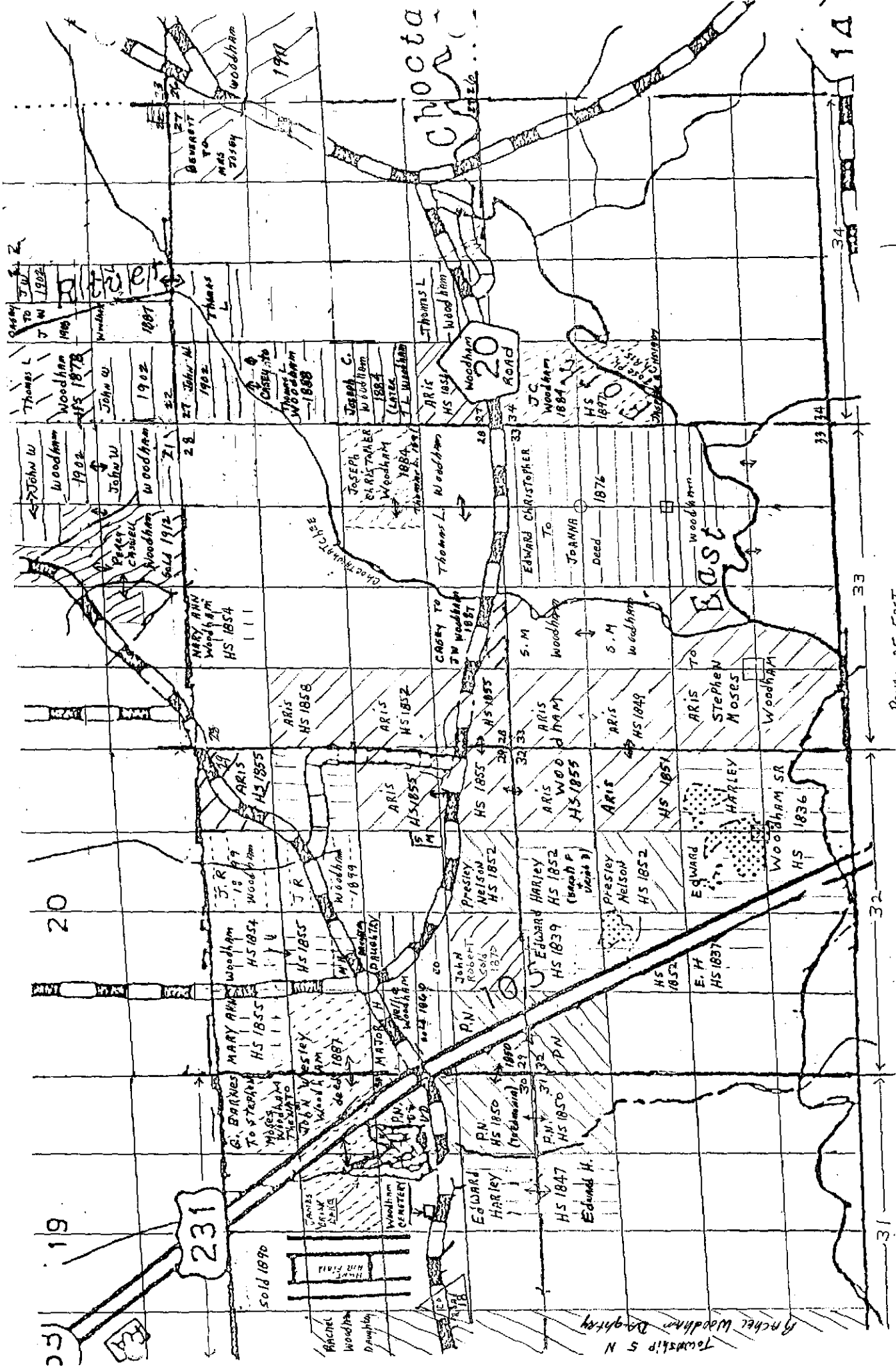
This map shows land owned at one time or other by Woodham relatives in the area around the Woodham Family Cemetery of Dale County, Alabama.

It is the same as the previous map except it is overlaid upon the official Dale County Highway Map published by the Alabama Department of Transportation.

The highway running from the top right of the page to the left is US Highway 231, a major, four-lane highway leading from Montgomery, Alabama through Dothan to Florida and dead-ending at Panama City, Florida.

The road that runs down the center of the page (west to east) and then turns to the right (north) is *Woodham Road*.

Some of the land shown on this map is still in our family today. For instance, land shown here which was obtained by Aris Woodham Jr. by a homestead in 1855 is still owned by a Woodham relative,. Another tract on Woodham Road which Aris Jr. obtained as a homestead in 1857 is also still owned by another Woodham relative.



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Dale County, Alabama
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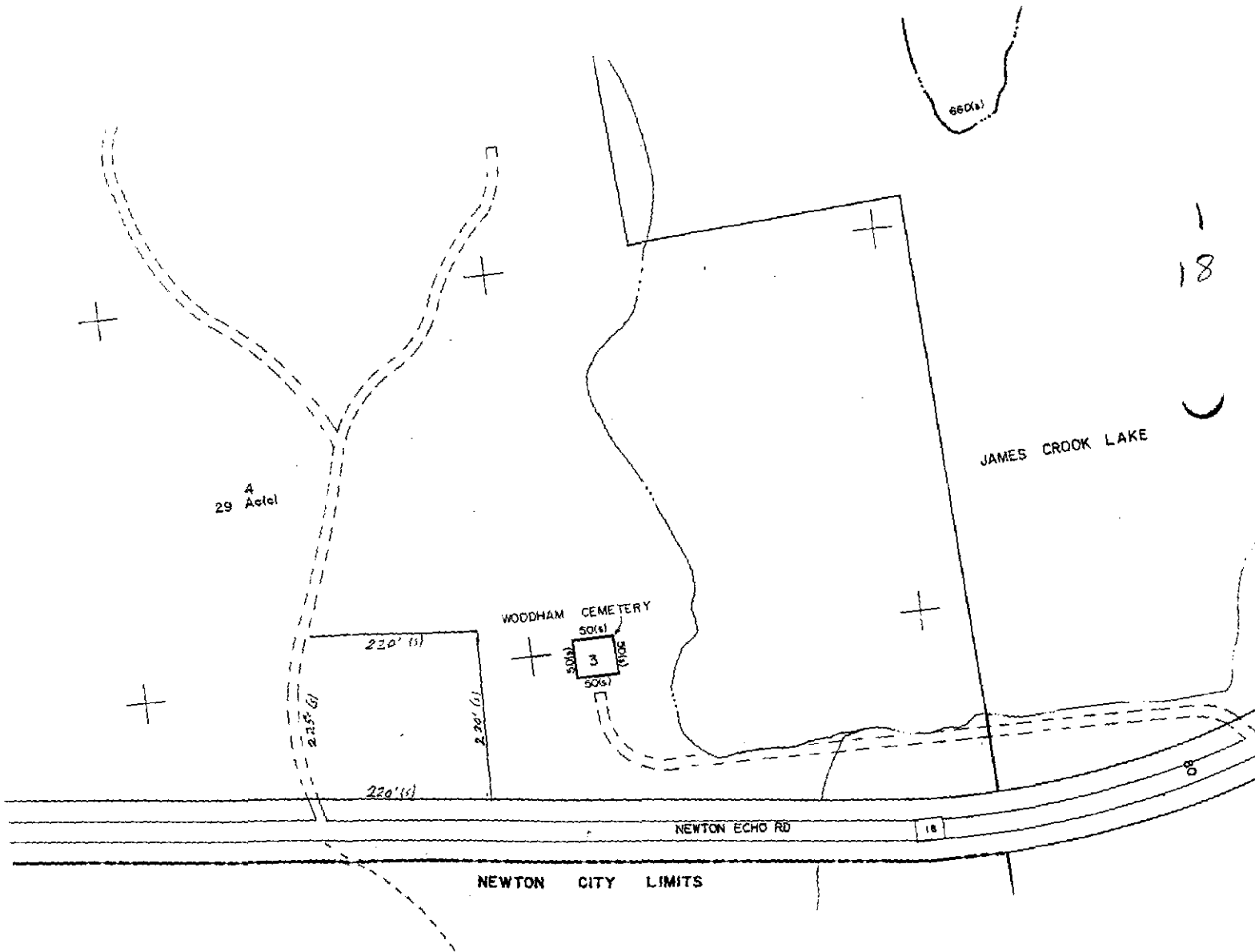
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NEWTON CITY LIMITS







History

Woodham Family Cemetery

Dale County, Alabama



Woodham Family Cemetery Located At Newton, Alabama

Our Woodham Family Cemetery is located in Dale County, Alabama on the Newton--Echo Road, Dale County Highway #18, about 200 yards west of this road's intersection with U.S. Highway 231. The Cemetery is across the road from the Newton town limits.

The Cemetery is located about half way between the city of Ozark, the county capitol and the town of Midland City. It is about six miles southeast of Ozark and about 17 miles northwest of Dothan.

Our ancestral burying grounds lie in the heart of the "Wiregrass" area of southeast Alabama. Geneva County separates Dale County from the Florida border on the south and Houston County lies southeast between it and the Georgia border.

The Cemetery lies upon the north rim of the Choctawhatchee River valley, just northwest of where the East Fork and West Fork of the river join. It is in the west central part of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 30, Township 5 North, Range 25 East.

It is just a few yards east of Hunt Army Airfield, a 100 acre airfield which was established in the 1940's as part of then Camp Rucker and now Fort Rucker. Fort Rucker is a US Army military base whose primary duty for several decades now has been as a helicopter training facility.

On the east side of the Cemetery lies James Crooks Lake, a small man-made pond which fills most of the area between the Cemetery and the four-lane US Highway 231. County road maps mistakenly list this as James "Cook" Lake. It was constructed and owned until 1986 by James Crooks. The pond feeds a small stream which leads southwards for about a mile until it empties into the Choctawhatchee River.

From outside the region, the site is easily reached from Montgomery, Alabama by traveling south on US Highway 231 to Ozark. From Florida, US Interstate Highway 10 goes east-west in the Panhandle and intersects with US Hwy. 231, which leads north to Dothan and then Ozark. From the north and northeast, US Hwy. 431 leads south from Columbus, Georgia to Dothan where it intersects with US Hwy. 231.

Woodham Cemetery One Of Oldest In Area

The Woodham Family Cemetery was established sometime in the 1830's or early 1840's on the farmstead of Edward Harley Woodham Senior. It is one of the oldest known cemeteries in Dale County.

The Woodham Cemetery is located in the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 30, Township 5, Range 25 of Dale County, Alabama. It lies adjacent to Dale County Highway 18, the Newton-Echo Road, about one city block west of this road's intersection with U.S. Highway 231.

The Cemetery fronts the Newton-Echo Road on the south, a county road which was paved in the 1970's; a small private pond formerly called James Crooks Lake lies just east of the Cemetery; on the west by a former county road running north-south which was abandoned by the county in the 1980's and turned over to Wade Keller, a developer who paved the road for about 200 yards. This former public road once connected the Newton-Sylvan Grove road with the Newton-Ewell Road. According to relatives living in the 1960's, Woodham relatives still lived in homes located on this public road during the early 1900's. It led south to the Choctawhatchee River. It was gradually abandoned by the county to surrounding land owners and has become a "private" road.

Dale County was a frontier region when Edward Harley Woodham Sr. and his nephew Aris Woodham Junior and their relatives moved to the forks of the Choctawhatchee River in the early 1830's; Aris' brother Athanasius Woodham settled first in Henry County near Old Center Methodist Church but later moved to Dale County. A large portion of Alabama was still occupied by the Creek Indian Nation and these Indians claimed this area. There were no towns nor even villages in the area. The entire region was covered by virgin forests with a few Old Fields (small plots which had been cleared and tilled by Indians) spotted about.

Churches and church cemeteries also were practically non-existent. There was only one church "near" the forks of the Choctawhatchee (which one is unknown). The Woodhams were Methodists: Aris Woodham Senior, brother of Edward H. Sr. and father of Aris Jr. and Athanasius was one of the first Methodist ministers in America. Because of a lack of roads and the distance, those Woodhams who settled in the forks of the river could not attend Old Center Methodist Church and instead attended a Baptist church for a few years until a Methodist Church was organized in the area.

In pioneer days, it was common practice to bury people on their own farmsteads. Since

church cemeteries or other types of "public" cemeteries took time to become organized, the first cemeteries to be founded in frontier areas were always family cemeteries.

Woodhams Arrived During Early 1830's

Edward Harley Woodham Senior obtained a federal homestead next to the forks of the Choctawhatchee River in 1835. He was the first white owner of this land. His nephew Aris Woodham Junior settled in the forks of the river on a federal homestead. Both men lived in the area until their deaths. The area where they acquired their first land is subject to extreme flooding and as a result both men later obtained land north of their original farms which was less prone to flooding. Edward H. Sr. and his sons acquired land north and northwest of his original land on the valley slope valley and up to the top of the ridge overlooking the river. Their original homes has been lost for decades and the author has no knowledge of their exact sites.

Life expectancy for infants and adults as well on the frontier in pioneer times was very low. As a result, numerous infants died before they reached one year of age. Our family cemetery very likely began with burials of infants there since several members of the family were of child-bearing age at this time.

Descendants of Edward H. Sr. and his nephew Aris Jr. have lived on land around and near the Cemetery now for almost 160 years.

The site of the Cemetery was owned by Edward H. Woodham Senior. When Edward acquired the site of the cemetery is unknown. He did not obtain it as a federal homestead. Unfortunately, the Dale County courthouse burned in the early 1880's and all deeds and other public records were destroyed. Edward and his wife died in 1865 and were buried at the family cemetery. It is not known who acquired the land around the cemetery after Edward died since no deeds are available for this period.

The oldest existing deed which mentions the Cemetery is dated 26 Nov., 1890 when John E. and Mary F. Reynolds sold a tract of land on the north side of the Newton-Echo Road to Jason W. Barnes. The deed contained a reservation that all that tract was being sold "except one acre belonging to the Grave Yard." This reveals the Woodham family had maintained ownership and control over the Cemetery after they sold the land around it.

It is still not known who Reynolds bought the land from nor if they were related to the

Woodham Family. Both John E. and James Reynolds lived just south of the Cemetery. According to Mrs. Florence Hester ("Het") Woodham Andrews, the first wife of James Reynolds and their infant child were buried at the Cemetery. This wife, whose maiden name is unknown as yet, may have been related to the Woodham family, Het said.

After Reynolds sold the surrounding land, this tract subsequently became known as the "Barnes Place". This farm changed hands several times between the 1890 and the 1919. In 1908, S. S. Deese sold the land around the Cemetery to J. E. Z. (John E. Zinnamon) Riley who resold the land back to Deese in 1911. He and his wife Margurite then sold the land to their son S. W. Deese 3 Oct., 1919 who on the same day sold the land to Early F. Deese. Twenty days later, Early F. Deese sold the land to J. W. Crooks who owned the land until his death in the mid-1940's.

J. W. Crooks died in the mid-1940's but his estate was never probated. His widow controlled the estate until her death in 1974 when ownership of the land around the cemetery passed to their two children. In 1986, these two children sold the remaining land to Wade Keller Inc.

During the 1940's the United States government established Camp Rucker, a United States Army military facility, nearby. This Army base is today Fort Rucker. The government bought 100 acres of the original 130 acre tract from Crooks for use as an Army airfield attached to Camp Rucker. Minus approximately one acre ("more or less") (actually 1 1/3 acres) for the Cemetery, this left 29 acres in the original tract still owned by the Crooks family. The tract the Army bought in the 1940's is today Hunt Army Airfield, the boundary of which is less than 100 yards from the west side of the Cemetery. Hunt has been used for several decades as a helicopter training field by Fort Rucker, one of many such airfields in the area.

According to many relatives, the tombstones which existed in the 1960's were the "newest" burials in the Cemetery. Numerous relatives have stated there are far more unmarked graves in the Cemetery than there are marked ones, not including graves of many infants. These older burials did not have tombstones. Many graves were marked with only bricks or rocks while many others were once marked with carved wooden stakes. Some of these wooden stakes still remained in the 1960's but by 1988, only about four of the carved stakes still survived. Most had burned during woods fires or simply rotted away. Some of the stakes were carved in a rounded form on top and contained names or initials of people, while other stakes were in the form of a cross.

During the late 1940's and early 1950's, a survey of many Dale County cemeteries was made by E. H. Hayes, including the Woodham Cemetery. Hayes never published his cemetery survey but copies are now in many libraries and state archives. Inscriptions from all tombstones were registered. By the time Hayes made his survey, no inscriptions on the wooden stakes

were legible and were not noted in the survey.

A note written on the Woodham Cemetery list in the above-mentioned survey was made by John B. Judah of Columbus, Georgia about 1950 which listed information about Edward Woodham and his children. This information was apparently obtained from Powell Armstrong Woodham of Newton, Mississippi, an early Woodham family historian. Unfortunately, except for the birthdates given for Edward (Harley) Woodham (Senior) and his wife and children, which were taken from a family Bible, all the other information added with this note to the cemetery survey is an error.

Powell did a lot of first-hand interviews with living relatives from the 1930's until his death in 1976. However, most of the US Census records were not available to him nor were numerous indexes of public records which have been published in recent years. Because of this, he had to rely upon family legend. His nursery business took him to Michigan often where he found a branch of Woodham_s (with an S on the end) and other Woodhams who were descendants of families who came to America in the 1840's. He tried to match information from them with legends from our own family branch and the result was incorrect.

Judah's note on the cemetery survey also stated the Woodham Cemetery was located at the "Old Woodham Church". Some elderly relatives living in 1988 stated they had heard of a rumor about a Woodham Church. However, those with a personal knowledge of the area back to before the year 1900 stated they could not recall any such church, nor had they ever heard about such a church from their grandparents who were born in the 1830's through the 1850's. The lists of Methodist and Baptist churches in Dale County show no such church. Since the early Woodhams in Dale County were all Methodists, any church founded by or named for them would also have been Methodist and the Methodist Conference has no record of any such church.

The first burial in Woodham Cemetery that we have a *date* for is that of Richard Ira Woodham, who died in 1848. He was a son of Edward H. Woodham Sr. This is the oldest *recorded* burial in the Cemetery but very probably not the first. His grave is unmarked and the site of his grave is unknown. It is very likely close to the graves of his parents.

Frederick Woodham died in 1852 and lies in an unmarked grave. He was another son of Edward H. Woodham Sr. His wife Mary Ann obtained a federal homestead less than a mile from the cemetery, including part of the land included in the old Dale County Fairgrounds. His wife later remarried to John J. Golden and according to descendants, she was buried beside Frederick upon her death several years later.

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In the second district, composed of Lawrence and Morgan Counties, a vacancy was created by the death of William H. Smith, of Town Creek who died several weeks ago. Senator Smith was unable to attend the long legislative session last summer.

In the ninth district the vacancy was created by the resignation and subsequent death of James A. Hines, of LaFayette, who represented Chambers and Randolph Counties. Senator Hines resigned last August to become judge of the fourth circuit and died shortly after taking his new position.

Carlton Edgar, of Butler, senator for the nineteenth district, composed of Choctaw, Clarke and Washington Counties, died after the legislature adjourned last year.

The vacancy in the twenty-fifth district, composed of Coffee, Crenshaw, and Pike Counties, was created by resignation of John M. Loftin who retired to accept appointment as circuit solicitor.

Governor Graves' decision does not necessarily mean that an extra session of the legislature will be called at an early date. However, it is regarded as probable that another session will be held next year for submission of another highway bond issue and Governor Graves desires to have all senatorial districts represented.

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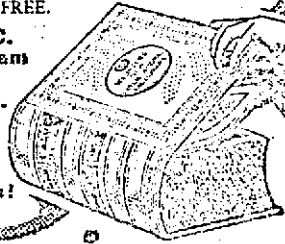
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Cotton made very good progress in the Carolinas, with plant blooming rather freely in South Carolina, while less rain in Georgia and favorable temperatures with more sunshine marked a good growing week. The crop made very good progress in Georgia, fruiting improved in the south, and much cultivation was accomplished though there are still complaints of grassy fields in some sections.

In Alabama, Tennessee and Mississippi progress was mostly fair to good, though poor in some sections, and the crop is still generally late, with many poor stands reported in parts of this area.

In Arkansas progress was poor to only fairly good in some wet central and southeastern sections, but was very good elsewhere, with plants squaring and blooming rapidly, but uneven in size.

Conditions were favorable in north western Louisiana but was too much rain in the east, with general conditions of the crop only fair.

Most of the week was dry and warm in Oklahoma, and progress of cotton was fair to good, but much of the crop is late and needs cultivation though early plants are generally fruiting nicely.

Rains in western and northwestern Texas were favorable, and progress was generally good to very good in that state except in some central southern and southwestern portions, where poor progress was reported because of the continued dry weather, with complaints of shedding and dying in these localities, elsewhere the crop is fruiting fairly well with general conditions fair to very good, though still late.

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Robert Earl Woodham, the Woodham family historian, organized the Woodham Family Association, a national, non-profit family club for all descendants of the Woodham Family. At the same time, he founded the Woodham Family National Reunion. At the first National Reunion held in May, 1979, he announced one of the main goals for the Association would be restoration of both the Woodham Family Cemeteries in Dale County, Alabama and the even older one located in Lee County, South Carolina.

Robert Earl stated this should be a top priority for the Woodham Association. Unfortunately, a division in the Family Association occurred in 1980 resulting in a split of the family club in 1981 over the goals and purpose of the Association. Some relatives wanted a family club solely for the purpose of holding an annual reunion while Robert Earl and others were determined to pursue the originally announced purpose and goals.

The other group of relatives held their own family reunion from 1982 until 1985, when the remaining handful of supporters finally disbanded. They had controlled the original treasury of the Woodham Family Association and upon their disbandment, they donated the remaining estimated \$1,500 to group which distributes Bibles to motels. None of the supporters of this group has ever taken part in the restoration of either of our two Woodham Family Cemeteries.

This split in our family club severely hampered our goal of restoring our two Family cemeteries. These projects had to be delayed while every effort was made to rebuild the Woodham Family Association into a strong and effective organization. Without a strong family club, few of our goals such as restoring our family cemeteries could be accomplished.

The specter of imminent danger in 1987 became the catalyst which finally precipitated restoration of our Woodham Family Cemetery. Wade Keller, an Ozark accountant, bought the surrounding land in 1986. He acquired the land with intentions of developing the land for home sites around James Crooks Lake.

In 1987, he wrote Robert Earl in Atlanta stating he now "owned" our Woodham Family Cemetery. Keller said he was willing to "sell" the family cemetery back to the Woodham family for \$10,000 or to lease it for \$1,500 a year.

Robert Earl denied that Keller owned the Cemetery nor that it had ever been sold by the family. He replied to Keller these statements and added the Woodham Family had no intentions of ever surrendering our ownership of the Cemetery. Robert Earl immediately issued a call for the Woodham Family to organize a permanent Cemetery Committee to begin restoration of the graveyard and provide for its future maintenance.

Cemetery Committee Organized

A "call to arms" was printed by Robert Earl in the October, 1987 issue of *Woodham Family Journal*, the family newsletter. As soon as relatives in the area received their newsletters, they immediately began cleaning up the Cemetery. James Ople Woodham and his brother Rex Woodham were already at work when they were joined by Thomas Letrel Woodham on Tuesday, 3 November.

James O. ("Jim") Woodham owned a combination restaurant, gas station and convenience store at the time, located at the intersection of four-lane US Hwy. 231 and Newton-Echo Road about 200 yards from the Cemetery. They talked about holding a formal meeting and getting a committee together. After working on the Cemetery for the rest of the week, they met at Jim's restaurant the next Saturday, 7 November.

At this informal meeting, the Cemetery Committee was officially organized and Jim was elected as the first chairman; Mrs. Juanita Carroll Woodham, wife of Ben Hill Woodham and daughter of Ada Elizabeth Woodham, was elected secretary-treasurer and B. Edsel Woodham as vice chairman. One of the first things discussed was the need for a fence to protect the graveyard which meant funds would be required. They took up the first collection that day.

An article appeared in the Ozark newspaper the following week announcing a formal meeting for 19 November. Some 32 people attended this first formal meeting of the Cemetery Committee. These included descendants of the Woodham family as well as descendants of the Bagwell, Stevens, Enfinger and other families buried at the Cemetery. The next formal meeting was held 14 December and 14 people attended.

Thereafter for about a year, the group held meetings of some type almost every month. Members of the Cemetery Committee began contacting descendants of those buried in the Cemetery and raised funds to restore the site.

James B. Daughtry, a retired Air Force Colonel living in Dothan, was one of the most ardent and successful fund collectors. He contacted every descendant that he could locate of his grandparents, Nellie Woodham and Major Holland ("Fox") Daughtry and his great uncle and aunt, Rachel Woodham and John B. Daughtry.

J. B., James O. Woodham and Thomas Letrel Woodham each made very considerable contributions to the Cemetery funds.

Much Work Went Into Restoration

One of their first major projects and one of the biggest expenses was a chain-link fence to protect the graveyard. This cost approximately \$2,000. Rex Stevens and his grandson David Stevens erected the fence, with help from Thomas Letrel Woodham. Rex is a descendant of Wiley and Mary Stevens, who are buried in the Cemetery. The donation of their labor to erect the fence saved at least \$1,000 in labor costs. Unfortunately, the fence was laid out in a nice, neat square and not on the old fence row, which is now a property line.

The committee also purchased a beautiful wrought iron gateway arch with a sign reading "WOODHAM CEMETERY, Est. 1848" in metal letters. The sign, purchased from a Dothan firm, cost approximately \$750, including installation. The committee used the date from the oldest *recorded* date for a burial in the cemetery for the year that it was established. As stated before, the Cemetery was very likely established in the 1830's. The archway sign sits above the main gate into the graveyard and is high enough for a vault truck to enter.

Extensive cemetery cleanings continued through 1989 until the site was completely cleared of weeds and undergrowth. A type of vine with thorny roots that extend for many feet in all directions, required a great deal of hard work to clear out and destroy the massive root system. Several large trees were cut down and tractors brought in to remove the large stumps. The ground throughout the Cemetery was leveled, with rough spots smoothed out and holes filled in. A deep hole in the east corner was used as a fill site for leaves and debris, helping to level this area.

Unfortunately, the leveling work and tractor activity also resulted in loss of numerous rocks and bricks which previously marked gravesites. Knowledge of the whereabouts of these graves has now been lost.

From its inception until the end of 1989, the committee held meetings almost every month. At the end of that year, the committee set up a schedule of meetings to be held four times a year.

A neat lawn of grass was planted during 1989. It took three different seedings to get the grass established due to a drought and then a flood but it finally took hold and is now well established. This problem of a lack of water was a serious one which the committee pondered over for some time. Jim Woodham met with the owner of an old house directly across the road from the Cemetery in hopes of buying at least an acre of land, including the old house and its water well. Such a purchase would have provided a source of water as well as much-needed space for parking and the old house could be used for meetings and family gatherings.

The site included five acres. It was owned by an elderly couple who have no children. The man at first said he might just donate the entire tract to the Cemetery Committee since it was for a good cause. However, his wife stated no, she did not want to give it away nor sell any of it. The man died not long afterward.

The committee then decided to drill a water well and install an electric pump. Due to health regulations, the well had to be placed at the furthest point away from graves. The installation of a water pump also meant electricity had to be installed. This additionally meant a regular bill for electricity had to be paid. Thomas L. Woodham has donated the cost of this monthly bill thus far.

Once water was provided for the site, landscaping with flowers and shrubs and a decent lawn of grass was possible. Tom (Letrel) Woodham purchased 50 azaleas, 10 dogwood trees and arborvitae; he planted these and other types of flowers and shrubs in front of the fence and throughout the cemetery. Other relatives have also planted shrubs.

One of our goals is to turn the Cemetery into a beautiful garden paradise--something to make us all proud that this is where our beloved ancestors rest.

New Monuments Mark Forgotten Graves

In March, 1990, James B. Daughtry announced at a meeting of the committee that he was going to donate funds to purchase a double tombstone for his great grandparents, Aris Woodham Junior and his second wife, Caron H. Riley. J. B. contacted several monument companies in the area and got cost estimates. He learned that one monument could be purchased for about \$840 and \$1,680 for two stones; the company offered a discount price for two of about \$1,500 if purchased at the same time. J. B. offered to donate \$1,000 toward the cost of the two monuments, one for his great grandparents and one for Edward H. Woodham Senior and his wife Sarah Dowling, if the Cemetery Committee would come up with the difference. At his urging, the Cemetery Committee voted to take funds from the treasury and the purchase was approved.

J. B. asked Robert Earl to come along with him and help select the monuments. Robert Earl provided the information for the inscriptions. The two new monuments were erected in April, 1990. This action finally identifies the graves of the oldest people buried in the Woodham Family Cemetery with their names and now lends dignity to their memory.

At the same meeting, Robert Earl announced he was trying to obtain tombstones for several

military veterans buried in the Cemetery, including men who had served in the Alabama Militia during the Creek Indian War of 1835-1836, the War Between the States (1861-65) and a memorial for his father Rufus Woodham who was killed in the Army in Italy during World War II and whose body was never recovered.

Tombstones were ordered for Aris Woodham Jr., Presley Nelson Woodham and Athanasius Woodham who served in the Alabama Militia in 1836 during the Creek Indian War; Steven Moses Woodham, a veteran of the Confederate States Army during the War Between the States and a memorial tombstone for Rufus Woodham. These monuments were provided at no cost by the US Veterans Administration.

These monuments were installed by Tom Woodham, Jim Woodham and others in 1990. Unfortunately, it was later learned that the information provided for the tombstone of Aris Woodham Jr. is incorrect. Robert Earl ordered copies of pension records from Washington for the widow of Aris Woodham and it turned out to be Aris Bryant Woodham, a son of Edward H. Woodham Sr.. Aris B. Woodham left Dale County in the late 1830's and moved to Newton, Mississippi where he lived the remainder of his life.

J. B. purchased a number of cement blocks and stenciled them with "Woodham" and "unknown" and then weather-proofed them for permanence. The weather-proofing took a great deal of time and effort with several coats of water resistant material. These blocks were then placed at known graves which otherwise had no tombstones or identification. These were graves previously marked only with a brick, rock or carved stake. Some have been placed upon known grave sites which had no markings whatsoever. J. B. donated the cost of the blocks and material and his work.

Annual Decoration Day Established

At a meeting of the Cemetery Committee in March, 1990, James O. Woodham suggested that a gathering and cookout be sponsored by the committee on the last Saturday in April (28 April) as a way for saying thank you for all the help everyone had done on restoring the Cemetery and as a means for showing what had been accomplished thus far. Robert Earl Woodham suggested such an event should be held every year as an annual "Decoration Day". He explained that many churches and cemeteries hold such events during which flowers are placed upon each grave in remembrance of deceased loved ones. In years to come, it could help make relatives more aware of those buried at the cemetery and keep their memories alive.

The first Decoration Day brought a lot of response. All descendants of persons buried at the

Cemetery were invited to participate through newspaper articles and personal contacts. Jim Woodham provided grills and the cookout offered steaks, hamburgers and hotdogs provided by the Cemetery Committee.

Most of the graves were decorated with bouquets of fresh and artificial flowers. Tom L. Woodham planted blooming annual flowers throughout the graveyard. The 50 azaleas he had planted were also blooming and the new flowers and shrubs greatly enhanced the appearance of the Cemetery.

People came from throughout the Wiregrass area of Southeast Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Louisiana. Some Bagwell descendants came from Thibodaux, Louisiana.

This first gathering was so successful that the Cemetery Committee voted to make this an annual occasion to memorialize our ancestors.

Picnic Shed Constructed For Gatherings

A picnic pavilion was constructed by members of the Cemetery Committee in 1991. The pavilion was made possible through a very generous and large contribution from Alto Vester ("Alto Junior") Orr of Stuart, Florida, son of Alto Woodham. Actual construction was done by members of the committee.

Jim Woodham asked a construction crew working next to the Cemetery how much they would charge for digging a hole for a septic tank. The man operating the hole digger said he would do it for free since it was for the cemetery but Jim paid him \$20 anyway. The committee constructed the pavilion with two restrooms, each completely furnished with wash basins. The covered pavilion has a poured cement floor. A bench was built around the edge for seating.

The picnic pavilion makes it possible to have a covered area and restrooms for the annual Decoration Day/Reunion and for use by visitors. It certainly makes a big difference in convenience for those who work on the Cemetery during regular cleanings. It is a welcome addition to the graveyard. Several people have suggested this now become the site of our Woodham National Reunion.

Ancestors Of All Woodhams In Region Buried Here

The oldest known person buried at Woodham Cemetery is Edward Harley Woodham Senior. He was born in 1785 in that part of Old Darlington District, South Carolina which is today part of Lee County. His wife Sarah Dowling was also born in that county in 1786. They were married there about 1805, many years before moving to Alabama.

The burials of Edward and Sarah were marked for many decades by a small brick wall surrounding the graves. This brick wall was about 1 1/2 feet high. There were no tombstones because they both died in 1865, a time of severe poverty and oppression in the deep South, which had been defeated and occupied by yankee armies that year.

His nephew Aris Woodham Junior is the third oldest person buried here. Aris Jr. was born in 1801 in Old Darlington District. His first wife, Rachel Richardson, died about 1830 and is buried at the Woodham Family Cemetery in Lee County. After her death, he married Caron H. Riley, who was born in Old Darlington District in 1810. She died in 1873 and Aris in 1880. Their graves were marked for many decades only with large granite boulders and bricks. In the 1930's, Powell A. Woodham and Juanita Carroll, daughter of Ada Elizabeth Woodham, permanently marked Aris and Caron's graves with iron rods driven into the ground.

The other oldest persons buried in the Cemetery include Edward H. Senior's son Presley Nelson Woodham, born in 1810 and Redin (or Redman) Bagwell and his wife Rhoda. Sometime between 1856 and 1859, Redin and Rhoda moved from Gwinnett County, Georgia to Dale County and settled near the Woodham family.

Redin Bagwell lived next door to Aris Woodham Jr. and the Bagwell family became good friends and neighbors of the Woodham family. They bought land from the Woodhams, including land around the intersection of Woodham Road and the Newton-Echo Road which later became known as "Bagwell's Crossroads". Redin's wife Rhoda was born in 1813. Redin died in 1866 and was buried in the Woodham Cemetery. His grave was marked with a nice tombstone. Rhoda died in 1898. Her grave lay unmarked until descendants erected a matching tombstone in 1992.

Redin and Rhoda are the ancestors of all the Bagwells in the Wiregrass area of Southeast Alabama and northwest Florida.

The Stevens family also settled near the Cemetery. Wiley Stevens and his wife Mary along with several of their children and their spouses are buried at the Cemetery. Wiley was born in

1815 and died in 1899; his wife Mary was born in 1820 and died in 1895. Their son Daniel Franklin ("Frank") Stevens married Sarah Minerva Daughtry, daughter of Nellie Woodham and Major Holland ("Fox") Daughtry. Nellie Woodham's daughter Sarah Daughtry and her husband D. Franklin Stevens are buried on the same row with his parents and other members of the Stevens family. There are several graves on this row which have no tombstones. A number of these graves are marked with bricks.

The oldest obituary of a person buried in the Woodham Cemetery is that of Caron H. Riley, wife of Aris Woodham Jr. She died in 1873 and her obituary was printed in the *Southern Christian Advocate*, a publication of the Southern Methodist Church. Small town newspapers in the Southeast rarely carried obituaries or stories of deaths of local residents until after World War I (ended 1919).

The locally circulated newspapers in Ozark and Newton did not print obituaries regularly during the 1890's through 1920, when most of the adult burials took place there. However, a thorough search of all these newspapers has still not been made. Some but not all, of the Ozark and Newton newspapers for this period are preserved at the Alabama State Archives in Montgomery.

There is no monument stone such as granite and marble native to this area. Prior to construction of railroads into the region and development of stone mining in north Alabama and north Georgia, it was impractical to ship stone into this area for tombstones.

Although there were numerous burials in the Cemetery prior to the 1890's, this lack of stone in the area or transportation facilities to get it here, combined with the poverty which struck the South following the War Between the States (1861-1865), resulted in only two tombstones being erected in the entire Cemetery for burials before the 1890's. The oldest of these, for Redin Bagwell who died in 1866, very likely was installed many years after his death. The fact that only the month and year and not a full death date appears on the tombstone is some evidence it was erected much later. The only other tombstone dated before 1890 is for John Bryant Daughtry, husband of Rachel Woodham. John died in 1880.

The vast majority of tombstones are for people who died between 1890 and 1920. Relatives living in 1988 recall attending funerals at Woodham Cemetery during the 1920's and 1930's. The last recorded burial in the Cemetery was that of Perry Caswell ("Cas") Woodham who was buried on 1 Jan., 1939. A son of Cas', Eustice Houston Woodham, Houston's wife and her sister were all killed in an auto wreck in Quincy, Florida while on their way from Florida to attend Cas' funeral. Houston and his wife were buried in Houston County.

Several Woodham relatives who were living in 1988 remember attending the funeral of Cas. Some of these same people attended the funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Corley Whitlock, wife of William Henry Whitlock and mother-in-law of James Henry Woodham. Elizabeth was also a sister of Amanda Jane Corley, wife of P. C. ("Cas") Woodham.

Ollie Belle Enfinger (Mrs. Cooper McDaniel) was eight years old when she attended the funerals of her twin sisters in 1915 and a few days later the funeral of her mother, Anzillie ("Annie") Riley, wife of Henry Terrell Enfinger. At the time of the death of the infant twins, the Choctawhatchee River was experiencing one of its largest floods in recorded history. Water was over a mile wide in places, washing out all the few bridges and barring access to the east side of the river. Had it not been for the flood, Annie and her twin children would have been buried at Center Methodist Church in Henry County. However, both she and her husband had ties to those buried at Woodham Family Cemetery. She was the niece of Caron H. Riley, wife of Aris Woodham Junior and Joanna ("Jodie") Riley, first wife of Edward Christopher ("C. C.", "Chris") Woodham. Caron, Aris and Joanna were all buried at Woodham Cemetery when Annie died. Annie's husband, Henry Enfinger was the son of Rhoda Jane Bagwell, whose parents are also buried at Woodham Cemetery.

Florence Hester ("Het") Woodham (Mrs. Bryant Andrews) who was born in 1899, recalled attending funerals for people buried at Woodham Cemetery as long ago as 1906. Het was related to or personally knew most of the people who were buried here during her lifetime. She was able to provide first-hand knowledge for most of the people buried here after 1905 or so and information on many others buried prior to this period which was given to her by relatives and acquaintances.

Het was able to personally point out the actual burial sites of numerous graves which had no tombstones. She could not only identify the people but could also provide detailed information on them: personal details of their lives, immediate family, marriages, occupation, where they lived and much more. We are greatly indebted to Het for her memories.

The author has interviewed many other people over the years about burials at the Woodham Family Cemetery. Every effort is being made to identify all the people buried here and to locate their exact burial site. Many hours have been spent on researching newspapers at libraries in Dothan and Montgomery for obituaries or news articles about burials.

Once a burial is identified, a great deal of research is done to obtain exact dates of birth and death. This important information can be inscribed on tombstones when and if monuments are

ever installed on the many unmarked graves in the Cemetery. Our goal is to not only to identify every person buried in the Cemetery but also to mark their grave with a tombstone relating who they are.

Frequent cemetery cleanings were held at Woodham Cemetery in the past. These were loosely organized events at which relatives of people buried here met and cleaned the site and performed maintenance. Such cleanings were a common custom in our region. They occurred on a regular basis from the time the Cemetery was first founded up until about the 1950's. After that time, the Cemetery began to fall into disrepair.

Notices of these cemetery cleanings appeared in the *Southern Star* newspaper at Ozark during the 1920's and 1930's.

By the 1960's, most people living then with personal knowledge of those buried at the Cemetery were themselves growing older. Younger generations who were more physically able to perform the work of cleaning and maintaining the Cemetery had little or no knowledge of their ancestors buried here. Younger relatives had no interest in maintaining the Cemetery simply because they did not "know" these ancestors.

In the 1950's or early 1960's, Billy Edsel Woodham was leasing land around the Cemetery. The fence on the north side of the Cemetery had fallen down. Edsel put up another fence to keep his livestock out of the cemetery. However, he mistakenly erected the fence several yards *inside* the original fence line, leaving a number of graves outside the new fence line. The original fence row is confirmed by several large oak trees, all of which had grown up inside the Cemetery. This has been confirmed by several relatives. Some of the graves which were left outside the "new" fencerow were marked by bricks completely surrounding the graves.

During the 1970's, our Family Cemetery became all but forgotten. Brush, undergrowth and weeds took over and the site turned into a jungle. Undergrowth reached the size of small trees. Large amounts of trash was dumped on the the northern part of the Cemetery. When the overgrowth burned, many carved wooden stakes marking gravesites also burned. That means we today no longer know where these graves are.

By the end of the 1970's, few Woodhams in the area were even aware of the existance of the Woodham Family Cemetery, much less of the fact the ancestors of almost all the Woodhams in the tri-state region were buried there.

Cemetery Restoration Began In 1987

The first call to restore our two Woodham Family Cemeteries in Dale County, Alabama and Lee County, South Carolina was issued by Robert Earl Woodham, the Woodham Family Historian, during the first Woodham Family National Reunion at Eufaula, Alabama in May, 1979. Robert Earl announced this was going to be one of the primary goals of the Woodham Family Association, a national, non-profit family club for all descendants of the Woodham family which he organized.

Unfortunately, a division of the family over what the goals of the Woodham Family Association should be caused a long delay in the cemetery restorations. The division forced Robert Earl to focus attention upon rebuilding the Association into an organization which could be strong enough to undertake such tasks for the family.

In 1987, an Ozark accountant and developer, Wade Keller, wrote Robert Earl that he had bought land around the Woodham Family Cemetery and claimed that he now also "owned" our cemetery. Keller offered to sell the cemetery back to the Woodham family for \$10,000 or to lease it for \$1,500 a year. Robert Earl replied to Keller that the Woodham family had never sold our family graveyard and had no intention of doing so in the future.

Robert Earl issued a "call to arms" in the next issue of the *Woodham Family Journal*, the family newsletter, for Woodham descendants to rally together and restore their family burying grounds and return dignity and honor to their ancestor's graves. He called for a permanent Cemetery Committee to be organized immediately to coordinate efforts in the restoration and provide future maintenance.

As soon as James Ople ("Jim") Woodham and his brother Rex Woodham received their family newsletters with the article about the danger facing the Cemetery, they went to work on cleaning up the site. Thomas Letrel Woodham joined them the next day, Wednesday, 4 November. This group continued working on the Cemetery for the rest of the week.

On Saturday, 7 November, they met at Jim's restaurant near the Cemetery for an informal gathering to discuss restoration. They formally organized a permanent Cemetery Committee at this meeting and elected officers. Jim was named chairman, Mrs. Juanita Carroll Woodham was named secretary-treasurer and B. Edsel Woodham, vice chairman.

Aside from cleaning up the graveyard, the group agreed that one of their first major projects should be to erect a permanent fence for protection. Such an endeavor and other projects

would require considerable funds and the group took up the first collection of money for restoration work.

Graveyard Forgotten For Many Years

The graveyard was all but forgotten for many years. In the past, cemetery cleanings were held frequently, as attested by articles in *The Southern Star*, an Ozark newspaper. However, as the generations of relatives who remembered and loved those buried at the Cemetery began to die off, so did the memory of these ancestors. And along with a lack of memory of these ancestors buried at our Woodham Family Cemetery also came a lack of interest in both them and in taking care of their graves. By the end of the 1970's, no one could recall the last organized cleaning.

This prolonged lack of care turned the Cemetery into a jungle. Young oak trees and other underbrush as well as weeds took over, completely covering large sections of the graveyard. Leaves and weeds as well as trash dumped on the site eventually hid bricks and rocks marking graves. It became so overgrown that many people who traveled the adjacent road regularly stated they had no idea there was a cemetery here.

During the 1960's and 1970's, Robert Earl Woodham made visits to the area and often brought tools with him from Atlanta to do some cleaning. Most of his efforts were limited to chopping down big undergrowth and clearing it away.

Soon after Keller's bold announcement about his ownership of the Cemetery, Robert Earl moved from Atlanta to Columbus, Georgia where his mother lived. She had fallen in a hospital there: emergency brain surgery was required from which she managed to recover but her physical health continued to deteriorate. His family estimated she had only about three months to live and urged him to move to Columbus to be near his mother.

On one Sunday night, Mrs. Adrian Hundley Roper, daughter of Tessie Inez Woodham, came by and found Robert Earl almost at the point of tears. He explained he had a gut feeling that the Cemetery was in imminent danger but his old car could not make a trip to south Alabama. Adrian came by at 5 AM the next morning and took him to the Dale County courthouse at Ozark where he spent the morning doing a title trace on the Cemetery and the land around it. Several people had tried already to locate any legal documents at the courthouse and two different people had hired lawyers to make searches--all to no avail.

Within an hour, Robert Earl located the oldest existing deed on the property, which stated all

the tract "...excepting one acre belonging to the Grave Yard" was being sold. This proved beyond a doubt that the family had never sold our Cemetery and without question that Keller had never obtained title and ownership of it.

After some more research, Robert Earl and Adrian went to Jim Woodham's restaurant late that evening. Jim said there had been a lot of activity around the Cemetery that day and he and Robert Earl drove over to take a look. Keller's construction crew had bulldozed a road through the northern part of the Cemetery that day, cutting a swath almost two feet deep into the earth on the eastern side. This road was to have gone down to home lots on the adjacent James Crooks Lake which Keller hoped to develop. Robert Earl immediately called Keller and demanded to see him. Keller continued making excuses about an increasing number of "appointments" he had that night until Robert Earl informed Keller that he would wait outside his home all night if necessary. Keller finally agreed to meet Robert Earl at Jim's restaurant.

When Keller arrived, he was met by a standing-room only crowd of angry relatives. His first words were that "I am convinced that I own the Cemetery." He was answered by hostility from the Woodham relatives. Robert Earl proceeded to lay out xerox copies of every deed for the surrounding land, from the oldest one available dated 1890 up to the present. Robert Earl read out the phrase from the 1890 deed reserving ownership of the graveyard and then informed Keller that he did *not* own the Woodham Family Cemetery. Keller was then told he not only had trespassed upon a private cemetery but that he had violated Alabama state law when he bulldozed a road through the site. As he shook his finger in Keller's face, Robert Earl warned him never to set foot upon the Cemetery again nor to damage it in any way. That was the end of this danger to our Family Cemetery.

The Cemetery Committee immediately began holding regular and organized cemetery cleanings. Jim Woodham, whose business and home were next door, devoted a great deal of time and effort to cleaning work. He also frequently hired helpers and paid them out of his own pocket. His endeavors as well as frequent organized cleaning work continued practically non-stop until the Cemetery was returned to a respectable condition.

The Cemetery Committee bought a chain-link fence in 1988 for about \$2,000. Rex Stevens, a descendant of Wiley and Mary Stevens who are buried at Woodham Cemetery, volunteered to erect the fence, along with his grandson David Stevens. David had work experience in this field. They were assisted by Thomas Letrel Woodham. This donation of labor saved at least \$1,000 in the cost of installing the fence. The fence has a main entrance gate facing onto the Newton-Echo Road, a paved highway. It is wide enough for large vehicles to enter.

Burials

Woodham Family Cemetery

Dale County, Alabama

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Veterans
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Alabama State Militia
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Creek Indian War of 1836-1837

Men who are buried in the Woodham Family Cemetery who served as soldiers in the Alabama State Militia during the Creek Indian War of 1836-37. The Alabama Militia was activated into federal service during this war and became part of the federal U. S. Army.

WOODHAM, Aris Junior

WOODHAM, Athanasius

WOODHAM, Presley Nelson





Error On Veteran's Tombstone Information

When Robert Earl ordered tombstones for the Woodhams who are veterans of the Creek Indian Wars buried in the Cemetery, he made an error. The information he provided for the tombstone of Aris Woodham Junior turned out to be that for Aris Bryant Woodham, son of Edward H. Woodham Jr., who served in the Alabama Militia during the Indian War and then moved from Dale County about 18 months afterwards to Mississippi, where he is buried.

This mistake was discovered when Robert Earl discovered that Aris Bryant's widow had received a widow's pension from the federal government after his death. He ordered copies of the pension records from the National Archives in Washington, DC and learned learned about the error through these records.

It now appears that Athanasius Woodham, an older brother of Aris Junior, may not have served in the Militia during the Indian wars. The military information on his tombstone is actually the military service of Aris Junior.

Therefore, the tombstone for Aris Woodham in the Cemetery should actually be sent to Newton, Miss. and installed there over the grave of Aris Bryant Woodham.


Veterans

 of the
Confederate States Army
 Buried at
Woodham Family Cemetery

These men who are buried at the Woodham Family Cemetery served as soldiers in the Confederate States Army during the War Between the States (1861-1865).

WOODHAM, Elisha R.

WOODHAM, Stephen Moses

DAUGHTRY, Major Holland ("Fox")

BAGWELL, Larkin R. M. V.

Woodham, Hillary Hipewell



Woodham Family Cemetery

Confirmed Burials -- Unmarked Graves

The following burials are in graves which have no tombstones as of 1993. their exact location in the cemetery is unknown to the Family Historian, Robert Earl Woodham at present. Their burial in the Cemetery has been confirmed by relatives or from obituaries, public records and other sources.

WOODHAM,	Steven	Moses	Apr., 1834	--	1908
	(Son of Aris Woodham Jr. and Caron Riley; grandson of Aris Woodham Sr. and Rachel Beasley)				
WOODHAM,	Sarah	Amanda Jane	Dec., 1834	--	1914
	(Sarah Amanda Jane Galloway, wife of Steven Moses Woodham and daughter of Elizabeth Woodham and Edward James Galloway and granddaughter of Athanasius Woodham and Mary Kelly)				
WOODHAM,	Nancy	M.	--	1859	--
	(child of Steven Moses Woodham and Sarah Amanda Galloway)				
WOODHAM,	infant		--	18--	--
	(child of Steven Moses Woodham and Sarah Amanda Galloway)				
WOODHAM,	infant		--	18--	--
	(child of Steven Moses Woodham and Sarah Amanda Galloway)				
WOODHAM,	infant		--	18--	--
	(child of Steven Moses Woodham and Sarah Amanda Galloway)				

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Woodham Family Cemetery

Confirmed Burials -- Unmarked Graves

- WOODHAM, Richard Ira** **9 May, 1821** **27 Nov., 1848**
(son of Edward Harley Woodham Sr. and Sarah Dowling;
grandson of Edward Woodham Jr. and Mary;
- WOODHAM, Mary Isabel** **9 Aug., 1860** **20 Aug., 1860**
(daughter of Richard E. L. Woodham and Elizabeth Ann Miller;
granddaughter of Frederick Woodham and Mary A. Pollard;
great granddau. of Edward H. Woodham Sr. & Sarah Dowling)
- WOODHAM, Sarah Lovelia** **21 June, 1862** **17 Mar., 1863**
(daughter of Richard E. L. Woodham and Elizabeth Ann Miller;
granddaughter of Frederick Woodham and Mary A. Pollard;
great granddau. of Edward H. Woodham Sr. & Sarah Dowling)
- WOODHAM, Asa Edward** -- **1845** -- **185-**
(son of Aris Woodham Jr. and Caron H. Riley; buried next to
parents)
- WOODHAM, Frederick** **6 June, 1806** -- **1854**
(son of Edward Harley Woodham Sr. and Sarah Dowling)
- WOODHAM, Mary Ann POLLARD** -- **1815** -- **18--**
(wife of Frederick Woodham and John J. Golden)
- WOODHAM, Ann Elizabeth** -- **1833** -- **1862**
(first wife of Edward Harley Woodham Junior)

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Woodham Family Cemetery

Confirmed Burials -- Unmarked Graves

WOODHAM,	Perthenia ("Thenia") WARD	ca 1817	--	185-	(first wife of Presley Nelson "Nelse" Woodham; buried beside her husband on Row 8)
WOODHAM,	Nancy E. ADKINS	12 Apr., 1823	--	19--	(second wife of Presley Nelson "Nelse" Woodham; buried beside her husband on Row 8)
WOODHAM,	Essie MYERS	-- 1889	--	191-	(first wife of Jasper Richard Woodham, son of Thomas L. Woodham)
WOODHAM,	infant	-- 191-	--	191-	(child of Jasper Richard Woodham and Essie Myers)
WOODHAM,	infant	-- 191-	--	191-	(child of Jasper Richard Woodham and Essie Myers)
ENFINGER,	Sarah L.	Nov., 1859	--	19--	(Sarah L. "Sallie" Bagwell, first wife of John Wesley Enfinger Sr.; daughter of Reddin R. Bagwell and Rhoda Corley)
DAUGHTRY,	Priscilla Adeline	Dec., 1834	--	19--	(daughter of Joshua Daughtry and sister of M. H. "Fox" Daughtry and John Bryant Daughtry; wife of John Q. Bauldree)
BAULDREE,	Fannie				(triplet daughter of Mittie Cordelia Bauldree; granddaughter of Priscilla Adeline Daughtry)
BAULDREE,	Annie				(triplet daughter of Mittie Cordelia Bauldree; granddaughter of Priscilla Adeline Daughtry)

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Woodham Family Cemetery

Confirmed Burials -- Unmarked Graves

WOODHAM,	Uriah	Daniel	12 Mar., 1861	--	19--
	(son of Edward Christopher ("C.C."; "Chris") Woodham and Joanna Riley; grandson of Aris Woodham Jr. and Rachel Richardson)				
WOODHAM,	Sarah	Francis	5 Mar., 1860	--	19--
	(wife of Uriah Daniel Woodham; daughter of Presley Nelson Woodham; granddaughter of Edward H. Woodham Sr.)				
WOODHAM,	Blanton		12 Feb., 1895	--	19--
	(infant of Uriah Daniel and Sarah F. Woodham)				
WOODHAM,	infant		--	18--	--
	(infant of Uriah Daniel and Sarah F. Woodham)				
WOODHAM,	infant		--	18--	--
	(infant of Uriah Daniel and Sarah F. Woodham)				
WOODHAM,	infant		--	18--	--
	(infant of Uriah Daniel and Sarah F. Woodham)				
WOODHAM,	infant		--	18--	--
	(infant of Daniel W. Woodham and Martha Ann Enfinger)				
WOODHAM,	infant		--	18--	--
	(infant of Daniel W. Woodham and Martha Ann Enfinger)				
WOODHAM,	infant		--	18--	--
	(infant of Daniel W. Woodham and Martha Ann Enfinger)				

Woodham Family Cemetery

Confirmed Burials -- Unmarked Graves

- WHITLOCK, William Henry**
(father of Eula Aldonia Whitlock, wife of James Henry Woodham) *d. 10 Aug 1947*
- WHITLOCK, Elizabeth CORLEY**
(wife of William Henry Whitlock; mother of Eula Aldonia Whitlock, wife of James Henry Woodham) *d. May 1933*
- STEVENS, William H.**
(son of Wiley and Mary Stevens; husband of Martha Emma Miller; buried beside his wife on Row 5)
- STEVENS, child**
(child of Daniel Franklin Stevens and Sarah Minerva Daughtry)
- SENN, infant**
(parents names unknown; parents left area)



Unidentified Marked Graves

Two graves on Row 12 near and just north of Mrs. Joanna Riley Woodham were marked with small white marble footstones. These markers measure 1 1/2 inches high by 6 inches wide and are identical in model.

To date, our historian Robert Earl Woodham has been unable to identify who these relatives are. They are, apparently, descendants of Joanna, since they are buried in her "plot" and according to relatives, all those buried near her were part of her immediate family.

The stones are the type normally used as footstones for a grave, and in combination with a headstone. However, in these cases, there are no headstones.

Unfortunately, the the two small markers were engraved only with initials.

They are:

S. J. B.

H. W. H.

Woodham Family Cemetery

Unconfirmed Burials

The following people are believed to be buried in the Woodham Family Cemetery. However, as yet, we have been unable to confirm this. In deciding these people are buried in the Cemetery, a number of things were considered, including family relationships, whether other members of their close family are buried here, proximity of their homes to the Cemetery, interviews with descendants and other factors.

We will continue to do research on burials at the Cemetery and hope to identify many more of the burials here. Your help in this is needed.

WOODHAM,	Hillary	Hopewell	1832	--	18--
		(son of Frederick Woodham; grandson of Edward H. Woodham Sr. and Sarah Dowling)			
WOODHAM,	I.	Beniter	1830	--	18--
		(wife of Hillary Hopewell Woodham)			



Woodham Family Cemetery Burials

During a visit to the Woodham Family Cemetery in 1974 with Florence Hester ("Het") Woodham (Mrs. Bryant Mason Andrews), Aunt Het pointed out graves beyond a fence which had been erected by Billy Edsel Woodham sometime in the 1950's or 1960's to prevent cows or hogs from getting into the cemetery. The fence had been installed well inside the original boundary of the cemetery, according to Aunt Het.

Het walked to a particular spot and scratched away leaves which completely covered some graves which were surrounded by bricks. These were "...a mama and her little child" buried there, she noted. The mama was Essie Myers, first wife of Jasper Richard Woodham and their infant.

"There are graves all over in that area on the other side of the fence where the woods have grown up," she said. "I don't know who put this fence up here but they cut off part of the cemetery because it goes all the way to the end of these woods. Those trees all grew up inside the old fence. That whole area (pointing to the area then outside of the fence) is full of graves," Het said.

"At one time, most of the graves had carved wooden stakes or bricks marking where the graves were but so many of the stakes have just rotted away and people would pull up the rotted pieces when they cleaned the cemetery," she explained.



29 Feb., 1988

Information on burials in the Woodham Family Cemetery supplied by

Florence Hester ("Het") Woodham
(Mrs. Bryant M. Andrews)

during a telephone interview.

The wife of Jim Reynolds is buried at the Cemetery. After she died, Jim Reynolds married a second time. Their infant is also buried there. He is not buried at the Cemetery.

Zillie and Dillie Woodham, twin daughters of Ira Edward Woodham and sisters of Het, are buried beside their grandmother, Mrs. Joanna Riley Woodham on Row 12 in unmarked graves.

Are there any Barnes buried at the Cemetery? YES. But cannot recall their names.

David Daughtry, a descendant of John Bryant Daughtry, may also have additional information. David works at a peanut mill in Newton.

Mrs. Ruby Bagwell may have additional information on burials at the Cemetery.



Woodham Family Cemetery Burials

Florence Hester ("Het") Woodham
(Mrs. Bryant M. Andrews)
Midland City, Alabama
1990

In a personal interview during 1990 at her daughter's home in Ozark, Florence Hester ("Het") Woodham Andrews stated there was an infant buried on Row 13.

The burial is located between the grave of Mrs. Joanna Riley Woodham and the highway. It was marked with a brick.

Het believes the child was illegitimate and does not recall who the mother was.



Woodham Family Cemetery Burials

Ollie Belle Enfinger
(Mrs. Cooper McDaniel)
13 May, 1988

Ollie Belle Enfinger McDaniel stated in a personal interview during a cleaning at the Woodham Family Cemetery on 24 May, 1988 that the three burials marked with cement slabs on Row 3 near the graves of M. H. Daughtry and Nellie Woodham were the graves of her mother, Anzilla ("Anna") Riley, wife of Henry Terrell Enfinger and their two twin daughters, Betsy and a child whose name Ollie could not remember.

One of the twins died at birth. Betsy lived a short time and then died. At the time of the births, the nearby Choctawhatchee River was flooded and all the few bridges across it were washed out. The water was over a mile wide.

Had there not been a flood, the twins would have been buried at Center Methodist Church in Henry County, where Anzilla's family were already buried. Due to the flood, however, people were unable to cross the river and the twins were interred at the Woodham Family Cemetery, where Anzilla's two aunts, Joanna Riley, first wife of Edward Christopher ("Chris"; "C. C.") Woodham and Caron H. Riley, second wife of Aris Woodham Junior, were buried. In addition, her husband Henry Terrell Enfinger was the son of Rhoda Jane Bagwell, whose parents were also buried at the Cemetery.

This may have been the same flood during which one or more coffins were washed out of the ground along the road bank of the county road beside the cemetery. Several relatives and descendants of people buried here have reported this incident but none can remember the names of the people whose graves were washed out, nor the exact date of the particular flood. They were reburied further away from the road.

Woodham Family Cemetery Burials

Thomas Letrell ("Tom"; "Trell") Woodham
Midland City, Alabama
25 May, 1988

Thomas Letrell ("Tom"; "Trell",) Woodham of Midland City, Alabama stated in a personal interview that "The first time my Daddy brought me to the Woodham Cemetery, there were five graves in a row, all next to each other, right here (pointing to a location on Row 7)." He said these graves had cement blocks surrounding them.

"There were three graves right here (pointing to a location on Row 8) which were each completely surrounded by bricks," he said.

"All these graves were outside an old fence that was mostly fallen down the first time I came here," Tom stated.

He also stated there were once many wooden stakes on graves throughout the cemetery. The stakes were a hand-carved type, some of which had initials or names on them. Most have since rotted away or been burned during woods fires and some have been removed during cemetery cleanings.

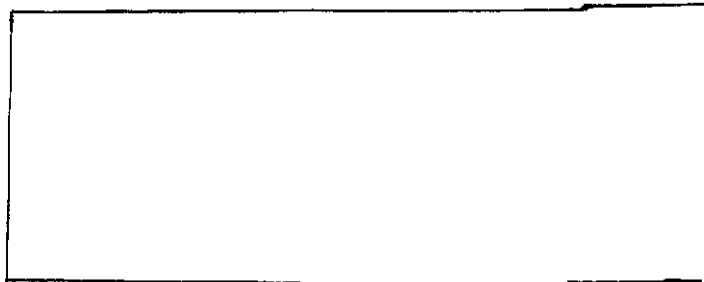
The three graves which Tom described with bricks were the same ones which Florence Hester ("Het") Woodham Andrews pointed out to Robert Earl Woodham. These were Essie Myers, the first wife of Jasper Richard Woodham (son of Thomas L. Woodham) and their two infants.



Woodham Family Cemetery Burials

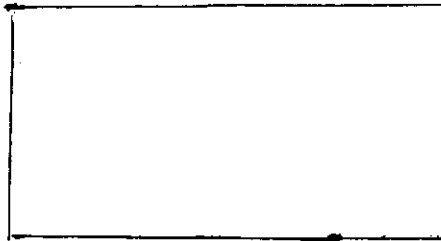
Two Rows of Graves on North Side of Cemetery

Row 7



Five burials in this family plot.

Row 8



Three graves in this family plot.

These graves were well marked when Thomas Letrell Woodham first visited the cemetery as a child with his father in the late 1930's or early 1940's.

They were marked with hand-carved wooden stakes, some with initials or names. The plots were outlined with cement blocks.

Woodham Family Cemetery Burials

Ray Moses Woodham
Dale County, Alabama
26 May, 1988

Ray Moses Woodham stated in a personal interview on 26 May, 1988 that a family named Senn moved into the area near the Woodham Family Cemetery "many years ago". They had an infant who died shortly after birth and was buried at the Woodham Family Cemetery.

"They were just poor folks and they moved in and moved out before long. Nobody knew much about them and never heard from them again." Ray said.

Ray could not remember the exact location of the infant's burial site.



Woodham Family Cemetery Burials

Margaruite Pauline (Pauline) Woodham
(Mrs. Cody Jackson Marshall)
Dale County, Alabama
24 May, 1988

Pauline Woodham Marshall stated she attended the funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Whitlock at the Woodham Family Cemetery in late 1932 or early 1933. She stated Elizabeth was buried beside her husband, William Whitlock, both in unmarked graves.

Elizabeth Corley Whitlock and William Whitlock were the parents of Eula Aldonia (Aldonia) Whitlock. Aldonia married James Henry Woodham, a son of John Wesley Woodham. John Wesley was a son of Stephen Moses Woodham and Sarah Amanda Jane Galloway.

Pauline stated the funeral was held in late 1932 or early 1933 and prior to Pauline's marriage on 22 Dec., 1933.

She could not remember the exact locatin of Mrs. Elizabeth Whitlock's grave site.

Elizabeth Corley Whitlock was a grandmother of H. L. Woodham of Columbus, Georgia.



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Family Cemetery

Burials



Woodham Family Cemetery

Burials

Surveys taken in the 1940's,
1966, 1974 and 1992

Robert Earl Woodham
June, 1993

Information listed as is from tombstones. All information contained in parentheses (-) has been added by Robert Earl Woodham from sources other than tombstones.

This information has been obtained from numerous sources, including many interviews with descendants of those buried in the cemetery, United States Census records, newspaper obituaries and other printed sources.

The first list of burials in the Woodham Family Cemetery was made by E. H. Hayes during the period 1948-1952, when he surveyed all the known cemeteries in Dale County. This survey has never been published but a typed copy is in the public library at Ozark, Alabama.

Especially helpful in this effort was Florence Hester ("Het") Woodham, daughter of Ira Edward Woodham and a granddaughter of Edward Christopher ("Chris"; "C. C.") Woodham and his first wife Joanna Riley; and a great granddaughter of Aris Woodham Junior. Het was the wife of Bryant Mason Andrews.

Het showed her great nephew Robert Earl Woodham where the cemetery was during the 1960's and visited the site on several occasions with him over the years. She pointed out particular graves which were not marked with tombstones and identified the persons buried there. Het was born in 1899 and had first-hand knowledge of many people buried in the cemetery. She attended several funerals there during her early life.

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Burials...continued

Other persons have been interviewed who also attended funerals for persons buried at the cemetery. These persons have first-hand knowledge of exactly where the burials are located.

There are at least 13 and possibly 14 rows of graves in the cemetery. The burials are laid off in approximate ten (10) foot rows. Graves face east toward the rising sun, a tradition much older than even Christianity itself. They run at a 90 degree angle from the adjoining Newton-Echo Road. Row 1 starts at the present gate of the cemetery, next to the county highway and a former public road which was privatized some years ago and is now a private paved road. According to Het, the first row of graves lies under where the chain-link fence was erected in 1988. She said that all these graves lacked a tombstone and noted that cars frequently parked over the graves during funerals or visits to the cemetery due to a lack of knowledge about the unmarked burials.

Only a small per cent of burials at the cemetery were marked with tombstones when persons died. This is especially true for a large number of infants and small children who are buried here but also true for a number of adults as well.

At one time, numerous graves were marked with rocks, bricks or wooden stakes. Some of the wooden stakes were hand-carved into the shapes of crosses or in a six-sided form and many of the stakes had the names or initials of the person. Over the years, most of the carved wooden stakes were burned by woods fires or gradually rotted away. By the 1980's fewer than a dozen were left. Some graves had bricks completely surrounding the graves while others simply had one brick at the head of the grave and some at both the head and foot. Numerous graves were marked with rocks brought here from elsewhere (there are none "native" to the cemetery itself).

When a developer bulldozed the the north side of the cemetery in 1987, he obliterated the sites of several graves which had been marked only bricks or rocks. Many other bricks and rocks were lost when restoration of the cemetery began in 1987. Tractors were brought in to clear the large underbrush which had grown up on the site and to clear several very large trees which were cut down.

Every attempt is being made by Robert Earl to identify all the burials at the family cemetery. Research has been done on several families other than the Woodham family who are buried here in an effort to track down descendants of those buried in the cemetery. It is hoped we

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Burials...continued

can contact descendants of persons interred in the cemetery who do not have tombstones and convince them to erect permanent stones for their ancestors.

New tombstones were erected for Aris Woodham Junior and his second wife Caron H. Riley and for Edward Harley Woodham Senior and his wife Sarah Dowling in 1990. Several tombstones for veterans were also erected. These were ordered by Robert Earl Woodham and were placed at the graves of veterans of the Creek Indian War of 1835-36, the War Between the States and World War II. One of these is a memorial stone for Rufus Woodham, father of Robert Earl who was killed in action in Italy during World War II. His body was never recovered.

Once restoration began on the cemetery, several other previously unmarked graves have had tombstones erected on them by descendants.



Woodham Family Cemetery

ROW ONE (1)

GLOVER, M. H. 22 Apr., 1911 28 May, 1912
(Major Holland Glover; son of Carrie Cordelia Daughtry and
Lonnie A. Glover; grandson of Nellie Woodham and Major
Holland ("Fox") Daughtry; great grandson of _____
Woodham Sr. and _____)



Woodham Family Cemetery

ROW TWO (2)

DAUGHTRY, M.	H.	25 Dec., 1825	21 Nov., 1906
(Major Holland ("Fox") Daughtry, husband of Nellie Woodham; CONFEDERATE SOLDIER; Sheriff of Dale County)			
Nellie		20 Aug., 1838	20 Aug., 1910
(Nellie Woodham, wife of M. H. Daughtry and daughter of Aris Woodham Jr. and Caron H. Riley; granddaughter of Aris Woodham Sr. and Rachel Beasley)			



Woodham Family Cemetery



ROW THREE (3)

-- -- -- --
 (adult grave marked with carved wooden stake at head and rock at foot)

ENFINGER,	--	--	--	--
				Child of H. T. and Anna Enfinger
ENFINGER	--	--	--	--
				(Child of H. T. and Anna Enfinger)
				(Twin daughters, Betsy and an unidentified child, are buried beside each other; daughters of Henry Terrell Enfinger and Anzilla ("Anna") Riley)
ENFINGER,	Anna	27 Jan., 1891	1915	
				(Anzilla ("Anna") Riley, wife of Henry Terrell Enfinger; daughter of Moses Riley and his second wife Laura Keahey; granddaughter of John Riley Senior and Mary; niece of Mrs. Caron Riley Woodham and Mrs. Joanna Riley Woodham)

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ROW FOUR (4)

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		(adult; grave marked with bricks)	
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		(adult; grave marked with bricks)	
BAGWELL,	C.	G.	15 June, 1845 23 Sept., 1916
			(Curtis G. "Curt" Bagwell, son of Redden R. Bagwell and Rhoda Corley; husband of Martha A. Stevens)
BAGWELL,	Martha	A.	15 June, 1851 30 Nov., 1908
			Wife of C. G. Bagwell
			(Martha A. Stevens, daughter of Wiley and Mary Stevens)
(BAGWELL,	infant	18--	18--)
			(unmarked grave; child of C. G. Bagwell and Martha Stevens)
(BAGWELL,	infant	18 --	18--)
			(unmarked grave; child of C.G. Bagwell and Martha A. Stevens)
(BAGWELL,	infant	18--	18--)
			(unmarked grave; child of C.G. Bagwell and Martha A. Stevens)
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		(grave marked with brick only)	

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ROW FIVE (5)

STEVENS,	Mary	15 Nov., 1820	age 75 years
	wife of Wiley		
STEVENS,	Wiley	11 Oct., 1815	age 84 years
	"a believer in the Primitive Baptist Faith"		
--	--	--	--
	(child ?; grave marked with bricks)		
--	--	--	--
	(child ?; grave marked with bricks)		
WOODHAM,	Cas	(14 Oct., 1868	30 Dec., 1932)
	(Perry Caswell "Cas" Woodham, son of Steven Moses Woodham and Sarah Amanda J. Galloway; grandson of Aris Woodham and Caron Riley; cement slab poured in 1988)		
WOODHAM,	Amanda	(-- Dec., 1871	-- 190-)
	(Amanda Jane Corley, wife of P. C. "Cas" Woodham; cement slab poured in 1988)		
(space)			
(WHITLOCK,	William Henry	--	--
	(unmarked grave: husband of Elizabeth Corley)		
(WHITLOCK,	Elizabeth Corley	--	-- 193-)
	(unmarked grave; Elizabeth Corley, wife of William H. Whitlock; W. H. and Elizabeth Whitlock were parents of Aldonia Whitlock, wife of James Henry Woodham)		

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ROW FIVE (5)
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(space)

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(adult; grave marked with bricks)

(space)

-- -- -- --
(unknown; grave marked with brick)

STEVENS, Cora 26 Jan., 1895 1 Jan., 1911
Dau. of W. H. & M. E. Stevens

STEVENS, M. E. 1862 10 Mar., 1900
Wife of W. H. & M. E. Stevens
(Martha Emma Miller)

(STEVENS, William H. (-- 1856 19--)
(grave marked with bricks only; son of Wiley and Mary Stevens)

(STEVENS, infant -- --)
(unmarked grave; child of W. H. and Martha Emma Stevens)

STEVENS, W. S. 31 May, 1887 23 May, 1913
Son of W. H. & M. E. Stevens
(Wiley Edward Shelby Stevens)

(STEVENS, -- -- --)
(adult; grave marked with bricks; may be William E. Stevens)

STEVENS, D. Franklin 15 Apr., 1853 1 Mar., 1911
(son of Wiley and Mary Stevens; husband of Sarah Daughtry)

STEVENS, Sarah M. 1848 July, 1920
Wife of D. F. Stevens

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Woodham Family Cemetery

ROW FIVE (5)

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(Sarah Minerva Daughtry; daughter of Rachel Woodham and John Bryant Daughtry; granddaughter of Edward H. Woodham Sr. and Sarah Dowling)



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ROW SIX (6)



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				(adult; grave surrounded with bricks)
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				(grave marked with small marble stake at head of grave and bricks)
--	--	--	--	
				(adult; grave surrounded with bricks)
(space)				
(space)				
(space)				
BAGWELL,	Rhoda	--	1813	Oct., 1898
				(Rhoda Corley, wife of Redden R. Bagwell)
BAGWELL,	R.	R.	13 Mar., 1813	Oct., 1866
				(Redden ("Redman") R. Bagwell)
WOODHAM,	Edward	Harley Sr.	26 June, 1785	18 Oct., 1865
				(native of Lee County, SC; son of Edward Woodham Jr. and his wife Mary)
WOODHAM,	Sarah	Dowling	27 Aug., 1786	23 Jan., 1865
				(wife of Edward Harley Woodham Sr.)
				(this double tombstone was erected in 1988 by James B. Daughtry and the Cemetery Committee)
WOODHAM,	--	--	--	--
				(grave of teenager or small adult; marked with bricks)
REYNOLDS,	Jimmie		20 Mar., 1898	2 Oct., 1898
				(son of James Reynolds)
(REYNOLDS,	Mrs. James	--	18--	--)
				(unmarked grave; first wife of James Reynolds)

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ROW SEVEN (7)

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		(child ?; grave marked with bricks)	
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		(child ?; grave marked with bricks)	
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		(child ?; grave marked with bricks)	
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		(adult ?; grave marked with bricks)	

(space)

(space)

--	--	--	--
		(adult; grave marked with brick at head only)	
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		(adult; grave marked with brick at head only)	

(several spaces)



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ROW EIGHT (8)



(spaces)

BRACKIN, Ella 13 Apr., 1891 15 Feb., 1895
 Dau. of W. J. and N. U. Brackin
 (daughter of Martha Malinda "Mattie" Woodham and William Jasper Brackin)

(WOODHAM, Martha Malinda July, 1853 -- 19--)
 (grave marked with brick; wife of William Jasper Brackin;
 daughter of Edward Harley Woodham Junior and his first wife Ann Elizabeth)

(WOODHAM, Ann Elizabeth -- 1833 -- 1862)
 (grave marked with brick; first wife of Edward Harley Woodham Jr.)

WOODHAM, P. N. 26 Feb., 1813 17 Feb., 1900
 (CREEK INDIAN WAR SOLDIER)
 (Presley Nelson "Nelse" Woodham, son of Edward Harley Woodham Sr. and Sarah Dowling)

(WOODHAM, Perthenia Ward ca 1817 ca 185-)
 (grave marked with bricks; Perthenia "Thenia" Ward, first wife of Presley N. Woodham)

(WOODHAM, Nancy E. Adkins 12 Apr., 1823 -- 191-)
 (grave marked with bricks; Nancy Elizabeth Adkins, second wife of Presley Nelson Woodham)

(several spaces)

WOODHAM, Aris Junior 2 June, 1801 -- 1880
 (CREEK INDIAN WAR SOLDIER)(son of Aris Woodham Sr.; husband of Rachel Richardson and Caron H. Riley)

WOODHAM, Caron H. Riley 1810 16 Mar., 1873
 (second wife of Aris Woodham Jr.)

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ROW EIGHT (8)

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(NOTE; the above double tombstone for Aris Jr. and Caron was erected in 1988 by their great grandson, James B. Daughtry)

(WOODHAM, Asa Edward -- 1845 -- 185-)
(grave marked with rocks; son of Aris Woodham Jr. and Caron H. Riley)

(several spaces)

(GOLDEN, Samuel M. ("Sam") -- 1824 -- 19--)
(grave marked with brick; husband of Lena (Bauldree or Daughtry ?))

(several spaces)

(WOODHAM, Essie Myers -- 1889 -- 191-)
(grave formerly surrounded with bricks, now lost; first wife of Jasper Richard Woodham, son of Thomas L. Woodham and Nellie Enfinger)

(WOODHAM, infant -- 191- -- 191-)
(grave formerly surrounded with bricks, now lost; infant child of Jasper Richard Woodham and Essie Myers)

(WOODHAM, infant -- 191- -- 191-)

Woodham Family Cemetery

ROW NINE (9)



- CANNON, Mattie** 13 Aug., 1865 14 Aug., 1894
wife of J. T.
(Martha Ellen J. Daughtry, daughter of Rachel Woodham and John Bryant Daughtry; granddaughter of Edward H. Woodham Sr. and Sarah Dowling; wife of John T. Cannon)
- (CANNON, infant** -- 1894 -- 1894)
(infant of Martha Ellen J. Daughtry and John T. Cannon)
- DAUGHTRY, John B.** 20 Aug., 1824 31 May, 1880
(John Bryant Daughtry, husband of Rachel Woodham)
(Sheriff of Dale County)
- DAUGHTRY, Rachel** 4 Nov., 1823 died before 1900
(Rachel Woodham, daughter of Edward Harley Woodham Sr. and Sarah Dowling; wife of John B. Daughtry; this tombstone was erected by descendants in 1989 before it was known that Rachel lived until after 1900)
- (several spaces)
- (BAULDREE, Fannie** -- 1903 -- 191)
(unmarked grave; one of triplets born to Mittie Cordelia Bauldree, daughter of Priscilla Adeline Daughtry & J. Q. Bauldree)
- (BAULDREE, Annie** -- 1903 -- 191-)
(unmarked grave; one of triplets born to Mittie Cordelia Bauldree)
- (DAUGHTRY, Priscilla Adeline** -- Dec., 1834 -- 19--)
(unmarked grave; daughter of Joshua Daughtry & sister of M. H. and John B. Daughtry; wife of John Q. Bauldree)
- BAULDREE, J. Q.** aged about 51 1 Dec., 1891
(John Quincy Bauldree, husband of Priscilla Adeline Daughtry)

Woodham Family Cemetery

ROW TEN (10)

(several spaces)

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(grave marked with brick)



Woodham Family Cemetery

ROW ELEVEN (11)

(several spaces)



Woodham Family Cemetery

ROW TWELVE (12)



(several spaces)

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				(grave marked with brick)
(WOODHAM,	Zillie		May, 1879	2 Nov., 1879)
				(unmarked grave; twin daughter of Ira Edward Woodham and Millie Enfinger; granddaughter of Joanna Riley and E. C. ("Chris") Woodham)
(WOODHAM,	Dillie		May, 1879	-- 1879)
				(unmarked grave; twin daughter of Ira Edward Woodham and Millie Enfinger; granddau. of Joanna Riley and E. C. ("Chris") Woodham)
WOODHAM,	Joe	Annie	18 Nov., 1814	3 Apr., 1890
				wife of C. C. Woodham
				(Joanna Riley, daughter of John Riley Sr. and Mary; first wife of Edward Christopher ("C. C."; "Chris") Woodham)
(WOODHAM,	Uriah	Daniel	13 Mar., 1861	-- 19--)
				(grave formerly marked with carved wood stake; son of Edward Christopher ("C.C."; "Chris") Woodham and Joanna Riley)
(WOODHAM,	Sarah	Francis	5 Mar., 1860	-- 19--)
				(grave formerly marked with carved wood stake; daughter of Presley Nelson Woodham and Nancy E. Adkins; wife of Uriah Daniel Woodham)
(WOODHAM,	child		-- 188-	-- 188-)
				(grave formerly marked with carved wood stake; child of Uriah Daniel Woodham and Sarah Francis Woodham)

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Woodham Family Cemetery

ROW TWELVE (12)

(WOODHAM, child -- 18-- -- 18--)

(grave formerly marked with carved wood stake; child of Uriah Daniel Woodham and Sarah Francis Woodham)

(NOTE: a grave is located in this area which now has a small marble foot marker with the initials "J. R." on it. I believe this is the foot marker for the grave of Joanna Riley and has been moved from its proper location)



Woodham Family Cemetery

ROW THIRTEEN (13)

(several spaces)

WOODHAM, Rufus 29 Jan., 1920 -- Sept., 1944

US Army World War II

(memorial stone; son of John Wesley Woodham and Lillie Mae Sanders; grandson of Ira Edward Woodham and Millie Ann Enfinger; great grandson of Joanna Riley and Edward Christopher ("C.C."; "Chris") Woodham; husband of Norma Turnage; killed in action during World War II in Italy; body not recovered, burial site unknown)

(several spaces)

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(grave marked with bricks; may be an infant)



Woodham Family Cemetery

Our Ancestors

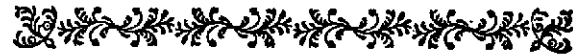
Buried At Woodham Cemetery

Mrs. Joanna Riley Woodham



View looking north
showing tombstone of Mrs. Joanna Riley Woodham, first wife of
Edward Christopher ("Chris"; "C. C.") Woodham; Spring, 1988

ARIS WOODHAM Junior



2 June, 1801

1880

Aris Woodham Junior was born 12 June, 1801 in the Stokes Bridge Community of Old Darlington District, now part of Lee County, South Carolina. He was the son of Reverend Aris Woodham Senior and Rachel Beasley. His birth is recorded in his mother's family Bible.

Aris Jr. married first about 1818 in Darlington District to Rachel Richardson, daughter of Joseph Richardson. Their four known children were Joseph Reddick Woodham who married Candice Riley; Edward Christopher ("Chris", "C. C.") Woodham who married (1) Joanna ("Joe Annie") Riley and (2) Louesta Kennedy; Elemiah A. C. Woodham who married Lewis Bowden; and Prudence Jane Woodham who married John Wilson Dean. They also had one son and one daughter whose names are unknown. These may have been children who died young.

Rachel died in 1830 and is buried at the Woodham Family Cemetery at Stokes Bridge community, Lee County, South Carolina.

Aris Jr. then married Caron H. ("Carrie", "Karen") Riley on 25 Dec., 1831 in Darlington District. She was a daughter of John Riley and his wife Mary. They had at least eleven (11) known children: Elizabeth Woodham who married Newton M. Davis;

John Alexander Woodham who married Rebecca Barnes; Stephen Moses ("Mode") Woodham who married Sarah Amanda J. Galloway; Mary Woodham who married (1) Joseph Maund and (2) William J. Dossett; Nelly Woodham who married Major Holland ("Fox") Daughtry; Ira Aris Woodham who died as a prisoner of war in Elmira, NY while serving as a soldier in the Confederate Army during the War Between the States; Cynthia C. ("Scynthia") Woodham who married (1) Hardy Maund and (2) R. A. A. Wright; Asa Edward Woodham; Ellen Woodham; and Daniel William Woodham who married Martha Ann Enfinger.

In 1832, Aris Jr. and his children and their families, his brother Athanasius Woodham and

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ARIS WOODHAM Junior, continued...

Aris' uncle Edward Harley Woodham Senior and his family, along with some first cousins and neighbors, all moved from South Carolina to the frontier of southeast Alabama.

This area was then still part of the Creek Indian Nation and the Creek and nearby Seminole Indians often made hostile raids into the area. During the Creek Indian War of 1835-36, Aris Jr. along with his first cousin Presley Nelson Woodham, enlisted as a private in Captain Pouncy's Company of Blair's Battalion, Alabama Militia. Creek Indians raided into southeast Alabama from the central part of the state while others fought their way through the area into Florida where they joined forces with the Seminole Indians. The Creeks were eventually subdued and all Indians removed from southeast Alabama (NOTE: a veteran's tombstone ordered by Woodham Historian Robert Earl Woodham for Aris Junior's grave mistakenly lists Aris as being in McInis' Company, 42 Alabama Regiment of Militia. It was Aris Bryant Woodham who served in McInis' Company. Aris Bryant later moved to Newton County, Mississippi.

Aris Jr. first settled on land in Barbour County. He owned this jointly with another man and they sold the land after a short period and Aris Jr. then moved to the forks of the Choctawhatchee ("Choctaw") River in Dale County and settled next to his uncle Edward H. Woodham Sr.

Aris was a farmer all his life: obtained several federal homesteads for tracts of land in the forks of the Choctaw. he acquired several hundred acres of land over the years. The total amount of land he owned was probably well over 1,000 acres, located on both the north side and south side of what is now called "**Woodham Road**", Dale County Road # 20, now a paved highway. Some of his land is still owned by the Woodham family as of the 1990's.

His original homeplace was located near the Choctawhatchee River and next to the farm of his uncle. However, this area is subject to flooding and Aris apparently built another home on or near Woodham road on higher ground.

Both Aris Jr. and his second wife Caron were Methodists. His father was one of the first Methodist ministers in America. When they first came to Dale County, the nearest Methodist church was that of Center Methodist Church in the Center Community just across the line in Henry County--too far for them to attend regularly. They therefore attended a Baptist church (which one is unknown) for a period until Mt. Carmel Methodist Church was formed.

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ARIS WOODHAM Junior continued...

Caron died in 1873 and was buried in the Woodham Family Cemetery, located on the top of a hill overlooking the river valley near where they lived.

Aris Jr. married his third wife sometime during the 1870's in Dale County. She was Clarissa E. ("Claricy") Clark, widow of James Ashley Brackin. They had no children. Clarissa had several children by her first marriage, including William Jasper Brackin who married Martha Malinda Woodham, daughter of Edward Harley Woodham Junior and his first wife Ann Elizabeth. Clarissa was born in 1822. After the death of Aris, Clarissa moved to Geneva County where she obtained a homestead in 1886 but then cancelled the claim. In 1887, she gave land in Geneva County to her niece, Eller Chancy. It is not known when she died nor where she is buried.

Aris Jr. died sometime in 1880 and was buried beside his wife Caron. Their graves were originally marked with only large granite boulders and bricks. During the 1930's, Powell A. Woodham of Newton, Mississippi and Juanita Carroll, daughter of Ada Elizabeth Woodham, further marked their graves with iron rods driven deeply into the ground.

In April, 1990, James B. Daughtry of Dothan, Alabama donated the funds to erect a double tombstone over the graves of his great grandparents, Aris Jr. and Caron. The stone was installed that month.





CARON H. RILEY



Mrs. ARIS WOODHAM Junior

— 1810

16 Mar., 1873

Caron H. ("Carrie", "Karen", "Karon") Riley was born in 1810 in that part of Old Darlington District which is today part of Lee County, South Carolina. She was the daughter of John Riley Senior and his wife Mary.

Caron married Aris Woodham Junior, a widower, on 25 Dec., 1831 in the Stokes Bridge Community of Lee County. Aris Junior's first wife, Rachel Richardson, died a year earlier following birth of their youngest child. When she married Aris, he already had six children.

According to her obituary, the family moved from Stokes Bridge to Henry County, Ala. in 1833 and to Dale County in 1834. However, this information was given many years later and omitted the fact they lived first Barbour County, near the Henry line, when they first came to Alabama. They apparently lived there only one farming season before selling this farm and moving to the valley in the forks of the Choctawhatchee River in Dale County.

Caron and Aris Junior had at least eleven (11) children and possibly others who died young. Their known children were: Elizabeth Woodham who married Newton M. Davis; John Alexander Woodham who married Rebecca Barnes; Stephen Moses ("Mode") Woodham who married Sarah Amanda Jane Galloway; Mary Woodham who married (1) Joseph Maund and (2) William J. Dossett; Nelly Woodham who married Major Holland ("Fox") Daughtry; Ira Aris Woodham who never married and died as a soldier in the Confederate States Army while held as a prisoner of war by the yankees at Elmira, NY; Cynthia C. ("Scinthia") Woodham who married (1) Hardy Maund and (2) R. A. A. Wright; Uriah Woodham who married (1) Elizabeth Jane Graham and (2) Mrs. Mary E. Martin; Asa Edward Woodham who died as a teenager; Ellen Woodham; and Daniel William Woodham who married Martha Ann Enfinger.

CARON H. RILEY, continued...

Her sister, Joanna Riley, married Caron's step-son, Edward Christopher ("Chris"; "C. C.") Woodham, a son of Aris Jr. and his first wife, Rachel Richardson.

Caron and her husband were members of the Methodist Church. Aris Junior's father was one of the first ordained Methodist ministers in the South and in America. However, when they first moved to Dale County, there was no Methodist Church near their home in the forks of the river. The nearest one was Center Methodist Church in the Center Community of Henry County near the county line--too distant for them to attend regularly by wagon on the rough trails that existed then. As a result, they attended a Missionary Baptist church--which one is unknown--for a few years until Mt. Carmel Methodist Church was formed. They then became members of Mt. Carmel until their deaths.

Caron's parents were buried at Center Methodist Church and she has numerous other relatives buried there.

Caron died 16 Mar., 1873 at their home and was buried in the Woodham Family Cemetery on Row 8 in a grave marked only with large rocks and metal rods. Her obituary in the *Southern Christian Advocate*, a Methodist Church publication, states that five years before her death, she and Aris had made a pact that when either of them was dying and unable to converse, they would give a signal that "all was well" and a gesture of love. A few minutes before she died, Caron--weak and unable to speak--gave the finger signal, then grasped her beloved husband's hand and died.

Aris died in 1880 and was buried beside Caron in a grave marked only with large rocks. In the 1930's, Powell Armstead Woodham of Newton, Mississippi and Juanita Carroll, daughter of Ada Elizabeth Woodham, further marked their graves with iron rods driven deeply in the earth. Granite rocks and bricks remained upon their graves until 1990.

In April, 1990, James B. Daughtry, their great grandson and a grandson of Nelly Woodham and M. H. ("Fox") Daughtry, donated funds to erect a handsome double tombstone over the graves of Aris Junior and Caron. The tombstone was put up that same month, using information supplied by Robert Earl Woodham.



Obituary of Caron H. Riley

Caron H. Woodham daughter of John and Mary Riley, was born in Darlington district, S. C., about 1810; was married to Ariss Woodham, in the same district, Dec. 25, 1831.

In early life she professed religion and joined the Methodist Church. From that time forth she lived a member of the same church till death, with the exception of a few years during which she was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, as there was no Methodist Church within reach; but as soon as the church of her childhood, and of her fathers was within reach, she transferred her membership thereto. In 1833, brother and sister Woodham moved from S. C., to Henry county, Ala., and in 1834 to Dale county, of the same State, in which she lived till summoned to the Church above, which event took place March 16th, 1873. Some five years before her death, she and her husband agreed upon a sign, which should be given by the one which should die first, of all being well, if unable to speak. As sister Woodham was dying, unable to speak, and without being reminded of the promise, she raised her finger twice, and then grasped the hand of her husband and passed to heaven. May the blessing of God rest upon the surviving, grief stricken husband and children.

A. Dowling

"Southern Christian Advocate"

23 April, 1873

(EDITOR'S NOTE: the *"Southern Christian Advocate"* is a publication of the Methodist Church in the South. At the time of Caron's death, it covered the Southeastern states)

HUSBAND'S NAME ARIS (Ariss, Arius, etc.) WOODHAM Junior Date _____
 When Born 2 June, 1801 Where Darlington (now Lee) County, SC Compiler ROBERT EARL WOODHAM
 When Died _____ 1880 Where Dale County, Alabama Address _____
 When Buried _____ Where Woodham Cemetery, Newton, Ala. City _____ State _____
 When Married (1) circa 1818 Where Darlington District, SC _____
 Other Wives _____
 Number 1,2, etc. _____

This information obtained from _____

His Father ARIS WOODHAM Senior His Mother's Maiden Name RACHEL BEASLEY Aris Woodham Sr. Family Bible
 His Grandfather EDWARD WOODHAM Junior His Grandmother MARY Darlington Co., SC Deeds,

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME (1) RACHEL RICHARDSON
 When Born circa 1801 Where Darlington (now Lee) County, SC Florence Hester Woodham
 When Died circa 1830 Where Darlington District, SC Lon Woodham
 When Buried _____ Where Woodham Cemetery, Lee County, SC 1820, 1830 Darlington Co. Census
 Other Husbands _____ Darlington Co., SC Estate Recs.
 Number 1,2, etc. _____

Her Father JOSEPH RICHARDSON Her Mother's Maiden Name _____
 Her Grandfather _____ Her Grandmother _____

Male or Female	CHILDREN (In order of birth)	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN		State or Country	WHEN DIED			MARRIED
		Day	Month	Year	City	County		Day	Month	Year	
M	1 WOODHAM	ca		1819	Darlington		S.C.			1840	Who killed in knife fight When over politics
M	2 JOSEPH REDDICK WOODHAM			1820	(area now		"	20	Oct	1864	Who CANDICE RILEY When 11 January, 1840
M	3 EDWARD CHRISTOPHER WOODHAM ("Chris"; "C.C.")			1824	part of Lee		"			19--	Who (1) JOANNA RILEY When (2) LOUESTA KENNEDY
F	4 ELEMIAH A. C. WOODHAM	ca		1825	County)		"	ca		1843	Who LEWIS BOWDEN When 3 July, 1837
F	5 PRUDENCE JANE WOODHAM	11	Oct.	1827	"		"	21	Nov	1891	Who JOHN WILSON DEAN When 15 January, 1845
F	6 WOODHAM	ca		1829	"		"				Who _____ When _____
	7										Who _____ When _____
	8										Who _____ When _____
	9										Who _____ When _____
	10										Who _____ When _____
	11										Who _____ When _____
	12										Who _____ When _____
	13										Who _____ When _____
	14										Who _____ When _____

HUSBAND'S NAME ARIS (Ariss, Arius, etc.) WOODHAM Junior

When Born 1801 Where _____

When Died _____ Where _____

When Buried _____ Where _____

When Married (2) 25 December, 1831 Where Darlington District, SC

Other Wives Number 1,2, etc. (1) RACHEL RICHARDSON (3) CLARISSA E. CLARK

His Father _____ His Mother's Maiden Name _____

His Grandfather _____ His Grandmother _____

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME (2) CARON H. ("Carrie", "Karen") RILEY

When Born 1810 Where Darlington (now Lee) County, SC

When Died 16 March, 1873 Where Dale County, Alabama

When Buried _____ Where Woodham Cemetery, Newton, Ala.

Other Husbands Number 1,2, etc. _____

Her Father JOHN RILEY Sr. Her Mother's Maiden Name MARY

Her Grandfather _____ Her Grandmother _____

Date _____

Compiler ROBERT EARL WOODHAM

Address _____

City _____ State _____

This information obtained from _____

obit of Caron, "Christian Advocate"

Estate Records of Aris Jr.

US Homestead records

"Genealogical Register of Beat Nine, Dale Co., Ala." E.T.Riley

1850 thru 1880 Dale Co., Ala.

US Census records

Male or Female	CHILDREN (In order of birth)	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN		State or Country	WHEN DIED			MARRIED
		Day	Month	Year	City	County		Day	Month	Year	
F	1 ELIZABETH WOODHAM			1832			Ga.				Who <u>NEWTON M. DAVIS</u> When <u>ca 1844</u>
M	2 JOHN ALEXANDER WOODHAM			1833		Henry	Ala.	ca	1864		Who <u>REBECCA BARNES</u> When <u>ca 1859</u>
M	3 STEPHEN MOSES WOODHAM			Apr., 1835		Dale	"	ca	1908		Who <u>SARAH AMANDA J. GALLOWAY</u> When <u>26 November, 1856</u>
F	4 MARY WOODHAM	10	Aug.,	1835		"	"		190-		Who <u>(1) JOSEPH MAUND</u> When <u>(2) WILLIAM J. DOSSETT</u>
F	5 NELLY WOODHAM	20	Aug.,	1836		"	"	20	Aug 1910		Who <u>MAJOR HOLLAND DAUGHTRY</u> When <u>ca 1856</u>
M	6 IRA ARIS WOODHAM			1839		"	"	4	Jun 1865		Who <u>n.m.; died POW in yankee</u> When <u>prison, Elmira, NY</u>
F	7 CYNTHIA C. ("Sinthia") WOODHAM			1841		"	"				Who <u>(1) HARDY MAUND</u> When <u>(2) R. A. A. WRIGHT</u>
M	8 URIAH WOODHAM			Feb. 1844		"	"		191-		Who <u>(1) ELIZABETH JANE GRAHAM</u> When <u>(2) MARY E. (MARTIN)</u>
M	9 ASA EDWARD WOODHAM			1845		"	"	ca	1855		Who _____ When _____
F	10 ELLEN WOODHAM			1847		"	"				Who _____ When _____
M	11 DANIEL WILLIAM WOODHAM	7	Aug.,	1848		"	"	12	Feb 1925		Who <u>MARTHA ANN ENFINGER</u> When <u>14 October, 1869</u>
	12										Who _____ When _____
	13										Who _____ When _____
	14										Who _____ When _____

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ASA EDWARD WOODHAM



1845

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Asa Edward Woodham was born in 1845 in Dale County, Alabama on his parent's farm in the forks of the Choctawhatche River. He was the son of Aris Woodham Junior and Caron H. Riley.

Asa died as a young teenager between 1850 and 1860; he does not appear on the 1860 United States census.

He was buried in the Woodham Family Cemetery. His grave is beside those of his parents on Row 8.

Asa's grave was marked at one time with stones, indicating a child or young teenager, from the size of the grave. In the year 1990, the rocks were replaced with bricks.



BLANTON WOODHAM



12 Feb., 1895

Circa 1909-10

Blanton Woodham was born in Dale County, Alabama on 12 Feb., 1895. He was the son of Uriah Daniel Woodham and Sarah Frances Woodham. He was a grandson of Edward Christopher ("Chris", "C. C.") Woodham and Joanna Riley; his maternal grandparents were Presley Nelson Woodham and Nancy Elizabeth Adkins.

Blanton died of pneumonia as a young teenager between 1908 and 1910.

He was buried at Woodham Cemetery in an unmarked grave. His parents lived nearby in the Ewell Community.



Infants of DANIEL WILLIAM WOODHAM

Daniel William Woodham and his wife Martha Ann Enfinger had four infants who were born and died as infants in the 1870's.

After Daniel and Martha Ann were married, they initially lived with his parents, Aris Woodham Jr. and Caron Riley, near the Woodham Family Cemetery. They lived there for several years before he moved his family to a farm nearer to Mt. Carmel Methodist Church. At that time, the nearest cemetery was the family cemetery, where relatives were already buried.

The four (and possibly five) infants of Daniel and Martha Ann were buried at Woodham Family Cemetery in unmarked graves.

The names, dates of birth and death of these infants is unknown.

Daniel and Martha Ann were members of Mt. Carmel and after their deaths, they were buried at the church cemetery. By that time, the church's cemetery had become more established.



DILLIE WOODHAM



-- May, 1879

2 Nov., 1879



Dillie Woodham was one twin daughters born in 1879 in Dale County, Alabama to Ira Edward Woodham and his wife Millie Ann Enfinger. Dillie's twin was Zillie.

Zillie died soon after birth in May, 1879 and was buried in the Woodham Cemetery, on Row 12.

Dillie died on 2 Nov., 1879 and was buried beside her twin sister on Row 12.

The grandmother of the twins, Mrs. Joanna ("Joe Annie") Riley Woodham, first wife of Edward Christopher ("Chris", "C. C.") Woodham, was later buried beside the twins. The twins are buried on the left of Joanna, on the side nearer the county road. Their graves have been marked only with rocks over the years and as of 1990, there is no tombstones on the graves.





JOANNA RILEY



("Jody"; "Jodie", "Joe Annie")
Mrs. EDWARD CHRISTOPHER WOODHAM

18 Nov., 1814

3 Apr., 1890

Joanna ("Jody", "Jodie", "Joe Annie") Riley was born 18 Nov., 1814 in Old Darlington District, now part of Lee County, South Carolina. She was the daughter of John Riley Senior and his wife Mary.

Joanna moved with her parents and family and large numbers of neighbors from South Carolina to the frontier country of Henry County, Alabama and settled in the Center Community in the early 1830's. They lived near Center Methodist Church and became members there. Her parents are buried there.

In 1831, Joanna's sister Caron H. Riley married Aris Woodham Junior in Darlington District. Joanna later married Edward Christopher ("Chris", "C.C.") Woodham, a son of Aris Junior and his first wife, Rachel Richardson. Chris and Joanna lived in the Center Community for a brief period.

Joanna and Chris had at least ten (10) children: Cynthia Woodham; John Wesley Woodham who married Eliza A.; Moses ("Mode") Woodham who married Elizabeth Virginia Peacock; William Woodham; Ira Edward Woodham who married Millie Ann Enfinger; Thomas Latrell ("Tom") Woodham who married Nellie E. Enfinger; Joseph Christopher ("Joe") Woodham who married Rhoda Mae Andrews; Uriah Daniel Woodham who married Sarah Frances Woodham; Jasper Richard Woodham who married Laura Florida Woodham; and Carrie Elizabeth ("Cary") Woodham who married J. B. Andrews.

Their first four children were born in Dale County. Chris and his family, along with some neighbors, moved to Cherokee County, Texas in the early 1850's and Ira Edward and Thomas L. were born there. They then moved to adjoining Anderson County, Texas where Joseph Christopher was born. The family moved back to Dale County in late 1860 and

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JOANNA RILEY, continued...

their last three children were born in Dale.

Chris was drafted into the Confederate States Army during the War Between the States. He became a private in Company G (the "Henry Pioneers"), 15th Alabama Regiment of Infantry.

Sometime after the war, Chris left Joanna and his children and they were divorced. He married Louesta Kennedy at Bainbridge, Georgia in 1867 and they then moved to south Florida. Very little is known of him after this.

Chris came back to Alabama in 1876 and turned over a deed to Joanna for their farm in return for her making him a new suit of clothes. A son, Ira Edward, visited Chris in Florida with Ira's son Lon about 1907 or so. Lon states Chris had two boys (grown men at the time) by his second wife.

When Chris left home and remarried, Joanna was left with several minor children to raise. Eight of their children were still living at home and the youngest was only three years old. Joanna persevered under extreme hardships and apparently with great fortitude managed to care for her family.

Joanna died 3 Apr., 1890 and her children buried her at the Woodham Family Cemetery. She rests on Row 12. Her grave was marked with a handsome marble shaft tombstone.



Mrs. Joanna Riley Woodham



View of the tombstone and grave of Mrs. Joanna Riley Woodham,
first wife of Edward Christopher ("Chris"; "C. C.") Woodham;
Photo taken Spring, 1988 by James W. & Joy Woodham of Brinson, Ga.

EDWARD HARLEY WOODHAM Senior



26 June, 1785

18 Oct., 1865

Edward Harley Woodham Senior was born 26 June, 1785 in the Stokes Bridge Community of Old Darlington District, an area that is today part of Lee County, South Carolina. He was a son of Edward Woodham Junior and his wife Mary.

During his early life, Edward H. Sr. was often called Edward "Junior" and his father was referred to erroneously as Edward "Senior" to differentiate between his father and himself. His father had no known middle name.

About 1805, Edward H. Sr. married Sarah ("Sally") Dowling, in Darlington District. Edward H. and Sarah had ten (10) known children, all born in the Stokes Bridge Community. They were Frederick Woodham; Emberry ("Embia", "Emby", "Embla") Woodham; Aris Bryant Woodham; Presley Nelson Woodham; Ephriam Woodham; Eleanor Dupree Woodham who married Samuel G. Windham; Richard Ira Woodham; Rachel Woodham who married John Bryant Daughtry; Edward Harley Woodham Junior; and Johnathan Robert Woodham. One source also lists a daughter Hester Jean Woodham who married James Joshua Mims. However, other printed sources and Mims descendants state Hester was a Windham--not a Woodham.

Edward H. was very active in community affairs both in his original South Carolina home and after moving to Alabama. In 1805, Edward H. was named Constable of his District in Darlington County. He served as a Justice of the Peace in Darlington District for several years and prepared or notarized many public documents there in his official capacity as a Justice. During that period, a justice of the peace and their courts in most Southern states held much more judicial responsibilities than today.

In the 1830's, Edward H. Sr., his children and their families; his nephews Aris Woodham Jr. and Athanasius Woodham and their families; nieces and nephews who were children of his sister Mary Woodham and John Alexander; and others, including many Darlington District neighbors, left South Carolina and journeyed to the "new" lands in Dale and Henry Counties of southeastern Alabama.

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EDWARD HARLEY WOODHAM Senior, continued...

These relatives began arriving in Alabama during the late 1820's and early 1830's. Edward H. made the move in 1835, probably arriving in Dale county in late fall of 1835. He filed for a federal homestead for land located north and south of the Choctawhatchee River where US Highway 231 now crosses the river. He later homesteaded large tracts north of this farm and other tracts south of the Newton-Echo Road, directly across from the Woodham Family Cemetery. No homestead has been found for him covering the land where the Cemetery was established, indicating he bought this land from another homesteader.

His children also homesteaded land in the area and bought additional tracts. His son Presley Nelson ("Nelse") homesteaded several tracts adjoining Edward's land, one of which was a tract just east of Woodham Cemetery, including the area covering the east half of the site of James Crooks Lake next to the cemetery.

The Woodham Family Cemetery was established probably during the early 1840's (or possibly the 1830's) on the farm of Edward H. Sr. He probably moved his farm from the flood plain of the river to higher ground along the edge of the river valley and may have had a home at a later date on an old public road running north-south alongside the Woodham Cemetery, running from the Newton-Ewell Road to the river and roughly parallel to US Highway 231. Unfortunately, the Dale County courthouse burned in the early 1880's and all deeds and other public records prior to then were destroyed. As a result, we have no deeds to show us exactly when Edward obtained the land where the cemetery was later established.

Sarah died 23 Jan., 1865 and was buried at the family graveyard. Edward H. Sr. died 18 Oct., 1865 and was buried beside his wife at Woodham Cemetery.

Their graves were marked with a brick wall approximately 1 1/2 feet tall surrounding the two burials. The original brick wall was not aligned with the proportional layout of the majority of graves: this is because theirs were among the first in the cemetery. The graves were aligned thus "\ " in relation to the more recent burials. The graves had no tombstones or other markers. This brick wall was removed in 1989 by James O. Woodham but the bricks were saved at the request of family Historian Robert Earl Woodham and stored at the cemetery.

After Edward died, his son Presley Nelson Woodham acquired the land around the Woodham Cemetery.

In 1990, James B. Daughtry, a great grandson of Aris Woodham Junior--nephew of Edward H.

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EDWARD HARLEY WOODHAM Senior, continued...

Sr.--donated funds to erect a tombstone on the graves of Aris Jr. and his wife. At the same time, James offered to donate a large portion of the cost for erecting a tombstone on the graves of Edward H. Sr. and his wife Sarah if the Woodham Cemetery Committee would provide the remaining cost. J. B. and the Woodham Historian, Robert Earl Woodham, picked out the two double tombstones and Robert Earl supplied information for them. These two tombstones were erected in April, 1990, the first new tombstones erected in the cemetery in more than 60 years at least. James had previously placed white marble borders around the graves of his parents, Nelly Woodham and her husband Major Holland Daughtry and placed marble rocks over the site.





SARAH DOWLING



("Sallie", "Sally")
(Mrs. EDWARD HARLEY WOODHAM Senior)

27 Aug., 1786

23 Jan., 1865

Sarah ("Sallie", "Sally") Dowling was born 27 Aug., 1786 in the Stokes Bridge Community of Old Darlington District, an area now part of Lee County, South Carolina. She was the daughter of James Dowling and Mary Boutwell.

Sarah married Edward Harley Woodham Senior about 1805. They had at least ten (10) and possibly eleven children, including two sons who died young in South Carolina and are buried in the Woodham Family Cemetery there.

Sarah and her husband moved from South Carolina to Dale County, Alabama during the early 1830's and settled in the forks of Choctawhatchee River. They lived near the Woodham Family Cemetery the rest of their lives.

Sarah died 23 Jan., 1865, during the War Between the States. She was buried at Woodham Cemetery where at least one of her children was already buried. Her husband Edward H. Sr. died ten months later and was buried beside her.

The graves of Sarah and Edward H. were surrounded by a low brick wall until 1988, when it was removed by James O. Woodham. The bricks were saved and stored at the cemetery.

The graves of Sarah and Edward were marked in 1990 with a double tombstone by the Woodham Cemetery Committee. At that time, James B. Daughtry, great grandson of Aris Woodham Jr.--a nephew of Edward H. Sr.--donated funds to place a double tombstone on the graves of Aris Jr. and his wife and offered to donate a large portion of the cost of a double stone for the graves of Edward H. Sr. and Sarah.

The two double tombstones for the two couples were erected in April, 1990.

HUSBAND'S NAME EDWARD HARLEY WOODHAM Senior Date _____

When Born 26 June, 1785 Where Darlington Dist. (Lee Co.), SC Compiler ROBERT EARL WOODHAM

When Died 18 October, 1865 Where Dale County, Alabama Address _____

When Buried _____ Where Woodham Cemetery, Newton, Ala. City _____ State _____

When Married 1805 Where Darlington District, South Carolina _____

Other Wives Number 1,2, etc. _____

His Father EDWARD WOODHAM Junior His Mother's Maiden Name MARY "Genealogical Survey of Beat
 His Grandfather EDWARD WOODHAM Senior His Grandmother ELEANOR Nine, Dale Co. Al." E.T. Riley
 "A Dowling Family of The South"

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME SARAH ("Sally") DOWLING

When Born 27 August, 1785 Where Darlington Dist. (Lee Co.), SC Powell A. Woodham, Newton, Ms.
 When Died 23 January, 1865 Where Dale County, Alabama Darlington Co., SC Deeds
 When Buried _____ Where Woodham Cemetery, Newton, Ala.

Other Husbands Number 1,2, etc. _____ US Census records:
 Her Father JAMES DOWLING Her Mother's Maiden Name MARY BOUTWELL Darlington Co., SC 1810 - 1830
 Her Grandfather _____ Her Grandmother _____ Dale Co., Al., 1840 - 1860

Male or Female	CHILDREN (In order of birth)	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN		State or Country	WHEN DIED			MARRIED
		Day	Month	Year	City	County		Day	Month	Year	
M	1 FREDERICK WOODHAM	6	Jun	1806	Darlington		S.C.	28	Jan	1852	Who MARY ANN POLLARD When ca 1830
M	2 EMBERRY ("Embia") WOODHAM	9	Apr	1808	(are now		"				Who died child; buried When Lee Co., SC
M	3 ARIS BRYANT WOODHAM	1	Sept.	1810	part of Lee		"	3	Dec.	1898	Who HESTER ANN SIMMONS When 1844
M	4 PRESLEY NELSON WOODHAM	26	Feb	1813	County)		"	17	Feb	1900	Who (1) PERTHENIA WARD When (2) NANCY ADKINS
M	5 EPHRIAM WOODHAM	26	June	1815			"			182-	Who never m.; killed by When runaway team of horses
F	6 ELEANOR DUPREE ("Elender")	27	Aug	1817			"	5	Sep.	1890	Who SAMUEL G. WINDHAM When 12 January, 1837
M	7 RICHARD IRA WOODHAM	9	May	1821			"	27	Nov	1848	Who NANCY ELIZABETH WARD When 15 March, 1848
F	8 RACHEL WOODHAM	4	Nov.	1823			"			190-	Who JOHN BRYANT DAUGHTRY When 20 June, 1845
M	9 EDWARD HARLEY Junior WOODHAM	1	May	1826			"	23	Dec	1907	Who (1) ANN ELIZABETH When (2) SENIA ANN E. PATE
M	10 JOHNATHAN ROBERT WOODHAM	13	May	1828			"	13	Jan	1892	Who EMMA GRAY When 6 August, 1848
	11										Who _____ When _____
	12										Who _____ When _____
	13										Who _____ When _____
	14										Who _____ When _____

Edward Harley Woodham Sr.
and his wife,
Sarah Dowling

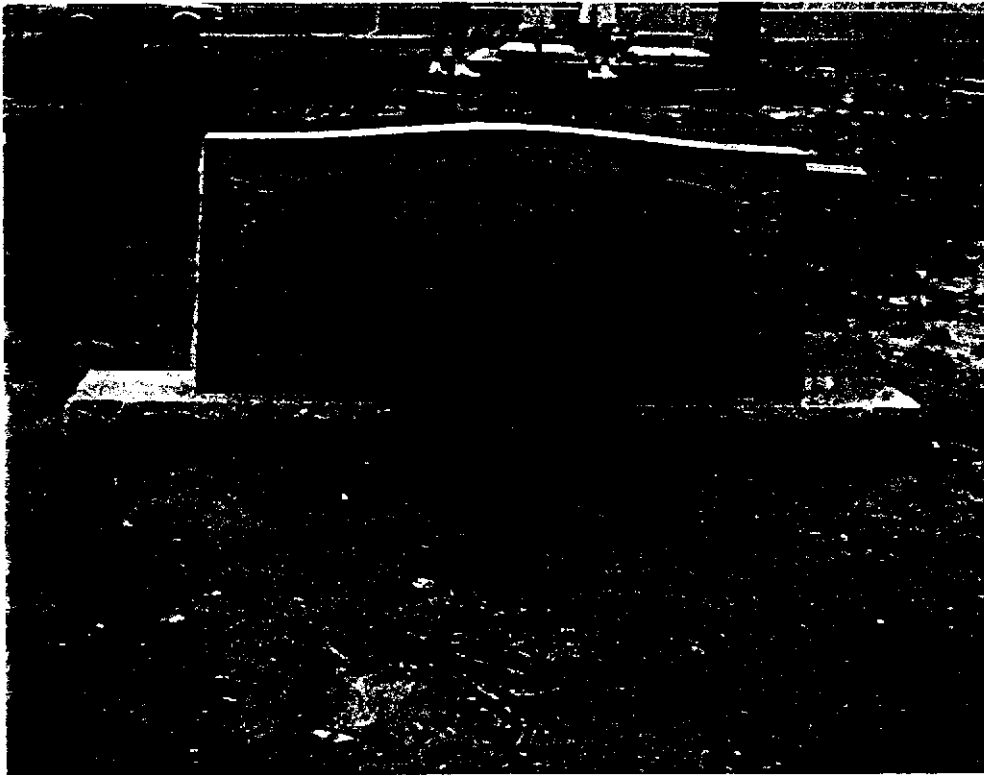


Photo showing the new double tombstone for the graves of Edward Harley Woodham Senior and his wife Sarah Dowling. Edward H. Sr. was the son of Revolutionary War Soldier Edward Woodham Junior. This new tombstone was installed in 1989, along with a new stone for Edward's nephew, Aris Woodham Jr. and his wife, at a total cost for the two stones of \$1,600.

Mrs. ANN ELIZABETH WOODHAM

(Mrs. EDWARD HARLEY WOODHAM Junior)

1833

Circa 1862

Ann Elizabeth--maiden name unknown--was born in 1833 in Georgia. Her maiden name as well as the names of her parents are unknown as yet.

Ann married Edward Harley Woodham Junior about 1850. They had two known children: a daughter, Martha Malinda Woodham who married William Jasper Brackin, Martha and her husband are buried at Newton Cemetery; and a son, Arland (a corruption of Harland or Harley) Bryant Woodham who moved to Polk County, Florida and is buried there. Martha also lived there for a period of time.

There is no confirmed written record that Ann Elizabeth is buried in the Woodham Cemetery. However, her grandson, John Barber (or Bryant) Woodham Sr. stated in 1973 that she was buried in "granddaddy's family cemetery".

Her gravesite is unmarked. She died in or just after February, 1862, following the birth of Martha.



FREDERICK WOODHAM



6 June, 1806

28 Jan., 1852

Frederick Woodham was born 6 June, 1806 in the Stokes Bridge Community of Old Darlington District in what is today part of Lee County, South Carolina. He was a son of Edward Harley Woodham Sr. and Sarah Dowling and a grandson of Edward Woodham and his wife Mary.

Frederick married Mary Ann Pollard about 1830 in Darlington District. They had at least ten (10) children: Richard Edward L. Woodham; Hillary Hopewell Woodham; John Wesley Woodham; Sarah Ann Elizabeth Woodham; Eleanor Dupree ("Elender") Woodham; Elisha R. Woodham; Aris Athanasius Woodham who died as a soldier in the Confederate States Army in the Battle of New Hope, Paulding County, Georgia near Atlanta in 1864 during the War Between the States; Hester Ann Woodham who married Henry Smith; Andrew Jackson ("Jack") Woodham; and Elijah Wright Pleasant ("Right") Woodham.

About 1835 or earlier, Frederick moved with his family, along with his parents and many other relatives, from South Carolina to Dale County, Alabama. He settled in the forks of the Choctawhatchee River and lived near his father until his death.

Frederick died 28 Jan., 1852 and was buried in Woodham Family Cemetery on his father's land. His grave has not been marked with a tombstone as of 1993.

Following his death, his widow Mary Ann obtained a federal homestead in 1854 and another in 1855, near the land of her husband's father and other Woodham relatives. This land was located on each side of Woodham Road (Dale County Highway 20) just north of what is now called Bagwell's Crossroads, near US Highway 231.

Mary Ann later married John J. Golden and they eventually moved to the Clopton area of northern Dale County. It is believed she is buried at Woodham Cemetery but this cannot be proved as yet.



MARY ANN POLLARD



(Mrs. FREDERICK WOODHAM)

1815

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Mary Ann Pollard was born in 1815 in Old Darlington District in what is today part of Lee County, South Carolina. She was the daughter of W. Pollard and his wife, --Goodson. She was a granddaughter of Thomas Goodson.

Mary Ann married Frederick Woodham about 1830 in Darlington District. They had at least ten (10) children. The first three children were born in South Carolina and the rest in Dale County, Alabama. Her oldest son, Richard Edward L. Woodham, died as a Confederate States Army soldier during the War Between the States in a battle near Marietta, Georgia (suburban Atlanta) and is probably buried at the Confederate Cemetery in Marietta. Another son, Aris Athanasius, also died as a Confederate soldier in the Battle of New Hope, Paulding County, near Atlanta. Both sons died in 1864 during the yankee army's attack upon Atlanta.

Frederick died in 1852 and was buried at Woodham Family Cemetery on his father's land, in an unmarked grave.

Mary Ann obtained a federal homestead in 1854 and another in 1855. The two tracts of land were located on both sides of Woodham Road (Dale County Highway # 20), just north of US Highway 231 and what is today called Bagwell's Crossroads. The Dale County courthouse burned in the early 1880's and all deeds and other public records for this period were lost. However, some people re-registered their deeds after the fire. One shows that Mary Ann sold Frederick's farm to Major Holland ("Fox") Daughtry (husband of Nelly Woodham) on 18 Feb., 1856.

On 22 Feb., 1858, Mary Ann married John J. Golden (Golding) in Henry County, Alabama. He was a widower with several children and several of Mary Ann and Frederick's children were still minors and living at home. Sometime in the 1860's, Mary Ann and John Golden moved to the Clopton Community in northern Dale County.

It is not known when she died: descendants state she is buried in Woodham Cemetery with Frederick.

HUSBAND'S NAME FREDERICK WOODHAM Date _____
 When Born 6 June, 1806 Where Darlington (Lee) County, SC Compiler ROBERT EARL WOODHAM
 When Died 28 January, 1852 Where Dale County, Alabama Address _____
 When Buried _____ Where Woodham Cemetery, Newton, Ala. City _____ State _____
 When Married ca 1830 Where Darlington District, South Carolina This information obtained from _____
 Other Wives Number 1,2, etc. _____
 His Father EDWARD HARLEY WOODHAM Sr. His Mother's Maiden Name SARAH DOWLING "A Dowling Family of the South"
 His Grandfather EDWARD WOODHAM Jr. His Grandmother MARY 1959

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME MARY ANN POLLARD
 When Born _____ 1815 Where Darlington (now Lee) County, SC
 When Died _____ Where _____
 When Buried _____ Where _____
 Other Husbands Number 1,2, etc. (2) JOHN J. GOLDEN (m. 22 Feb., 1858 in Henry Co., Ala.)
 Her Father W. POLLARD Her Mother's Maiden Name GOODSON
 Her Grandfather _____ Her Grandmother _____

Darlington Co., SC Estate records
 Powell A. Woodham, 1963
 Henry Co., Ala. deed records
 1830 Darlington Co., SC (census)
 1840, 1850 Dale Co., Al. (census)
 1854 Dale Co., Al. (Mary Ann.
 1855 " (US homestead)
 1860 " (census)

Male or Female	CHILDREN (In order of birth)	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN		State or Country	WHEN DIED			MARRIED		
		Day	Month	Year	City	County		Day	Month	Year	Who	When	When
M	1 RICHARD EDWARD L. WOODHAM	29	Dec.	1830	Darlington		S.C.	1864	Who	ELIZABETH ANN MILLER	When	13 October, 1859	
M	2 HILLARY HOPEWELL WOODHAM			1832	(now part of		"	187-	Who	I. BENITER	When	ca 1849	
M	3 JOHN WESLEY WOODHAM			1833	Lee County)		"	1893	Who	SARAH WARD	When	ca 1859	
F	4 SARAH ANN ELIZABETH			1835	Dale		Ala.		Who		When		
F	5 ELEANOR DUPREE (Elender)			1838	"		"		Who		When		
M	6 ELISHA R. WOODHAM			1841	"		"	8Feb.1892	Who	FRANCES ELIZABETH DOWLING	When	ca 1868	
M	7 ARIS ATHANASIOS WOODHAM			1842	"		"	4June1864	Who	nm; died as Confederate soldier	When		
F	8 HESTER ANN WOODHAM			1845	"		"		Who	HENRY SMITH	When	13 September, 1867	
M	9 ANDREW ("Jack") JACKSON WOODHAM			Dec., 1849	"		"	191-	Who	ELIZA ANN RICHARDSON	When	ca 1867	
M	10 ELIJAH ("Right") WRIGHT PLEASANT	25	Apr.	1850	"		"	15Oct1932	Who	SARAH JANE COATE	When	17 November, 1878	
	11								Who		When		
	12								Who		When		
	13								Who		When		
	14								Who		When		



ESSIE MYERS



(Mrs. JASPER RICHARD WOODHAM Senior)

1889

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Essie Myers was born in 1889 in Dale County, Alabama. She married Jasper Richard Woodham Senior, son of Thomas L. Woodham and Nellie E. Enfinger, on 17 Dec., 1910 in Dale County.

Essie and Jasper had at least one infant and possibly two. According to relatives, after their marriage, Jasper then fell in love with another woman and began an affair with her.

Essie's infant died very young. The child was found dead in its crib. The child was buried in Woodham Family Cemetery. The name of the child and the dates of its birth and death are unknown.

Essie died soon after the death of their child. She was buried beside the infant. The date of her death is unknown.

No tombstones were ever placed on their graves. For many years, their graves were marked with bricks lying upon the ground and surrounding the graves. These were still marking the graves in the 1970's, after someone had moved the fence which marked the boundry of the Cemetery to well inside the cemetery, leaving the graves of Essie and her child and other burials outside the fence boundary. The graves of Essie and her child were pointed out to Woodham Historian Robert Earl Woodham in the 1960's by his great aunt, Mrs. Florence Hester ("Het") Woodham Andrews.

When a bulldozer road scraping machine dug a roadway through the cemetery in 1988, it obliterated the site of Essie and her infant's graves.

Their graves are located on Row Nine, several feet inside a new chain link fence installed in 1988.

After the death of Essie, Jasper married a second time to Mary Alice Bull, daughter of Henry Bull and Sarah Emeline Enfinger.

MARY ISABEL WOODHAM

9 Aug., 1860

20 Aug., 1860

Mary Isabell Woodham was born 9 Aug., 1860 in Dale County, Alabama. She was the daughter of Richard Edward L. Woodham a Dale County Deputy Sheriff and a teacher.

Mary Isabel was the granddaughter of Frederick Woodham and a great granddaughter of Edward H. Woodham Senior.

Mary Isabel died as an infant on 20 Aug., 1860 and was buried in the Woodham Cemetery.

The location of her grave is unknown.



Infant of JASPER RICHARD WOODHAM Sr.

Jasper Richard Woodham Senior married first to Essie Myers on 17 Dec., 1910.

Essie and Jasper had one and possibly two infants who died very young. One infant was found dead in its crib. The birthdate of the child and the date it died is unknown.

The child was buried in an unmarked grave in Woodham Family Cemetery. No tombstones were ever placed upon either grave.

Essie died not long after the death of her child and was buried beside her infant.

For many years, the graves were marked simply with bricks surrounding each grave.



Infant of JOHNATHAN ROBERT WOODHAM

Johnathan Robert ("John R.", "Bob") Woodham and his wife, Emma Gray had a child who died young.

The name, sex and dates of birth and death of this child is unknown. The child was born before 1900 and died before that year.

John R. and Emma lived on their farm near the Woodham Cemetery during the entire period when their eight known children were born. They lived on this farm for many years until they moved to Geneva County in the late 1880's.

John R. was a son of of Edward H. Woodham Sr. and Sarah Dowling, upon whose land the Woodham Family Cemetery was established.

The Woodham Cemetery was the logical site to bury their child.

The location of the child's grave in the Cemetery is unknown.



MARY LEGION WOODHAM

13 June, 1862

12 Sept., 1912

Mary Legion Woodham was born 13 June, 1862, near the Woodham Family Cemetery. She was the daughter of Presley Nelson ("Nels") Woodham and his second wife, Nancy Elizabeth Adkins. Nels owned much of the land surrounding the Cemetery and across the road at one time. The Family Cemetery was founded on her grandfather Edward Harley Woodham Sr.'s farm property.

Mary married Cader Tuebeck Myers in 1884 in Dale County. They had at least 11 children, including two infants whose names are unknown and who died as infants.

Mary was a housewife.

Mary and Cader lived in or near Newton, Dale County, Alabama. According to one descendant, she died at Newton. Sometime after her death, Cader moved to Columbus, Georgia where he died in 1928.

It is believed that Mary Legion and her husband are buried at the Woodham Cemetery. However, no absolute proof has been found as yet. Their graves are unmarked.



CADER TUEBECK MYERS

30 May, 1862

19 Dec., 1928

Cader Tuebeck Myers was born 30 May, 1862 in Dale County, Alabama. He was the son of James Myers and Elizabeth Martin.

Cader married Mary Legion Woodham in 1884 in Dale County. She was the daughter of Presley Nelson ("Nels") Woodham. They lived in or near Newton, Dale County, Alabama. They had at least 11 children, including two infants who died young.

Mary Legion died in 1912 at Newton. Sometime after she died, Cader moved to Columbus, Georgia where he died in 1928.

It is believed that Mary Legion and her husband are buried at the Woodham Cemetery. However, no absolute proof has been found as yet. Their graves are unmarked.



INFANT MYERS

abt 1889

abt 1889

Mary Legion Woodham and her husband Cader Tuebeck Myers had two infants who died in the 1880's and 1890's who were buried at the Woodham Family Cemetery, according to descendants.

Mary Legion Woodham died in 1912. It is unknown at this time where she is buried. They were living in or near Newton, Dale County, Alabama near the Cemetery when she died. After her death, Cader moved to Columbus, Georgia where he died in 1928. It is unknown to the author where he is buried also.

The graves of their two infants are unmarked. They were probably once marked with wooden crosses or stakes.

INFANT MYERS

abt 1902

abt 1902

Mary Legion Woodham and her husband Cader Tuebeck Myers had two infants who died in the 1880's and 1890's who were buried at the Woodham Family Cemetery, according to descendants.

Mary Legion Woodham died in 1912. It is unknown at this time where she is buried. They were living in or near Newton, Dale County, Alabama near the Cemetery when she died. After her death, Cader moved to Columbus, Georgia where he died in 1928. It is unknown to the author where he is buried also.

The graves of their two infants are unmarked. They were probably once marked with wooden crosses or stakes.

Nellie Woodham

(Mrs. Major Holland ("Fox") Daughtry)

Photo taken in late 1800's

This family photo shows Nellie Woodham in the front center, with her children. The photo was published in *The Dothan Eagle*, a daily newspaper in Dothan, Alabama.

The photo was submitted to the newspaper by Nellie Woodham's grandson, Col. James Burch ("J. B.") Daughtry of Dothan. J. B. is a retired US Air Force colonel.

Nellie is buried at Woodham Family Cemetery with her husband, Major Holland ("Fox") Daughtry. They both have handsome tombstones and are buried near the front gate. J. B. Daughtry paid to have granite curbing installed around their graves and the ground around them covered with granite rocks.



The Daughtrys In The Late 1800s

The lady seated in the center of this photo is Nellie Woodham Daughtry, wife of Major Holland (Eva's Daughter) and daughter

Mrs. Daughtry has many descendants in the Dothan area. The photo was submitted by J. R. Daughtry of Dothan. Mrs.

Nellie Woodham & M. H. ("Fox") Daughtry



Tombstones

View shows tombstones (Fox on left and Nellie on right) during restoration and after J. B. Daughtry had installed granite coping and rocks, Spring, 1988

PERRY CASWELL WOODHAM Senior

("Cas")

14 Oct., 1868

30 Dec., 1932

Perry Caswell ("Cas") Woodham Senior was born 14 Oct., 1868 in Dale County, Alabama. He was a son of Steven Moses Woodham and Sarah Amanda Jane Galloway. He was a grandson of Aris Woodham Junior and Caron H. Riley. His mother Sarah Amanda was the daughter of Elizabeth Woodham and a granddaughter of Athanasius Woodham,

Cas married first to Amanda Jane Corley on 29 Mar., 1891. They had at least nine (9) children: Eustice Houston (Houston) Woodham; Ada Elizabeth Woodham who married Warner Lee Carroll; Raymond Leroy Woodham; Perry Caswell Woodham Junior; Lawrence Clayton Woodham; Ralph M. Woodham; and Ethel Woodham who married (1) Howard Aycox and (2) I. Howard Patterson. Cas and Amanda Jane had at least two children who died as infants and were buried in the Woodham Family Cemetery in graves without tombstones.

Amanda died sometime between 1906 and 1910 and was buried in the Woodham Cemetery on Row 5 in an unmarked grave.

Cas was a farmer for many years, first working for his father and later for himself. Cas and his brother John Wesley Woodham inherited land from their father on the Newton-Echo Road about two or three miles north of Woodham Road and Bagwell's Crossroad in Section 21. Cas farmed on this land until he sold his farm in 1912.

After selling his farm, Cas moved to LaGrange, Georgia where he worked in a cotton mill for a few years, along with some of his children. He moved back to Alabama and lived in Dothan during 1918 and stayed in the area for a time. He then moved to Columbus, Georgia where he worked in cotton mills there. Some of his children also moved to Columbus. He lived there from at least 1921.

Following his retirement, Cas moved back to Dale County where he lived until his death.

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PERRY CASWELL WOODHAM Senior, continued...

Cas married second to Mrs. Lucy Dobbins sometime before 1912. He had no children by his second marriage.

Cas was a very large man. Relatives say he weighed well over 300 pounds in his later life.

Cas died in Dale County 30 Dec., 1932. He was buried at Woodham Family Cemetery on Row 5 next to his first wife Amanda in an unmarked grave.

At the time of Cas' death, his son Eustice Houston Woodham was living in Florida. Houston, his wife and three of their children and his wife's sister and her husband were all in an automobile traveling home at night to Alabama for Cas' funeral when their car hit a bridge abutment at Quincy, Florida and wrecked. Houston, his wife and her sister were all killed.

Cas and Amanda's graves were marked with bricks surrounding each grave for many years. In 1988, a granddaughter, Juanita Carroll Enfinger (Mrs. Ben Hill Woodham) and her husband poured cement slabs for each of their graves.



Harry Casswell Woodham, Senior

("Cas", "Cassie")

***Funeral Services
Held Sunday for
H. C. Woodham***

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon for Mr. Harry Cass Woodham, who died at his home December 30th.

Mr. Woodham was 66 years of age at the time of his death, being a native of Dale county. He was a successful farmer and his passing removes from our midst a most useful citizen.

Services were held at the Woodham cemetery, Rev. Baldwin officiating. Holman Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The deceased is survived by two daughters, three sons and one brother, to whom the Star extends deepest sympathy.

The Southern Star

12 April, 1873

Ozark, Alabama

AMANDA JANE CORLEY

Mrs. PERRY CASWELL WOODHAM Senior

Dec., 1871

1906 - 1910

Amanda Jane Corley was born in December, 1871 in Dale County, Alabama. Her parents are unknown.

She married Perry Caswell ("Cas") Woodham Senior 29 Mar., 1891. Amanda and Cas had at least nine children, including two that died as infants.

For the entire period of their marriage, Amanda and Cas lived on the Newton-Echo Road about two or three miles north of Woodham Road and US Highway 231. Cas worked on the farm of his father Stephen Moses ("Mode") Woodham until Mode's death. Cas inherited land there from his father.

Amanda died sometime between 1906 (the date of birth of their youngest known child Ethel) and 1910. She was buried at Woodham Cemetery in a grave without a tombstone.

Cas died in 1932 and was buried beside Amanda, also in a grave without a tombstone. For many years, their graves were marked with bricks surrounding each burial. In 1988, Juanita Carroll Enfinger (Mrs. Ben Hill Woodham) and her husband poured cement slabs on each of their graves.



Infant of PERRY CASWELL WOODHAM Senior

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A child was born to Perry Caswell ("Cas") Woodham Senior and his wife Amanda Jane Corley sometime in the 1890's, in Dale County, Alabama.

The child died as an infant. The name, sex and dates of birth and death are unknown.

The infant was buried in Woodham Family Cemetery in an unmarked grave.



Infant of PERRY CASWELL WOODHAM Senior

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A child was born to Perry Caswell ("Cas") Woodham Senior and his wife Amanda Jane Corley sometime between 1900 and 1910 in Dale County, Alabama.

The child died as an infant. The name, sex and dates of birth and death are unknown.

The infant was buried in Woodham Family Cemetery in an unmarked grave.





PRESLEY NELSON WOODHAM



("Nelse")

26 Feb., 1813

17 Feb., 1898

Presley Nelson ("Nelse", "Nels") Woodham was born 26 Feb., 1813 in Stokes Bridge Community of Old Darlington District, now part of Lee County, South Carolina. He was a son of Edward Harley Woodham Senior and Sarah Dowling and a grandson of Edward Woodham Junior and his wife Mary.

Nelse moved with his father and many other relatives from South Carolina to Dale County, Alabama about 1835 or earlier and settled in the Forks of the Choctawhatchee River.

This area was part of the frontier of the Southeastern United States at that time and was still claimed by the Creek Indian Nation. Both Creek and Seminole Indians were still making raids into the area. Nelse and other relatives joined the Alabama Militia and served on active duty during the Creek Indian War of 1836-37. He later applied for a veteran's pension in 1888 for his military service during this war.

He married Perthenia ("Thenie") Ward about 1838, apparently in Dale County. The Dale County courthouse burned in the early 1880's and all public records prior to then were destroyed, including marriage licenses. Perthenia and Nelse had at least five children: Samuel Edward Woodham; James Robert Nelson Woodham; Eleanor Rebecca ("Elender") Woodham; Perthenia E. ("Thenia") Woodham; and Epsey A. E. Woodham. Because of a lack of marriage records, it is now known who their daughters married or if they married. Perthenia died sometime in the 1850's and was buried in the Woodham Family Cemetery. Her grave is unmarked.

Nelse married second to Nancy Elizabeth Adkins about 1858. She was the daughter of Robert William Adkins and his wife Mary. Nancy and Nelse had four daughters: Sarah Frances ("Sally") Woodham who married Uriah Daniel Woodham; Nancy Elizabeth Woodham; Mary Legion Woodham who married Cader Tuebeck Myers; and Perthenia Edmonia (Edmonia; "Mon") Woodham who never married.

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PRESLEY NELSON WOODHAM continued...

Nelse obtained federal homesteads in the valley of the forks of Choctawhatchee River in 1850, adjoining his father's land. This was located south of the Newton-Echo Road (Dale County Highway # 18) near what is today called Bagwell's Crossroads. His first homestead was directly across the road from the James Crooks Lake. This homestead was for 160 acres. He obtained homesteads in 1852 for two 40-acre tracks, one located on Woodham Road (Dale County Highway # 20).

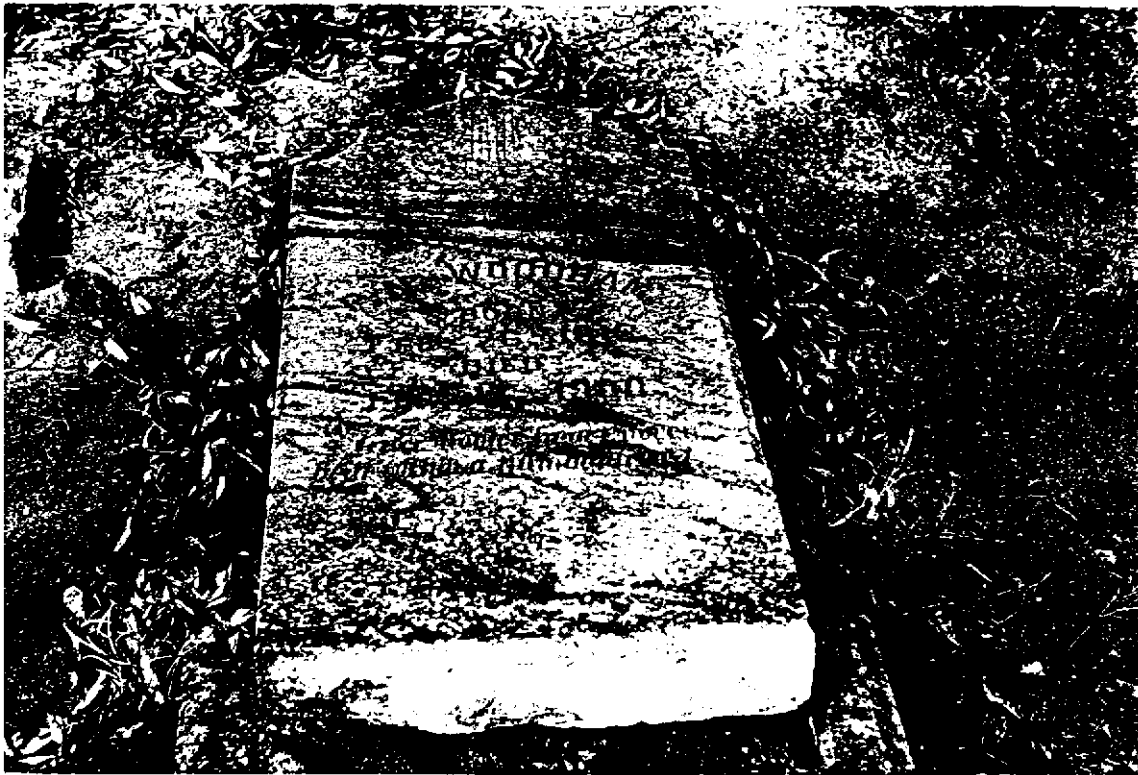
After the death of his father in 1865, Nelse obtained some of Edward H. Senior's lands. Since the courthouse burned and all deeds for this period were destroyed, we cannot locate any written documents which show the fact but Nelse obtained ownership of the land surrounding the Woodham Family Cemetery which had been established on his father's land in the late 1830's or early 1840's.

Nelse died 17 Feb., 1898 and was buried beside his first wife in Woodham Cemetery. His grave is marked with a tombstone (this stone is broken in two as of 1990), on Row 8, near his parents graves.

His second wife Nancy was later buried beside him, with his two wives on either side of his grave.



Presley Nelson Woodham
("Nelse")



Tombstone of Presley Nelson Woodham
Taken in Spring, 1988 by James W. and Joy Woodham
of Brinson, Georgia



PERTHENIA WARD



("Thenie", "Thenia")

1817

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Perthenia ("Thenia, "Thenie") Ward was born in 1817 in Georgia. Her parents are unknown.

Thenia married Presley Nelson ("Nelse") Woodham about 1838 in Dale County, Alabama. He was a son of Edward Harley Woodham Senior and Sarah Dowling. They had at least five children.

Thenia and Nelse owned a farm located across the Newton-Echo Road from James Crooks Lake as well as other land nearby.

Thenia died sometime between 1850 and 1858 and was buried at the Woodham Family Cemetery on her father-in-law's land.

Nelse later remarried. He died in 1898 and was buried beside Thenia. His second wife was later buried beside him also.

NANCY ELIZABETH ADKINS

(Mrs. PRESLEY NELSON WOODHAM)

12 Apr., 1823

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Nancy Elizabeth Adkins was born 12 Apr., 1823 in Georgia. She was the daughter of Robert William Adkins and his wife Mary. She was a granddaughter of Randall Adkins. Her family was pioneer settlers of Dale County, Alabama.

Nancy married Presley Nelson ("Nelse") Woodham about 1858. He a widower with five children and who was a son of Edward Harley Woodham Senior and Sarah Dowling.

Nancy and Nelse had at least four daughters. Their oldest daughter Sarah Frances ("Sally") Woodham married Uriah Daniel Woodham and is buried in the Woodham Family Cemetery.

Nancy and Nelse lived near the Woodham Family Cemetery which was established on his fathre's land.

Nelse died in 1898 and was buried in the Woodham Cemetery. Nancy continued to reside in their homeplace near the cemetery. She died sometime between 1910 and 1920 and was buried in Woodham Cemetery beside her husband.





RACHEL WOODHAM



Wife of JOHN BRYANT DAUGHTRY

4 Nov., 1823

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Rachel Woodham was born 4 Nov., 1823 in the Stokes Bridge Community of Old Darlington District, now part of Lee County, South Carolina. She was the daughter of Edward Harley Woodham Senior and Sarah Dowling and a granddaughter of Edward Woodham Junior and his wife Mary.

Rachel moved with her parents and many other relatives from South Carolina about 1835 or earlier to the forks of the Choctawhatchee River in Dale County, Alabama.

She married John Bryant (Bryant) Daughtry 20 June, 1845 in Dale County. He was a son of Joshua Daughtry and a native of Sampson County, North Carolina. Bryant was also a brother of Major Holland ("Fox") Daughtry who married Nellie Woodham. Rachel and John had at least eight (8) known children: Unity Daughtry; Robert Marion ("Capp") Daughtry; Sarah Minerva Daughtry who married Daniel Franklin Stevens; Vermillion M. ("Mindy") Daughtry who married John Fowler; Maisy H. ("Maizie") Daughtry who married J. B. Atkinson; Alexander Clayton Daughtry; James Morgan ("Jim") Daughtry; and Ellen J. Daughtry who married John T. Cannon.

Rachel and Bryant were farmers all their lives. They bought a farm in the Echo Beat and lived there for a brief period but the majority of their married life was spent on a farm near the Woodham Family Cemetery. They acquired several tracts of land west and south of the cemetery. The 1894 Dale County Tax book shows Rachel owning a tract running north-south, starting beside where Hunt Army Airfield is now (1990) on the Newton-Echo Road and including the 40-acre parcels all the way to the Choctawhatchee River, totaling 280 acres. She may have also owned additional land west of this tract.

Bryant was elected Sheriff of Dale County in 1868 and served one term.

Bryant died in 1880 and was buried in the Woodham Family Cemetery near their home.

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RACHEL WOODHAM, continued...

Rachel operated the farm for many years after of Bryant died and appears on the Dale County Tax books throughout the 1890's (the oldest existing for the county).

In 1900, she was living with her son, Alexander C. Daughtry. The date of her death is unknown but she does not appear on the 1910 US Census, indicating she died sometime between 1900 and 1910. She was buried in the Woodham Family Cemetery beside her husband Bryant on Row 9. However, her grave was marked only with rocks until 1989, when a descendant, Mrs. Roy Dancy, placed a granite tombstone on her grave. At the time the tombstone was erected, it was believed Rachel had died in the 1890's: this later proved incorrect and we now know she died after 1900.



HUSBAND'S NAME JOHN BRYANT DAUGHTRY

When Born 20 August, 1824 Where Sampson County, North Carolina

When Died 31 May, 1880 Where Dale County, Alabama

When Buried Where Woodham Cemetery, Newton, Ala.

When Married 20 June, 1845 Where Dale County, Alabama

Other Wives Number 1,2, etc.

His Father JOSHUA DAUGHTRY His Mother's Maiden Name BARBARA

His Grandfather ABRAHAM DAUGHTRY His Grandmother PRISCILLA

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME RACHEL WOODHAM

When Born 4 November, 1823 Where Darlington (Lee) County, SC

When Died 190- Where Dale County, Alabama

When Buried Where Woodham Cemetery, Newton, Ala.

Other Husbands Number 1,2, etc.

Her Father EDWARD HARLEY WOODHAM Sr. Her Mother's Maiden Name SARAH DOWLING

Her Grandfather EDWARD WOODHAM Jr. Her Grandmother MARY

Date _____

Compiler ROBERT EARL WOODHAM

Address _____

City _____ State _____

This information obtained from _____

"Some Early Settlers of Dale County, Ala."

Dale Co., Ala. Deed records

Woodham Cemetery tomb records

Judy Fowler, 1989

Lorraine Fowler Dancy, 1989

Perry Fulford

1850 to 1900 Dale Co., Al.

US Census records

Male or Female	CHILDREN (In order of birth)	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN		State or Country	WHEN DIED			MARRIED
		Day	Month	Year	City	County		Day	Month	Year	
F	1 UNITY DAUGHTRY	25	May	1846	Dale		Ala.				Who _____ When _____
M	2 ROBERT MARION DAUGHTRY	18	Oct.	1847	"	"	"	11Feb	1918		Who LUCINDA E. WARD When _____
F	3 SARAH MINERVA DAUGHTRY	2	Mar.	1849	"	"	"	Jul	1920		Who DANIEL FRANKLIN STEVENS When ca 1878
F	4 VERMILLION M. ("Mindy")	20	June	1852	"	"	"	June	1931		Who JOHN FOWLER When ca 1874
F	5 MAISY H. ("Maizie; Mazy")	9	Dec.	1855	"	"	"				Who J. B. ATKINSON When _____
M	6 ALEXANDER CLAYTON DAUGH. ("Jim")	17	Jan	1860	"	"	"	27Oct	1902		Who (1) LILLIE A. MIXON When 9 November, 1893
M	7 JAMES MORGAN DAUGHTRY ("Mattie")	10	June	1862	"	"	"	21Sep	1924		Who _____ When _____ 188-
F	8 MARTHA ELLEN JANE DAUGHTRY	13	Aug	1865	"	"	"	14Aug	1894		Who JOHN T. CANNON When 31 December, 1893
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	12										Who _____ When _____
	13										Who _____ When _____
	14										Who _____ When _____

RICHARD IRA WOODHAM

9 May, 1821

27 Nov., 1848

Richard Ira Woodham was born 9 May, 1821 in the Stokes Bridge Community of Old Darlington District, now part of Lee County, South Carolina. He was the son of Edward Harley Woodham Senior and Sarah Dowling.

Richard moved from South Carolina to the frontier of Dale County, Alabama with his parents and many other relatives about 1835 or earlier. They settled in the forks of the Choctawhatchee River where he lived until his death.

Richard died 27 Nov., 1848 and was buried in the Woodham Family Cemetery.

His grave is the oldest confirmed burial in the Woodham Cemetery. However, I am positive there were already other relatives buried there, especially children, and that it was an established cemetery before he died.

Richard's widow gave birth to their only child, Nancy Engrim Mary Isabell (Mary Isabell) Woodham, a few months after Richard's death. Mary married Thomas J. Tew and later lived in Coffee County, Alabama.

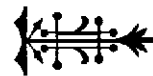
Nancy and "her only heir", Mary Isabel, sold their land in 1870.

Nancy moved to the Victoria Community of Coffee County sometime in the 1880's, probably to be near her daughter's family. Nancy died 19 Nov., 1890 and was buried at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Victoria.





RUFUS WOODHAM



29 Jan., 1920

-- Sept., 1944

Rufus Woodham was born 29 Jan., 1920 on the farm of Robert Walter ("Bud") Ward, his uncle, located west of Newville, Henry County, Alabama near the Dale County line. Rufus was the son of John Wesley Woodham and Lillie Mae Sanders and a grandson of Ira Edward Woodham and Millie Ann Enfinger. He was a great grandson of Edward Christopher ("Chris"; "C. C.") Woodham and his first wife Joanna Riley and a great great grandson of Aris Woodham Junior and his first wife Rachel Richardson.

Rufus moved with his parents and family to a farm which his father bought northwest of Iron City in Seminole County, Georgia. He grew up there in the Red Hill Community near the Red Hill Church. He attended school nearby at a small school which no longer exists.

Rufus married Norma Turnage on 5 Nov., 1938 in Donalsonville, Georgia. She was the daughter of Gordon W. Turnage and Mamie Johnson and was a native of Seminole County but lived many years in adjoining Decatur County. They had one son, Robert Earl Woodham who became the Woodham Family Historian and founder and president of the Woodham Family Association.

Rufus was a farmer throughout his life. He farmed for his father until 1943, when he bought a farm north of Donalsonville, just inside Miller County. He and Norma raised cotton and corn. They bought 10,000 young chicks as part of a federal government program to increase food production during World War II and raise these.

Their home became a popular gathering place for friends and neighbors. Both Rufus and Norma were fond of dancing and their home became a center for Saturday night square dances. During the war, a square dance was one of the rare occasions for people to gather and enjoy themselves. Folks came from three counties for these social events, coming by auto, truck and horse and wagon. Rufus often had to use his mules to pull friends out of the mud on the dirt road leading to their home following a dance.

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RUFUS WOODHAM, continued...

Rufus entered the US Army in early 1944 at Fort McPherson in Atlanta, Georgia. He entered boot camp later at Camp Blanding, south of Jacksonville, Florida. While there, his wife and son moved to Jacksonville, the nearest town where Norma took a job to support herself and their son Robert Earl. They visited Rufus every weekend at the Camp.

He entered the Army with a friend, Leon Williams of Donalsonville. They went through infantry training and became members of the same company for the rest of Rufus' tour of duty. Their infantry regiment was shipped out of Norfolk, Virginia in 1944 and was sent to action in Italy against the Germans.

Rufus was killed in September, 1944 by either a mortar or artillery shell, according to Williams who witnessed the end of his friend's life. His body was never recovered and although Williams saw him die, he was officially listed as missing in action for a year before he was declared dead in September, 1945.

In 1990, Robert Earl Woodham, son of Rufus, ordered several tombstones from the Veterans Administration for Woodhams buried at the Woodham Family Cemetery who had served in the Creek Indian War of 1836-37 and in the Confederate States Army during the War Between the States (1861-1865). At that time, he decided to erect a memorial tombstone for his father here since his burial site is unknown.

The memorial tombstone was erected on Row 13 near the grave of Mrs. Joanna Riley Woodham, his great grandmother.



Rufus Woodham

Memorial Marker

This memorial marker for Rufus Woodham was placed in the Woodham Family Cemetery by his son, Robert Earl Woodham, in 1989.

Rufus was the son of John Wesley Woodham and Lillie Mae Sanders; he was the grandson of Ira Edward Woodham and Millie Ann Enfinger; great grandson of Edward Christopher ("Chris"; "C. C.") Woodham and Joanna Riley.

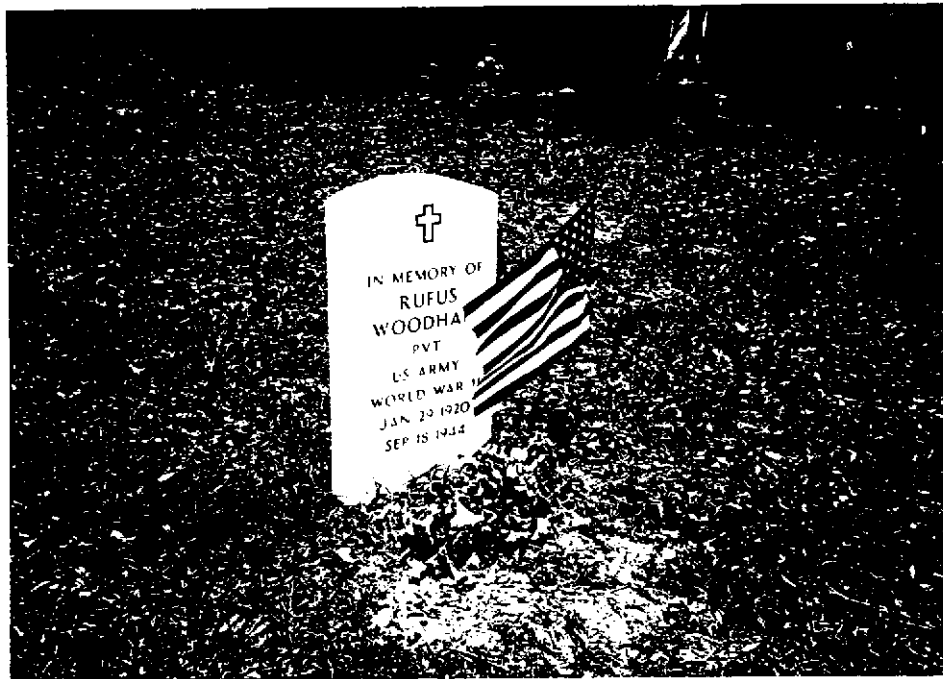
Rufus with his family as a child from near Newville, Alabama to a farm northeast of Iron City, in Seminole County, Georgia in 1926, where he grew up. He married Norma Turnage, a native of Seminole County. They had one child, Robert Earl Woodham.

Rufus bought a farm in Miller County, just north of Donalsonville, Georgia during World War II. There, he and Norma raised cotton and chickens. He later entered the Army in February, 1944. He trained at Camp Blanding, Florida.

He was shipped overseas to Italy and on 18 September, 1944, he was killed instantly by either a mortar or artillery shell. His best friend, Leon Williams, was with him at the time and witnessed the tragedy. His body was never recovered and his burial site is unknown. He was listed as "missing in action" for one year before being declared officially dead.

Rufus Woodham

Memorial Marker



This tombstone is located on Row 13, near the tombstone of Mrs. Joanna Riley Woodham.



SARAH FRANCES WOODHAM

Wife of URIAH DANIEL WOODHAM

5 Mar., 1860

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Sarah Frances Woodham was born 5 Mar., 1860 in Dale County, Alabama. She was the daughter of Presley Nelson ("Nelse") Woodham and Nancy Elizabeth Adkins. She was the granddaughter of Edward Harley Woodham Senior and Sarah Dowling.

Sarah married Uriah Daniel Woodham 17 Dec., 1881 in Dale County. Uriah was the son of Edward Christopher ("Chris", "C. C.") Woodham and Joanna Riley. They had at least nine (9) children, including five children who died as infants or very young. Their children who reached adulthood were: Aris Nelson Woodham; Alice Eolian Woodham who never married; Nancy Anne Hortense (Anne) Woodham who married Ellis V. Myers; and Mittie R. Woodham who married Benjamin L. Cannon. All of their children eventually moved to Columbus, Georgia where they all died. A son, Blanton Woodham, was born in 1895 and died sometime between 1900 and 1910 and is buried in Woodham Cemetery.

Both Sarah and Uriah appear on the 1900 US Census of Dale County but neither appear on the 1910 census, indicating both of them died sometime between 1900 and 1910.

They were both buried in the Woodham Family Cemetery. Their graves have never been marked with tombstones. Their five children who died young are buried with them.





SARAH LOVELIA WOODHAM

21 June, 1862

17 Mar., 1863

Sarah Lovelia Woodham was born 21 June, 1862 in Dale County, Alabama near the Woodham Family Cemetery. She was the daughter of Richard Edward L. Woodham and Elizabeth Ann Miller and a granddaughter of Frederick Woodham and Mary Ann Pollard. Sarah was the great granddaughter of Edward Harley Woodham Senior and Sarah Dowling.

Sarah died as a small child on 17 Mar., 1863, during the War Between the States.

Sarah was buried at the Woodham Family Cemetery in an unmarked grave.

Her father Richard served as a soldier in the Confederate States Army during the War Between the States. He was killed in a battle near Marietta, Georgia during the seige of Atlanta by the yankee army. He is buried at the Confederate Cemetery in Marietta.

Her mother remarried after Richard's death to Zachary R. Kea and they moved to Louisiana and died there. Richard's family Bible records the birth and death of Sarah. The Bible was handed down in the Kea family.



STEPHEN MOSES WOODHAM

(Moses, "Mode")

Apr., 1834

1908

Stephen Moses (Moses, "Mode") Woodham was born in April, 1834 in the Stokes Bridge Community of Old Darlington District, now part of Lee County, South Carolina. He was a son of Aris Woodham Junior and Caron H. Riley and a grandson of Aris Woodham Senior and Rachel Beasley.

Mode moved with his family to the frontier of Barbour County about 1835 and to Dale County, Alabama in 1836 and settled in the forks of the Choctawhatchee River with other relatives. He lived in this area near the Woodham Family Cemetery for the rest of his life.

Mode married Sarah Amanda Jane Galloway 26 Nov., 1856 in Henry County. Sarah was a cousin and the daughter of Elizabeth Woodham. She was a granddaughter of Athanasius Woodham, Mode's uncle. They had at least six children, only two of whom reached adulthood: John Wesley Woodham who married Almedia Ellen Hobbs; and Perry Caswell ("Cas") Woodham Senior who married (1) Amanda Jane Corley and (2) Mrs. Lucy Dobbins. A daughter, Nancy M., died young as did three infants whose names are unknown. All the children were buried in Woodham Family Cemetery.

During the War Between the States (1861-65), Mode enlisted as a private at Westville, Alabama in Company E, 15th Alabama Regiment of Infantry, which became part of the Confederate States Army. He took part in the battles of Winchester, Cross Keys, Cold Harbor, Second Manassas and Harpers Ferry, all in Virginia, some of the war's most famous conflicts.

Mode was severely wounded at the Battle of Sharpsburg, Maryland in 1862. He was captured while in the hospital at Spotsylvania, Virginia on 15 May, 1864 and held as a prisoner of war by the yankees.

Moses acquired land from his father Aris Junior in 1870 which was located in the forks of the

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STEPHEN MOSES WOODHAM, continued...

Choctawhatchee River. This 160 acre tract was Aris Junior's original homeplace. It includes the actual forks of the river itself and land to the west and south of the forks and just east of the four-lane bridge of US Highway 231 over the river.

Moses later bought land northeast of the Woodham Family Cemetery. This trace contained 160 acres and included what is now the northern portion of James Crooks Lake. Moses later sold this land in 1887 to his son, John Wesley Woodham. The southeast corner of this land was the intersection of Woodham Road and the Newton-Echo Road (called Bagwell's Crossroads).

Moses died in 1908; the exact date of death is unknown. He was buried at Woodham Family Cemetery in an unmarked grave.

His wife Sarah died in 1914 and was buried beside him. Their four children who died young are also buried with them.





SARAH AMANDA JANE GALLOWAY



(Mrs. STEPHEN MOSES WOODHAM)

Dec., 1834

-- 1914

Sarah Amanda Jane Galloway was born in December, 1834 in Henry County, Alabama. She was the daughter of Elizabeth Woodham and Edward James Galloway and a granddaughter of Athanasius Woodham and Mary Ann Kelly. She was a great granddaughter of Aris Woodham Senior and Rachel Beasley.

Sarah Amanda married her cousin Stephen Moses (Moses, "Mode") Woodham in Henry County on 26 Nov., 1856. He was the son of Aris Woodham Junior and Caron H. Riley and a grandson of Aris Woodham Senior and Rachel Beasley. They had at least six (6) children, only two of whom lived to adulthood: John Wesley Woodham and Perry Caswell ("Cas") Woodham Sr.

Sarah and Moses were farmers all their lives. They lived in the forks of the Choctawhatchee River where they obtained land from Moses' father Aris Jr. in 1870. They also bought other land in the area.

Moses died in 1908 and was buried in the Woodham Family Cemetery nearby where four of his infant children were already buried.

Sarah died in 1914 and was buried beside her husband and four children. Their graves are unmarked.



URIAH DANIEL WOODHAM



13 Mar., 1861

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Uriah Daniel Woodham was born 13 Mar., 1861 in Dale County, Alabama. He was a son of Edward Christopher ("Chris", "C. C.") Woodham and Joanna Riley and a grandson of Aris Woodham Junior and his first wife Rachel Richardson. He was a great grandson of Aris Woodham Senior and Rachel Beasley.

Uriah married Sarah Frances Woodham on 17 Dec., 1881. She was the daughter of Presley Nelson Woodham and Nancy Elizabeth Adkins and a granddaughter of Edward Harley Woodham Sr. and Sarah Dowling. They had at least nine (9) children, including five who died as young children. The four who reached adulthood were: Aris Nelson Woodham; Alice Eolian Woodham who never married; Nancy Anne Hortense (Anne) Woodham who married Ellis V. Myers; and Mittie R. Woodham who married Benjamin L. Cannon. A son, Blanton Woodham, was born in 1895 and died of pneumonia sometime between 1900 and 1910. Their four children who survived all eventually moved to Columbus, Georgia and died there. Aris Nelson, Anne and Mittie are all buried in Columbus; Alice Eolian was buried at Sylvan Grove Methodist Church near her aunt, Perthenia Edmonia Woodham.

Uriah and Sarah were farmers all their lives. They bought a farm which was located in the Ewell Beat, just northeast of Woodham Cemetery. They were living there in 1900.

Uriah died about 1908 and was buried at the Woodham Family Cemetery. His grave has no tombstone.

Sarah died in 1914 and was buried beside her husband and five children. None of their graves have tombstones.





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(Mrs. STEPHEN MOSES WOODHAM)

Dec., 1834

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Sarah and Moses were farmers all their lives. They lived in the forks of the Choctawhatchee River where they obtained land from Moses' father Aris Jr. in 1870. They also bought other land in the area.

Moses died in 1908 and was buried in the Woodham Family Cemetery nearby where four of his infant children were already buried.

Sarah died in 1914 and was buried beside her husband and four children. Their graves are unmarked.

HUSBAND'S NAME URIAH DANIEL WOODHAM Date _____
 When Born 13 March, 1861 Where Dale County, Alabama Compiler ROBERT EARL WOODHAM
 When Died _____ Where Dale County, Alabama Address _____
 When Buried _____ Where Woodham Cemetery, Newton, Ala. City _____ State _____
 When Married 17 December, 1881 Where Dale County, Alabama _____
 Other Wives Number 1,2, etc. _____ This information obtained from _____

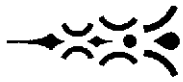
His Father EDWARD CHRISTOPHER WOODHAM His Mother's Maiden Name JOANNA RILEY "Genealogical Survey of Beat
 His Grandfather ARIS WOODHAM Junior His Grandmother RACHEL RICHARDSON Nine, Dale Co., Al." E.T.
 Riley

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME SARAH FRANCES WOODHAM
 When Born 5 March, 1860 Where Dale County, Alabama
 When Died _____ Where Dale County, Alabama
 When Buried _____ Where Woodham Cemetery, Newton, Ala. 1870, 1880, 1900 Dale Co. Al.
 (US Census records)
 Other Husbands Number 1,2, etc. _____

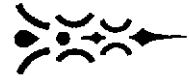
Her Father PRESLEY NELSON WOODHAM Her Mother's Maiden Name NANCY ELIZABETH ADKINS 1893 Dale Co. (died)
 Her Grandfather EDWARD HARLEY WOODHAM Sr Her Grandmother SARAH DOWLING

Male or Female	CHILDREN (In order of birth)	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN		State or Country	WHEN DIED			MARRIED
		Day	Month	Year	City	County		Day	Month	Year	
M	1 ARIS NELSON ("Nels") WOODHAM	13	Oct.	1884	Dale		Ala.	18	Feb	1951	Who (1) FLORA TERESA WINDHAM When (2) JULIA JACKSON
?	2 Infant WOODHAM			188-	"		"			188-	Who died child; buried When Woodham Cemetery
F	3 ALICE EOLIAN WOODHAM	4	July	1887	"		"	7	May	1959	Who never married; buried When Sylvan Grove, Dale Co.
F	4 NANCY ANNE HORTENSE (Anne) WOODHAM	8	Mar.	1889	"		"			197-	Who ELLIS V. MYERS When
?	5 Infant WOODHAM			189-	"		"			189-	Who died child; buried When Woodham Cemetery
?	6 Infant WOODHAM			189-	"		"			189-	Who died child; buried When Woodham Cemetery
M	7 BLANTON WOODHAM	12	Feb.	1895	(3)	"	"			190-	Who died young of pneumonia When buried Woodham Cemetery
?	8 Infant WOODHAM			189-	"		"			189-	Who died child; buried When Woodham Cemetery
F	9 MITTIE R. WOODHAM	18	DEC.	1895	(?)	"	"				Who BENJAMIN L. CANNON When
	10										Who When
	11										Who When
	12										Who When
	13										Who When
	14										Who When

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ZILLIE WOODHAM



May, 1879

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1879

Zillie Woodham was born in May, 1879 in Dale County, Alabama. She was the infant daughter of Ira Edward Woodham and Millie Ann Enfinger.

Zillie was a twin of Dillie Woodham. Dillie died at birth and was buried in Woodham Family Cemetery.

Zillie lived for several months until her death and was buried at Woodham Cemetery beside Dillie. Their graves are to the left of their grandmother, Mrs. Joanna Riley Woodham's grave on Row 12.

The two infant's graves are not marked with a tombstone.





REDMAN R. BAGWELL



(Redden, Reddin, Redin, "Redman", etc.)

13 Mar., 1810

Oct., 1866

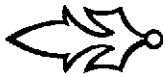
Reddin R. ("Redman", Redden, Redin) Bagwell was born 13 Mar., 1810 (1813) in South Carolina. He settled in Gwinnett County (now suburban Atlanta), Georgia probably in the 1830's.

Reddin married Rhoda Corley sometime in the 1830's. They had at least thirteen (13) children: William R. Bagwell; John W. A. Bagwell who died as a Confederate soldier at Charlottesville, Virginia during the War Between the States; Larkin R. M. V. Bagwell who married Argent; James A. J. Bagwell who died as a Confederate soldier in the Battle of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania during the War Between the States; Curtis G. ("Curt") Bagwell who married Martha Ann Stevens; Nancy Bagwell; Rhoda Jane (Jane) Bagwell who married Daniel Enfinger; Daniel M. Bagwell; Pinkston V. ("Pink") Bagwell who married Elizabeth; Louisa P. Bagwell who married John Franklin Everett; Joseph W. Bagwell; Baxley H. Bagwell; and Sarah L. ("Sallie" L. Bagwell who married John Wesley Enfinger Senior (brother of Millie Ann Enfinger who married Ira Edward Woodham).

Reddin was a farmer. So were his sons. Larkin R Bagwell eventually acquired land from the Woodham family at the intersection of Woodham Road and the Newton-Echo Road which remained in the Bagwell family for many decades. This intersection became known as "Bagwell's Crossroads".

Reddin became a neighbor and friend of the Woodham family. Upon his death in October, 1866, he was buried in the Woodham Family Cemetery near where he lived. His grave was marked with a tombstone.

His wife Rhoda lived nearby for many more years until her death in October, 1898. She was buried beside Reddin. Rhoda's grave was not marked with a tombstone until 1992, when a descendant, Lon L. Everett of Bonifay, Florida raised funds from descendants to erect a tombstone over her grave which is an exact copy of her husband's tombstone.



RHODA CORLEY



(Mrs. REDDIN R. BAGWELL)

— 1813

Oct., 1898

Rhoda Corley was born in 1813 in Georgia. Her parents are unknown.

She married Reddin R. ("Redman") Bagwell sometime in the 1830's. they had at least thirteen (13) children: William R. Bagwell, John W. A. Bagwell, Larkin R. M. V. Bagwell, James A. J. Bagwell, Curtis G. ("Curt") Bagwell, Nancy Bagwell, Rhoda Jane (Jane) Bagwell, Daniel M. Bagwell, Pinkston V. ("Pink") Bagwell, Louisa P. Bagwell, Joseph W. Bagwell, Baxley H. Bagwell and Sarah L. ("Sallie") Bagwell. All their children were born in Gwinnett County, Georgia except Sarah, who was born after the family moved to Alabama. Four of Rhoda's sons served as soldiers in the Confederate Army during the War Between the States: two of them died as soldiers.

Rhoda and Reddin moved from Gwinnett County, Georgia to Dale County, Alabama in 1858 where they lived for the remainder of their lives. Rhoda and Reddin are the ancestors of all the Bagwells in the Wiregrass region (tri-state area of Alabama, Florida and Georgia). Reddin died in 1866 and was buried at the Woodham Family Cemetery near where they lived. His grave was marked with a tombstone.

Rhoda lived for many years after her husband died. The 1894 Dale County Tax Book indicates the only Bagwell who owned land in the immediate area of the Woodham Cemetery was Larkin R. He may have obtained this land from his father (or mother) or directly from the Woodham family who previously owned it--which is not known due to the destruction of public records when the county courthouse burned in the 1880's.

Rhoda may have lived with her son Larkin R. until her death, since he was the only son owning land in the immediate area. Larkin and his wife were buried at Center Methodist Church in the Center Community of Henry County. When the family first moved to Dale County, Center was the nearest Methodist church for them to attend, despite the distance.

HUSBAND'S NAME REDDEN R. (Redman, Reddick) BAGWELL Date _____
 When Born 13 March, 1810 Where South Carolina Compiler ROBERT EARL WOODHAM
 When Died October, 1866 Where Dale County, Alabama Address _____
 When Buried _____ Where Woodham Cemetery, Newton, Ala. City _____ State _____
 When Married ca 1837 Where Georgia This information obtained from _____
 Other Wives Number 1,2, etc. _____
 His Father _____ His Mother's Maiden Name "Some Early Settlers of Dale Co."
 His Grandfather _____ His Grandmother "Genealogical Survey of Beat Nine Dale Co., Al." E.T. Riley

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME RHODA CORLEY
 When Born _____ 1813 Where Georgia Woodham Cemetery inscriptions
 When Died October, 1898 Where Dale County, Alabama 1850 Gwinnett Co., Ga. (census)
 When Buried _____ Where Woodham Cemetery, Newton, Ala. 1860 Dale Co., Ala. (census)
 Other Husbands Number 1,2, etc. _____ 1870 " (Rhoda) (census)
 Her Father _____ Her Mother's Maiden Name 1880 " (") (csnsus)
 Her Grandfather _____ Her Grandmother _____

Male or Female	CHILDREN (In order of birth)	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN		State or Country	WHEN DIED			MARRIED
		Day	Month	Year	City	County		Day	Month	Year	
M	1 WILLIAM R. BAGWELL			1839	Gwinnett		Ga.	19Jun	1862	Who nm; died in CSA Army When	
M	2 JOHN N. A. BAGWELL			1840	"		"	20May	1862	Who died in CSA Army at When Charlottesville, Va.	
M	3 LARKIN R. M. V. BAGWELL	9	Sept.	1842	"		"	29Jan	1905	Who ARGENT When ca 1876	
M	4 JAMES A. J. BAGWELL			1843	"		"	3July	1863	Who nm; died in CSA Army When at Gettysburg, Penn.	
M	5 CURTIS G. ("Curt") BAGWELL	15	Jun	1844	"		"	23Sep	1916	Who MARTHA ANN STEVENS When 27 March, 1873	
F	6 NANCY BAGWELL			1845	"		"			Who When	
F	7 RHODA JANE (Jane) BAGWELL	19	Jun	1847	"		"	192-		Who DANIEL ENFINGER When 3 March, 1878	
M	8 DANIEL M. BAGWELL			1849	"		"			Who laura When	
M	9 PINKSTON V. ("Pink") BAGWELL			1850	"		"			Who ELIZABETH When ca 1869	
F	10 LOUISA P. BAGWELL			1852	"		"	192-		Who JOHN BENJAMIN EVERETT When	
M	11 JOSEPH W. BAGWELL			1854	"		"			Who When	
M	12 BAXLEY H. BAGWELL			1856	"		"			Who When	
F	13 SARAH L. ("Sallie") BAGWELL			Nov. 1859	Dale		Ala.			Who JOHN WESLEY ENFINGER Sr When ca 1878	
	14									Who When	



SARAH L. BAGWELL

("Sallie")

Wife of JOHN WESLEY ENFINGER Sr.

Nov., 1859

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Sarah L. ("Sallie") Bagwell was born in November, 1859 near what is now called Bagwell's Crossroads in Dale County, Alabama. She was the daughter of Redin R. Bagwell and Rhoda Corley. She was born shortly after the family moved here from Gwinnett County, Georgia.

Sallie married John Wesley Enfinger Senior about 1878. John Wesley was a son of Nicholas Enfinger and Margaret Beverett and a was a brother of Millie Ann Enfinger who married Ira Edward Woodham.

Sallie and John Wesley had at least seven (7) children: Charles Henry ("Charlie") Enfinger who married Viola Condrey; John Wesley Enfinger Junior who married (1) Estella Blackman and (2) Mrs. Edith Keel; Dilly Louise Enfinger who married Abraham H. Powers; Daisy H. Enfinger who married W. P. Posey; Louis Frank ("Squash") Enfinger who married Hettie Vann; James T. Enfinger and Archie C. Enfinger.

Sallie died sometime between 1910 and 1916. According to her daughter-in-law Mrs. L. F. (Hettie) Enfinger and a granddaughter, Mrs. Jewel Powers Hale (daughter of Dilly Louise Enfinger and Abraham Powers), Sallie was buried at the Woodham Family Cemetery where her parents are buried and where two of her young sons, James T. and Archie C. Enfinger were buried.

Sallie's grave has no tombstone and the exact site is unknow.

John Wesley Enfinger Sr. later remarried and moved to the Ashford, Alabama area in Houston County. He is buried near Ashford at Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery.

HUSBAND'S NAME JOHN WESLEY (Wesley) ENFINGER Senior

When Born 12 April, 1858 Where Calhoun County, Florida
 When Died 19-- Where Houston County, Alabama
 When Buried Where Liberty Bapt. Church, Ashford, Al
 When Married ca 1878 Where Dale County, Alabama
 Other Wives (2) EULA MAE ENFINGER (m. 19 July, 1916)
 Number 1,2, etc.
 His Father NICHOLAS ENFINGER His Mother's Maiden Name MARGARET BEVERETT
 His Grandfather DANIEL ENFINGER His Grandmother

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME (1) SARAH L. ("Sallie") BAGWELL

When Born November, 1859 Where Dale County, Alabama
 When Died abt 191- Where Ala. 1860 Calhoun Co., Fl. (census)
 When Buried Where Woodham Cemetery, Newton, Ala. 1870 to 1910 Dale Co. Al. "
 Other Husbands
 Number 1,2, etc.
 Her Father REDDEN R. BAGWELL Her Mother's Maiden Name RHODA CORLEY
 Her Grandfather Her Grandmother

Date _____
 Compiler ROBERT EARL WOODHAM
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____

This information obtained from

Mrs. Hettie Enfinger, 1990
 Mrs. Jewel Powers Hale, 1990

Male or Female	CHILDREN (In order of birth)	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN		State or Country	WHEN DIED			MARRIED	
		Day	Month	Year	City	County		Day	Month	Year	Who	When
M	1 CHARLES HENRY ("Charlie") ENFINGER	3	Sept.	1879 ⁸	Dale	Ala.	194-	Who	VIOLA CONDREY	When	7 February, 1907	
M	2 JOHN WESLEY Junior ENFINGER	12	Apr.	1882	"	"	19--	Who	(1) ESTELLA BLACKMAN	When	(2) Mrs. EDITH KEEL	
F	3 DILLY LOUISE ENFINGER	18	Nov.	1885	"	"	4May, 1970	Who	ABRAHAM H. POWERS	When	8 July, 1906	
F	4 DAISY H. ENFINGER		Nov.	1887	"	"	1988	Who	W. P. POSEY	When	16 February, 1913	
M	5 LOUIS FRANK ("Squash") ENFINGER	12	Feb.	1893	"	"	Oct. 1959	Who	HETTIE VANN	When	13 September, 1925	
M	6 JAMES T. ENFINGER		Feb.	1894	"	"	190-	Who	nm; died child; buried	When	Woodham Cemetery	
M	7 ARCHIE C. ENFINGER			1895	"	"	1896	Who	died child; buried	When	Woodham Cemetery	
	8							Who		When		
	9							Who		When		
	10							Who		When		
	11							Who		When		
	12							Who		When		
	13							Who		When		
	14							Who		When		



ANNIE BAULDREE

1903

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Annie Bauldree was one of triplet daughters born out of wedlock to Mittie Cordelia Bauldree, daughter of Priscilla Adeline (Adeline) Daughtry and John Q. Bauldree. Adeline was a sister of Major Holland ("Fox") Daughtry who married Nellie Woodham and of John Bryant Daughtry who married Rachel Woodham.

The triplets were given to their grandmother Adeline for care. Annie and another triplet, Fannie, died as children. The third triplet reached adulthood.

Annie was buried in the Woodham Cemetery, where her grandfather was already buried. John Q. Bauldree has a tombstone over his grave. His wife Adeline was buried to his left. Annie and Fannie are buried to her left; both children are in unmarked graves.





FANNIE BAULDREE

1903

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Fannie Bauldree was one of triplet daughters born in 1903 out of wedlock to Mittie Cordelia Bauldree, daughter of Priscilla Adeline (Adeline) Daughtry and John Q. Bauldree. Adeline was a sister of Major Holland ("Fox") Daughtry who married Nellie Woodham and of John Bryant Daughtry who married Rachel Woodham.

The triplets were given to their grandmother Adeline for care. Fannie and another triplet, Annie, died as children. The third triplet reached adulthood.

Fannie was buried in the Woodham Cemetery, where her grandfather was already buried. John Q. Bauldree has a tombstone over his grave. His wife Adeline was buried to his left. Annie and Fannie are buried to her left; both children are in unmarked graves.





JOHN Q. BAULDREE

-- 1835

1 Dec., 1891

John Quinton (or Quincy) Bauldree (Baldree) was born in 1835 in Georgia. His middle name has been given as both Quinton and Quincy to the author but no public document has been found with the middle name spelled out so I cannot state which is correct. His parents are unknown to me.

John Q. Bauldree married Priscilla Adeline (Adeline, "Aline") Daughtry about 1858 in Dale County, Alabama. She was the daughter of Joshua Daughtry Sr. and his wife Barbara and a granddaughter of Abraham Daughtry and his wife Priscilla.

Priscilla was a ^{SISTER} ~~brother~~ of Major Holland ("Fox") Daughtry and John Bryant Daughtry, two brothers who married two Woodham girls. She and John Q. also lived near the Woodham Family Cemetery and since they had family connections to the Daughtry brothers and their Woodham wives, she buried her husband there when John Q. died in 1891.

According to Dale County history related in the *Southern Star*, an Ozark newspaper, and the books *Forgotten Trails* and *Claybank Memories* (1989), John Q.'s daughter, Georgia Ann carried on a love affair with Reverend Henry Duncan, a married man with three children and a minister. Georgia Ann was 16 years old at the time. John Q. reportedly convinced Duncan to poison his wife Dolly so he could marry Georgia. Dolly was poisoned by Rev. Duncan with morphine; he was arrested, tried and found guilty of murder. He was hung on the public square in Ozark. Newspaper accounts state at least 5,000 people showed up for the hanging, the largest crowd ever to assemble in Dale County up to that time. On the gallows, Rev. Duncan finally confessed that Dolly *was* murdered but said before dying that John Q. Bauldree had been the one who actually purchased the morphine and that Georgia Ann had been the one who actually poisoned Dolly. This was his dying statement before being hung.

Georgia later married and moved to Texas.



ELLA BRACKIN

13 Apr., 1891

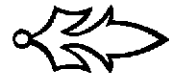
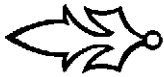
15 Feb., 1895

Ella Brackin was born 13 Apr., 1891 in Dale County, Alabama. She was the daughter of Martha Malinda ("Mattie") Woodham and William Jasper Brackin. She was a granddaughter of Edward Harley Woodham Junior and his first wife Ann Elizabeth and a great granddaughter of Edward Harley Woodham Senior and Sarah Dowling and great great granddaughter of Edward Woodham Junior and Mary.

Ella died as a child on 15 Feb., 1895 and was buried at the Woodham Family Cemetery on Row 8. Her grave is marked with a tombstone.

Ella's father is buried at Newton Cemetery and has a tombstone on his grave. There is no tombstone at Newton Cemetery for Mattie and she may have been buried at the Woodham Cemetery. Mattie was living in Dale County in 1920 but the date of her death is unknown.





CANNON INFANT

Martha Ellen Jane ("Mattie") Daughtry married John T. Cannon on 31 Dec., 1893 in Dale County, Alabama. Mattie was the daughter of Rachel Woodham and John Bryant Daughtry and a granddaughter of Edward Harley Woodham Senior and Sarah Dowling.

Mattie gave birth to a child in 1894 which died not long afterwards and was buried in the Woodham Family Cemetery in an unmarked grave on Row 9.

Mattie died shortly afterward, on 14 Aug., 1894. She was buried beside her infant on Row 9. Her grave is marked with a tombstone.

Her husband later remarried and died in 1937 and is buried at the Lee Cemetery northeast of the Woodham Cemetery.



ELIZABETH CORLEY



(Mrs. WILLIAM H. WHITLOCK)

Elizabeth Corley, wife of William Henry Whitlock, is buried at the Woodham Family Cemetery in a grave without a tombstone on Row 5.

Elizabeth was the mother of Eula Aldonia Whitlock who married James Henry Woodham, son of John Wesley Woodham and Almedia E. Hobbs. Elizabeth was also related to Amanda Jane Corley, wife of Perry Caswell ("Cas") Woodham Senior who are buried at the cemetery.

It has not been confirmed whether Elizabeth's husband, William Henry, was buried at the cemetery or not. If so, both their graves lie to the right of Perry Caswell Woodham and his wife Amanda.

In 1989, Juanita Carroll Enfinger (Mrs. Ben Hill Woodham) and her husband poured cement slabs on the formerly unmarked graves of Perry Caswell and Amanda Corley Woodham's graves.

Juanita attended the funeral of Elizabeth Corley Whitlock which was held at the Cemetery. This was in either 1932 or 1933. No exact date of Elizabeth's death is known.



JOHN BRYANT DAUGHTRY

(Bryant)

20 Aug., 1824

31 May, 1880

John Bryant (Bryant) Daughtry was born 20 Aug., 1824 in Sampson County, North Carolina. He was the son of Joshua Daughtry and his wife Barbara.

Bryant moved with his parents to Henry County, Alabama sometime in the 1820's. They later settled in the forks of the Choctawhatchee River about 1837. He lived in Dale County the rest of his life.

Bryant married Rachel Woodham 20 June, 1845 in Dale County. She was the daughter of Edward Harley Woodham Senior and Sarah Dowling. They had at least eight (8) children: Unity Daughtry; Robert Marion ("Capp") Daughtry who married Lucinda A. Ward; Sarah Minverva Daughtry who married Daniel Franklin Stevens; Vermillion M. ("Mindy") Daughtry who married John Fowler; Maisy H. ("Maizie", "Masy", "Mazy") Daughtry who married J. B. Atkinson; Alexander Clayton Daughtry who married Lena Mixon; James Morgan ("Jim") Daughtry who married out west or in Alaska and died in Alaska; and Martha Ellen J. ("Mattie") Daughtry who married John T. Cannon.

Bryant was a brother of Major Holland ("Fox") Daughtry who married Nellie Woodham, daughter of Aris Woodham Junior.

Bryant was a farmer all his life and acquired a farm in Beat 10, the Clopton Community, sometime during the 1860's. He was unable to serve as a soldier during the War Between the States due to a permanently crippled leg caused when a mule fell on him. Following the war, during the infamous "reconstruction" era when the South was under military occupation by yankee troops, Bryant was elected Sheriff of Dale County. He held this post for one term, from 1868 to 1872.

Bryant and his family were living in the Clopton area in 1870 when the US Census listed his

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JOHN BRYANT DAUGHTRY, continued...

occupation as Sheriff and farmer. Rachel apparently inherited land or money from her parents when they both died in 1865, for sometime during the 1870's, Rachel and Bryant moved back to the area near the Woodham Family Cemetery. They acquired a farm near the Woodham Family Cemetery.

Bryant died 31 May, 1880 at the home of his brother, Fox, who lived just down the road. Bryant was buried at the Woodham Family Cemetery. He is buried on Row 9 and a tombstone was erected on his grave (broken as of 1990).

According to the 1894 Dale County Tax Book, Rachel owned a tract of 40-acre lots, stretching from next to what is now the Hunter Army Airfield (next to the Woodham Family Cemetery), all the way to the Choctawhatchee River.

Rachel was later buried beside him in an unmarked grave. (Her grave was marked with a tombstone by a descendant in 1989).



MARTHA ELLEN J. DAUGHTRY

("Mattie"; Ellen Jane)

13 Aug., 1865

13 Aug., 1894

Martha Ellen Jane ("Mattie"; Ellen Jane; "Ella") Daughtry was born 13 Aug., 1865 in Dale County, Alabama. She was the daughter of Rachel Woodham and John Bryant Daughtry and a granddaughter of Edward Harley Woodham Senior and Sarah Dowling.

Mattie Ellen married J. T. Cannon on 31 Dec., 1893 in Dale County.

Mattie gave birth to an infant in 1894. The infant died and was buried on Row 9 at the Woodham Family Cemetery. The infant's grave is unmarked.

Mattie died not long after the child and was buried on Row 9. Her grave is next to that of her parents. Her grave is marked with a tombstone.



MAJOR HOLLAND DAUGHTRY

("Fox")

25 Dec., 1825

21 Nov., 1906

Major Holland ("Fox") Daughtry was born 25 Dec., 1825 in Sampson County, North Carolina. He was a son of Joshua Daughtry Senior and his wife Barbara. The name "Major" was part of his name and not a military rank. He was nicknamed "Fox" and called this all his life.

Fox moved to Henry County, Alabama during the 1820's with his father when the area was still part of the frontier and still claimed by the Creek Indian Nation. Seminole Indians were still living nearby.

According to a list of early settlers of Dale County, Fox's family moved there in 1837.

Fox married Nellie Woodham about 1856 in Dale County. She was the daughter of Aris Woodham Junior and his second wife Caron H. Riley. Nellie and Fox had at least nine children.

Fox owned several tracts of land near the Woodham Cemetery in his lifetime, including two 40-acre tracts starting east of Bagwell's Crossroads and running to just west of the intersection of the Newton-Echo Road and US Highway 231. They had a home just down the road from the Woodham Cemetery.

Fox served as a soldier in the Confederate States of America Army during the War Between the States (1861-65). At the end of the war, he held the rank of Lieutenant.

Fox's brother, John Bryant Daughtry married Rachel Woodham. He was elected Sheriff of Dale County in 1868 for one term ending in 1872.

Fox was elected Sheriff of Dale County sometime in the 1890's and held office for at least one term. Fox and Nellie farmed all their lives, including the period while he served as Sheriff. Fox was a highly respected citizen of the community and served as administrator of several neighbors and relatives' estates, including as administrator of his father-in-law, Aris Woodham Junior.

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MAJOR HOLLAND DAUGHTRY, continued...

Fox died 21 Nov., 1906 and was buried nearby at the Woodham Family Cemetery where his brother was already buried. Nellie erected a beautiful tombstone with a very tall spire over his grave.

His wife died in 1910 and was buried beside him. Her grave was marked with a handsome tombstone.

During the 1980's, their grandson, James B. Daughtry, erected granite coping which encloses the two graves and added granite rock ground cover over the site.



PRISCILLA ADELINE DAUGHTRY

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Priscilla Adeline (Adeline) Daughtry was born about 1836 in Henry County, Alabama. She was the daughter of Joshua Daughtry Senior and his wife Barbara, natives of Sampson County, North Carolina who first settled in Henry County, Alabama in the 1820's and later in Dale County.

Adeline married John Quinton (or Quincy) Bauldree (Baldree) in the 1850's. They had at least seven (7) children: Roxey A. Bauldree; Frances Rebecca Bauldree who married Samuel Josiah Judah; Georgia Ann Bauldree who married W. J. Babston; Ella Bauldree who married C. P. Pilcher; John M. Bauldree who married Ida T. Daughtry; Cordelia Mittie Bauldree who probably never married; and James R. Bauldree.

Their daughter Georgia Ann carried on a love affair with Reverend Henry Duncan, a married man with three children, when Georgia Ann was about 16 years old. She convinced Reverend Duncan to poison his wife Dolly so he could then marry Georgia. Dolly was poisoned by Reverend Duncan with an overdose of morphine. He was later tried for murder and hung on the square at Ozark. Newspaper accounts report at least 5,000 people observed the hanging, the largest gathering ever held in Dale County up to that time. Georgia later married another man and moved to Texas.

John Q. died in 1891 and was buried at the Woodham Family Cemetery. His grave has a tombstone on Row 9.

Priscilla's daughter, either Cordelia M. or Georgia--which cannot be confirmed--had triplet daughters out of wedlock. The children were given to their grandmother Priscilla to raise. Two of the triplets, Annie and Fannie, died very young and were buried at the Woodham Family Cemetery next to their grandfather.

Priscilla died sometime after 1900 and was buried beside her husband on Row 9 at the Woodham Cemetery. Her grave has never been marked with a tombstone.

SARAH MINERVA DAUGHTRY

Mrs. DANIEL FRANKLIN STEVENS

2 Mar., 1849

July, 1920

Sarah Minerva Daughtry was born 2 Mar., 1849 in Dale County, Alabama near the Woodham Family Cemetery. She was the daughter of Rachel Woodham and John Bryant Daughtry and a granddaughter of Edward Harley Woodham Senior and Sarah Dowling.

Sarah married Daniel Franklin ("Frank") Stevens about 1878. He was a son of Wiley and Mary Stevens. They had one child who died as an infant. No other surviving children are known.

The infant was buried at the Woodham Family Cemetery in an unmarked grave.

Her husband Frank died in 1911 and was buried at the Woodham Cemetery where his parents were buried. His grave is marked with a tombstone on Row 5.

Sarah died in July, 1920 and was buried beside her husband on Row 5. Her grave is marked with a tombstone.



ARCHIE C. ENFINGER

Infant Son of JOHN WESLEY ENFINGER Sr.

1895

1896

Archie C. Enfinger was born in 1895 in Beat 8, near Midland City, Alabama. He was a son of John Wesley Enfinger Sr. and Sarah L. ("Sally") Bagwell. He was a grandson of Nicholas Enfinger and Margaret Beverett and a nephew of Millie Ann Enfinger, wife of Ira Edward Woodham. Archie was also a grandson of Reddin R. Bagwell and Rhoda Corley.

Archie died as a baby in 1896. The exact dates of his birth and death are unknown.

He was buried in the Woodham Family Cemetery where his grandparents had been buried. His mother and a brother were later buried here also.



JAMES T. ENFINGER

Son of JOHN WESLEY ENFINGER Sr.

Feb., 1894

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James T. Enfinger was born in February, 1894 in Beat 8, near Midland City, Alabama. He was a son of John Wesley (Wesley) Enfinger Senior and his first wife Sarah L. ("Sally") Bagwell. He was a grandson of Nicholas Enfinger and Margaret Beverett, and a nephew of Millie Ann Enfinger, wife of Ira Edward Woodham. He was also a grandson of Redden R. Bagwell and Rhoda Corley.

James died as a child sometime between 1900 and 1910.

He was buried at Woodham Family Cemetery, where his mother and grandparents were also buried.

The exact location of his grave is unknown.



MAJOR HOLLAND GLOVER

22 Apr., 1911

28 May, 1912

Major Holland Glover was born 22 Apr., 1911 in Dale County, Alabama. He was the son of Carrie Cordelia ("Cary", "Caria"; "Delia") Daughtry and her husband Lonnie A. Glover. He was a grandson of Nellie Woodham and Major Holland ("Fox") Daughtry and a great grandson of Aris Woodham Junior and Caron H. Riley.

He was the youngest child of Carrie and Lonnie. M. H. Glover died as a child on 28 May, 1912 and was buried at the Woodham Family Cemetery on Row 1 next to his grandparents Nellie and Fox.

His grave is marked with a cement slab.



SAMUEL M. GOLDEN

("Sam")

1874

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Samuel M. ("Sam") Golden (Golding) was born in 1874 in Dale County, Alabama.

Sam 's parents are unknown to me; his grandfather may have been John J. Golden (Golding). John J., as a widower with several children, married Mrs. Mary Ann Pollard Woodham in 1858. Mary Ann was the widow of Frederick Woodham, son of Edward Harley Woodham Sr. and Sarah Dowling.

Sam married first to Dovie Dean in 1899. They had at least one daughter, Willie Mae Golden who married J. A. Dean in 1917.

After the death of Dovie, Sam married second to Lena Mae Bauldree who some sources state was the daughter of Ida Daughtry and John M. Bauldree. However, the US Census records do not show any such child for Ida Daughtry. Ida married John M. Bauldree (Baldree) in 1889 and had at least five children, the first born in 1894.

Sam and his second wife Lena had at least one daughter, Lora May Golden born in 1909 and who married James W. Williamson in 1924.

Sam worked at a lumber sawmill. In a tragic accident, he was killed when the huge rotor blade severed his body in two.

Sam was buried at Woodham Family Cemetery. His grave was marked only with rocks and a brick.

In 1988, Robert Earl Woodham and Thomas L. Woodham placed additional bricks at Sam's grave. However, these bricks were later removed by someone.

Sam's grave has been identified by relatives and is on Row 8, directly in front of a large oak.

Mrs. JAMES REYNOLDS

Mrs. James Reynolds, whose name is unknown, was probably born in the late 1870's or early 1880's. She married James Reynolds.

James Reynolds owned a farm adjacent to the Woodham Family Cemetery in 1894, according to the 1894 Dale County Tax Book. His two 40-acre tracts were located north and south of the Newton-Echo Road and included part of what is today the Hunter Army Air Field.

It is not known whether he was the same person as James A. Reynolds, who owned a farm on the south side of this farm and joining it. That farm, listed in the name of James A. Reynolds, joined another one owned by John E. Reynolds.

It is also not known as yet (1990) whether Mrs. Reynolds was related to the Woodham family or any other family that was already buried at the Woodham Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. James Reynolds had a son, Jimmie, in 1898 that lived only a few months before dying. The infant was buried in the adjoining Woodham Family Cemetery on Row 6. His grave is marked with a tombstone.

According to Florence Hester ("Het") Woodham Andrews, Mrs. Reynolds later died and was buried beside her infant son in an unmarked grave. James Reynolds later remarried a second time and had children by his second wife.



JIMMIE REYNOLDS

20 Mar., 1898

2 Oct., 1898

Jimmie Reynolds was born 20 Mar., 1898 on the farm of his parents just south of the Woodham Family Cemetery. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Reynolds.

Jimmie died as an infant 2 Oct., 1898 and was buried at the nearby Woodham Cemetery. His grave is located on Row 6 a few spaces to the right of Edward H. Woodham Sr. and his wife Sarah. It is marked with a tombstone.

His mother, whose name is unknown, died not long afterward and was buried beside her infant. Her grave is unmarked. It was confirmed by Florence Hester ("Het") Woodham Andrews.



ANZILLIE RILEY

("Anna"; "Annie")

Mrs. HENRY TERRELL ENFINGER

2 Jan., 1891

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1915

Anzillie ("Anna"; "Annie") Riley was born 15 Jan., 1891 in Dale County, Alabama. She was the daughter of Moses Riley and his second wife, Laura F. Keahey (Kahe) and a granddaughter of John Riley and his wife Mary.

Annie was a niece of Joanna Riley who married Edward Christopher ("Chris"; "C. C.") Woodham, a son of Aris Woodham Sr. She was also a niece of Caron H. Riley who was the second wife of Aris Woodham Senior. Both these aunts are buried in the Woodham Family Cemetery.

Anzillie married Henry Terrell Enfinger in 1905. He was the son of Daniel Enfinger and his second wife Nancy Rhoda Jane (Jane; Rhoda Jane) Bagwell. Rhoda Jane's parents were Redden R. Bagwell and Rhoda Corley who are both buried in the Woodham Family Cemetery. Anzillie and Henry had five children: Ollie Belle Enfinger who married Cooper McDaniel; Lewis Franklin Enfinger who died young; Daniel F. ("Ponnie") Enfinger who married Emily Lenora Brown; and Betsy and her twin whose name is unknown who both died as infants.

Annie and Henry lived near the Woodham Family Cemetery, between the cemetery and the Ewell Community and in the Ewell Beat. He was a farmer.

In 1915, Annie gave birth to twin daughters, Betsy and another child whose name is unknown. The unknown twin died soon after birth. Betsy lived for a while. At the time of the births, one of the largest floods ever to hit the nearby Choctawhatchee River had caused the river to flood the entire valley below the Woodham Cemetery with flood waters reaching more than a mile wide. The flood washed out all the few bridges across the river.

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ANZILLIE RILEY, continued...

When the infants died, the family could not get across the river's flood waters. Otherwise, the family would have buried the twins at Center Methodist Church in the Center Community of Henry County where Annie's family were members and are buried.

Since Annie's two aunts were buried there and her husband's mother's family, the twins were buried at Woodham Cemetery as an alternative to Center Church. The twins were buried on Row 3. A single cement slab marks their grave.

Annie died not long after the death of the twins. The flood still blocked any river crossing and Annie was buried beside her two twin infants. Her grave is marked with a cement slab and bricks. Annie's eldest child, Ollie Belle Enfinger, was about eight years old when her mother died and still recalls the funeral and burial (as of 1988).

Henry Terrell Enfinger died about 1922 and was buried at the Ewell Cemetery in nearby Ewell Community, near where he and Annie had lived. It is not known why he was not buried beside his wife.



SENN Infant

A family named Senn moved into the area near the Woodham Family Cemetery sometime in the 1930's or 1940's (?), according to James Ople Woodham.

They were very poor and worked on other people's farms in the area.

The family had an infant who died soon after birth. They asked if they could bury the child in the Woodham Family Cemetery and Woodham family members said they could.

The Senn family later moved away from the area and were never seen again.

The Senn infant's grave is not marked with a tombstone and its location is unknown.



MARTHA ANN ELIZABETH STEVENS

Mrs. CURTIS G. BAGWELL

15 June, 1851

30 Nov., 1908

Martha Ann Elizabeth Stevens was born 15 June, 1851 in Georgia. She was the daughter of Wiley Stevens and his wife Mary.

Martha Ann moved to Dale County, Alabama with her parents about 1858 and lived here for the rest of her life.

She married Curtis G. ("Curt") Bagwell 27 Mar., 1873 in Dale County. He was a son of Redden R. Bagwell and Rhoda Corley. Martha Ann and Curt had at least eleven (11) children: James Wesley Bagwell who married Josephine Newton; John M. Bagwell who married Aquilla Whittle; Mary Elizabeth ("Mollie") Bagwell; William C. Bagwell who married Mary Benefield; Daniel Frank Bagwell who married Laura Keahey; Pinkston V. ("Pink") Bagwell who married Mary Mathews; Middleton ("Mid") Bagwell who married Lela; Cle-tus Bagwell; and three children who died very young.

The three children of Martha Ann and Curt who died as small children were buried at the Woodham Family Cemetery where Martha Ann's and Curt's parents were all buried also.

Martha Ann died 30 Nov., 1908 and was buried on Row 4 at the Woodham Cemetery. Her grave is marked with a tombstone.

Her husband was later buried beside her. Their three children are buried beside them in un-marked graves.



Mrs. MARY STEVENS

15 Nov., 1895

1895

Mrs. Mary Stevens, whose maiden name is unknown, was born in Georgia 15 Nov., 1820.

She married Wiley Stevens about 1845.

Mary and Wiley had at least seven (7) children: Mary Ann E. Stevens; John B. Stevens; Martha Ann E. Stevens who married Curtis G. Bagwell; Daniel Franklin ("Frank") Stevens who married Sarah Minerva Daughtry, daughter of Rachel Woodham and John Bryant Daughtry; William H. Stevens who married Martha Emma A. Miller; A. G. Stevens; and Joseph E. Stevens whose wife was Laura.

The Stevens lived in Georgia until the early 1860's, when they moved to Dale County, Alabama. Their youngest child Joseph, was born in 1864 in Dale County; all their other children were born in Georgia. Wiley and Mary settled near the Woodham Cemetery and lived in the area the remainder of their lives.

They became neighbors and friends of the Woodham family and married into the family.

As a result of the family connection, when Mary died in 1895, she was buried at the Woodham Family Cemetery, the nearest cemetery to where they lived. The exact date of her death is not known, since only her age was inscribed upon her tombstone.

She was buried on Row 5. Her grave is marked with a tombstone.



WILEY STEVENS

11 Oct., 1815

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1899

Wiley Stevens was born 11 Oct., 1815 in Georgia. No research has been done on him prior to his moving to Alabama.

Wiley moved his family from Georgia to Dale County, Alabama during the early 1860's. Their first six children were born in Georgia and the youngest, born in 1864, was born in Dale County.

Wiley's wife was Mary, whose maiden name is unknown. They had at least seven (7) children. One of their sons, Daniel Franklin ("Frank") Stevens, married Sarah Minerva Daughtry, daughter of Rachel Woodham and John Bryant Daughtry.

Their children were: Mary Ann E. Stevens; John B. Stevens; Martha Ann E. Stevens who married Curtis G. Bagwell; Daniel Franklin ("Frank") Stevens; William H. Stevens who married Martha Emma A. Miller; A. G. Stevens; and Joseph E. Stevens who married Laura.

Wiley was a farmer.

Wiley's wife Mary died in 1895 and was buried at the Woodham Family Cemetery near where they lived.

Wiley died in 1899 and was buried beside his wife, on Row 5. His grave is marked with a tombstone.



WILEY

STEVENS (STEPHENS)

Date _____

HUSBAND'S NAME _____

When Born 11 October, 1815 Where Georgia Compiler ROBERT EARL WOODHAM

When Died _____ Where Dale County, Alabama Address _____

When Buried _____ Where Woodham Cemetery, Newton, Ala. City _____ State _____

When Married ca 1845 Where Georgia _____

Other Wives Number 1,2, etc. _____

This information obtained from _____

His Father _____ His Mother's Maiden Name _____

His Grandfather _____ His Grandmother _____

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Nine, Dale Co., Al." E.T. Riley
Woodham Cemetery inscriptions

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME MARY

When Born 15 November, 1820 (22) Where Georgia

When Died _____ Where Dale County, Alabama

When Buried _____ Where Woodham Cemetery, Newton, Ala.

Other Husbands Number 1,2, etc. _____

Her Father _____ Her Mother's Maiden Name _____

Her Grandfather _____ Her Grandmother _____

1870 Dale Co., Al. (csnsus)
1880 " " (census)

Male or Female	CHILDREN (In order of birth)	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			State or Country	WHEN DIED			MARRIED
		Day	Month	Year	City	County	Day		Month	Year		
F	1 MARY ANN E. STEVENS			1846			Ga.				Who _____ When _____	
M	2 JOHN B. STEVENS	26	Feb.	1849			"	28	Jun	1921	Who _____ When _____	
F	3 MARTHA ANN E. STEVENS	15	Jun	1851			"	30	Nov	1908	Who <u>CURTIS G. BAGWELL</u> When <u>27 March, 1873</u>	
M	4 DANIEL FRANKLIN ("Frank") STEVENS		Apr	1863			"	1	Mar	1911	Who <u>SARAH MINERVA DAUGHTRY</u> When <u>ca 1878</u>	
M	5 WILLIAM HENRY STEVENS	18	Apr	1856			"				Who <u>MARTHA EMMA A. MILLER</u> When <u>January, 1880</u>	
M	6 A. G. STEVENS			1859			"				Who _____ When _____	
M	7 JOSEPH E. STEVENS		Jun	1864		Dale	Ala.				Who <u>(1) VICTORIA HOLT</u> When <u>(2) LAURA</u>	
M	8 WILEY J.		23 Apr.	1838						27 Jun 1862	Who <u>died as CSA soldier in</u> When <u>Richmond, VA</u>	
M	9 BENJAMIN			1840							Who _____ When _____	
	10										Who _____ When _____	
	11										Who _____ When _____	
	12										Who _____ When _____	
	13										Who _____ When _____	
	14										Who _____ When _____	

WILLIAM H. STEVENS

-- 1856

-- 19--

William H. Stevens was born in 1856 in Georgia. He was the son of Wiley and Mary Stevens.

The Stevens family moved from Georgia to Dale County, Alabama and settled near the Woodham Family Cemetery during the early 1860's. The family became friends and neighbors of the Woodham family.

William H. married Martha Emma A. Miller in January, 1880. They had at least ten (10) children: Mary ("Mollie") Stevens who married J. W. Sketo; Wiley Stevens who married Mittie Deal; Sarah Ann Stevens who married Noah Whittle; Edward Shelby (Shelby) Stevens; James Stevens; William E. ("Willie") Stevens; Carrie Jewel Stevens; Cora Stevens who died as a teenager; Perry R. ("Harry") Stevens; and Callie Stevens.

William's wife Martha Ann died in 1900 and was buried at the Woodham Family Cemetery where his parents were buried and near where they lived.

Martha Ann's grave on Row 5 is marked with a tombstone. Their daughter Cora died in 1911 and was buried near her mother. Cora's grave is marked with a tombstone.

William was still living in 1920 and died sometime after that; he was buried beside his wife in an unmarked grave.



MARTHA EMMA A. MILLER

Mrs. WILLIAM H. STEVENS

Nov., 1869(62)

10 Mar., 1900

Martha Emma A. (Emma) Miller was born in Dale County, Alabama. Her parents are unknown.

She married William H. Stevens in January, 1880 in Dale County. He was the son of Wiley Stevens and his wife Mary. They had at least ten (10) children: Mary ("Mollie") Stevens who married J. W. Sketo; Wiley Stevens who married Mittie Deal; Sarah Ann Stevens who married Noah Whittle; Edward Shelby (Shelby) Stevens; James Stevens; William E. ("Willie") Stevens; Carrie Jewel Stevens; Cora Stevens who died as a teenager; Perry R. ("Harry") Stevens; and Callie Stevens.

Martha Ann died 10 Mar., 1900 and was buried at the Woodham Family Cemetery on Row 5. Her grave is marked with a tombstone.

Her husband was later buried beside her. His grave is not marked with a tombstone.



HUSBAND'S NAME WILLIAM H. STEVENS Date _____
 When Born 18 April (Mar) 1856 Where Gwinnett County, Georgia Compiler ROBERT EARL WOODHAM
 When Died _____ 19-- Where Dale County, Alabama Address _____
 When Buried _____ Where Woodham Cemetery, Newton, Ala. City _____ State _____
 When Married January, 1880 Where Dale County, Alabama _____
 Other Wives Number 1,2, etc. _____ This information obtained from

His Father WILEY STEVENS His Mother's Maiden Name MARY "Genealogical Survey of Beat
 His Grandfather _____ His Grandmother _____ Nine, Dale Co., Al." E.T. Riley

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME MARTHA EMMA A. (Emma) MILLER
 When Born November, 1869 Where Dale County, Alabama
 When Died 10 March, 1900 Where Dale County, Alabama
 When Buried _____ Where Woodham Cemetery, Newton, Ala.
 Other Husbands Number 1,2, etc. _____
 Her Father _____ Her Mother's Maiden Name _____
 Her Grandfather _____ Her Grandmother _____

Male or Female	CHILDREN (In order of birth)	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN		State or Country	WHEN DIED			MARRIED
		Day	Month	Year	City	County		Day	Month	Year	
F	1 MARY ("Molly") STEVENS	2	Oct.	1881	Dale		Ala.				Who JOHN WESLEY SKETO When 21 December, 1899
F	2 SARAH ANN B. STEVENS	6	Sept.	1885	"		"				Who NOAH W. WHITTLE When 1903
M	3 WILEY STEVENS	28	Sep.	1883	"		"				Who MITTIE A. DEAL When 2 August, 1905
M	4 EDWARD SHELBY (Shelby) STEVENS	31	May	1887	"		"	23	May	1913	Who _____ When _____
M	5 JAMES STEVENS	13	Feb.	1889	"		"				Who _____ When _____
M	6 WILLIAM E. ("Willie") STEVENS	17	Apr.	1890	"		"	15	Jul	1936	Who _____ When _____
F	7 CARRIE JEWELL STEVENS	26	Jan.	1893	"		"				Who _____ When _____
F	8 CORA STEVENS	26	Jun.	1895	"		"	1	Jan.	1911	Who nm; died young; buried When Woodham Cemetery
M	9 PERRY R. ("Harry") STEVENS	20	Jan.	1897	"		"				Who _____ When _____
F	10 CALLIE STEVENS	9	Aug.	1898	"		"				Who _____ When _____
	11										Who _____ When _____
	12										Who _____ When _____
	13										Who _____ When _____
	14										Who _____ When _____

Child of WILLIAM H. STEVENS

William H. Stevens (Stephens) and his wife Martha Emma A. Miller had a child, which one is unknown, who died and is buried at the Woodham Family Cemetery.

The child is buried between her mother, whose grave is marked with a tombstone, and Cora Stevens, another child of William H. Cora's grave is also marked with a tombstone.

Nothing is known of four of William H. and Emma's children and this may be one of them.



Restoration

Woodham Family Cemetery

Dale County, Alabama



Moodham Family Cemetery



November, 1987

view shows heavy underbrush which had grown up during years of neglect;
beneath this thick brush and leaves are bricks and rocks outlining several graves

Restoration Comes After Decades of Neglect

It is a known fact that when living people have no memories of those persons buried at a cemetery, that cemetery will decline and eventually "disappear". Our Woodham Family Cemetery at Newton, Alabama has not had any burials since the 1930's. The last *exact* date for a burial that I know of was in January, 1933. Only a few people are still alive today who can remember any funerals there.

It is little wonder therefore that our cemetery has deteriorated. Relatives who can still remember those buried at the cemetery have themselves grown older and die off. Today only a very few grandchildren of those buried there are still living. When they are gone, there will be no one left with any personal knowledge of our ancestors buried there and when personal memory of relatives fade, so too does any love and respect for their graves.

The cemetery began its slow decline in the 1940's when regular and organized cleanings became less and less frequent. By 1987, there had not been any such cleanings in several decades.

Brush, young trees and weeds grew unchecked and eventually covered almost all of the site. A few relatives continued to clean off individual burial plots or particular graves. Numerous graves had been marked with wooden crosses or carved wooden markers. Most of these were lost by grass fires while others simply rotted. Our family burial grounds finally reached such a sorry condition that few people passing by on the highway next to it even knew there was a graveyard there.

This was the state of the Woodham Cemetery in 1987 when an Ozark, Alabama accountant and would-be land developer, Wade Keller, bought the land surrounding the graveyard and decided to lay claim to its ownership. He apparently had heard or read about the Woodham Family Association and thought the family club was loaded with money. He contacted Association President Robert Earl Woodham and offered to sell "his" cemetery back to the Woodham family.

Only the lowest level of greed could bring someone to try and defraud a family into paying a huge amount of money for their own ancestor's graves that they had never sold in the first place.

Alarm Raised Over Danger Facing Our Cemetery

After Robert Earl received Keller's letter, he prepared an issue of the official family newsletter with an article warning about the danger the historic family graveyard was facing. He knew the Woodham Family Association no longer had enough members to be an effective force in restoring the site but he hoped the thousands of living descendants of those buried there would at least rally together for this cause.

He mailed the *Woodham Family Journal* at the end of October. Only a very small number of relatives in the immediate area responded. However, those who did answer the call were proud of their heritage and very determined.

The first to respond was James Ople ("Jim") Woodham. Upon reading the article, he called his brother Rex and the two immediately began cleaning up the cemetery.

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August 28, 1987

Robert Earl Woodham
Woodham Family Journal
P.O. Box 7446
Atlanta, Ga. 30357

Dear Mr. Woodham,

Enclosed is a survey of a plot containing a Woodham Cemetery. The cemetery is in considerable disrepair in that the woods have taken over. However the tombstones appear to be intact. Most of the graves are around the turn of the century.

I had the cemetery surveyed out from the 72 acres I purchased in hopes of transferring it to a responsible organization that would maintain it.

If you are interested or can direct me to a responsible group that might be interested, I would be glad to entertain a reasonable offer.

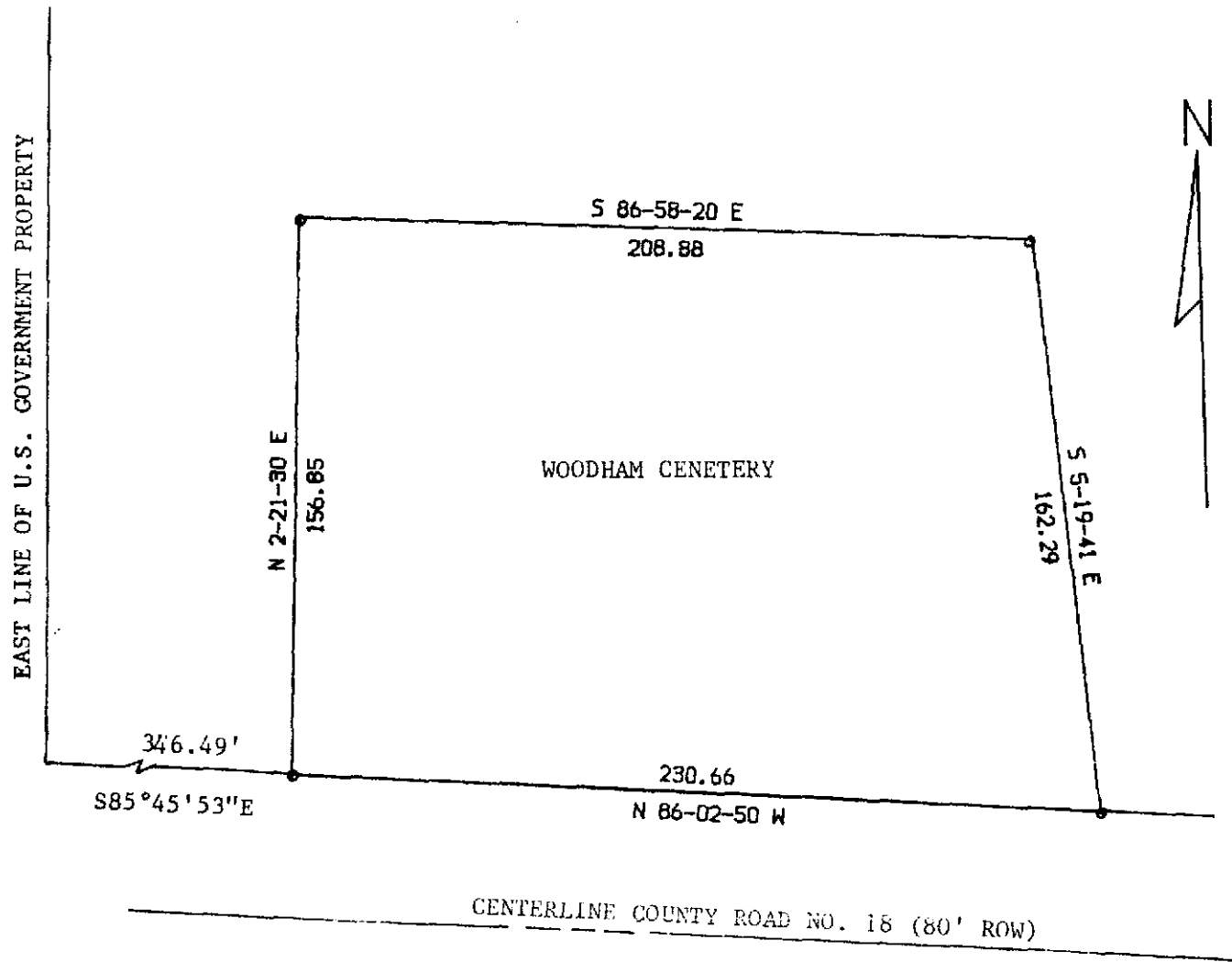
Sincerely,



Wade Keller
Certified Public Accountant

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DESCRIPTION

A parcel of land in Dale County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows; Commencing at the intersection of the east property line of the U.S. Government Property and the north R/W of County Road No. 18, and thence S85°45'53"E along the north R/W of said road 346.79 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; and thence N02°21'30"E 156.85 feet to an iron pipe, thence S86°58'20"E 208.88 feet to an iron pipe, thence S05°19'41"E 162.29 feet to an iron pipe on the north side of said road, thence N86°02'50"W along the north R/W of said road 230.66 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel being in the NW½ of the SE¼ of Section 30, T5N, R25E, and containing 0.8 acres more or less and being all of the Woodham Cemetery.

Cleanup Begins After Alarm Goes Out

James Ople ("Jim") Woodham had grown up near the Woodham Family Cemetery but he had never realized that it was his own family's ancestral burying grounds. He had bought land at the intersection of US Hwy. 231 and the Echo--Newton Road, within sight of the Cemetery where he built Woodham's Mini Mart, a convenience store and resurant. When he received a copy of the family newsletter with the article about the danger the cemetery faced, he and his brother Rex immediately took tools and started cleaning up the site. The next day, Thomas Letrell (Letrell or "Tom") Woodham came by and joined in. They worked on the Cemetery for the remainder of the week.

The next Saturday, 7 November, Jim, Rex, Letrell, Ben H. Woodham and his wife Juanita and others met at Jim's store. They formed a Cemetery Committee and elected Jim as chairman and Juanita as secretary-treasurer. They decided there would be certainly be a need for funds. They took up the first collection that day.

There have been no known burials at the Cemetery since the 1930's. The grandchildren of the last kinfolks buried there are now elderly grandparents and great grandparents and there are few of these grandchildren left living today. As the Cemetery became inactive, more and more relatives died off who had once been physically and emotionally close to those buried there; memory of those buried there began to dim.

As the memory of our ancestors there faded, so did the care and maintenance of the site. Fewer and fewer cemetery cleanings were held. By the 1960's, it had grown over with weeds and underbrush. People living in a mobile home next to the cemetery dumped their trash and garbage in an area of the cemetery where there was no tombstones over the graves there. By the 1970's, people passing by on the county highway in front of the graveyard did not even realize there was a cemetery there.

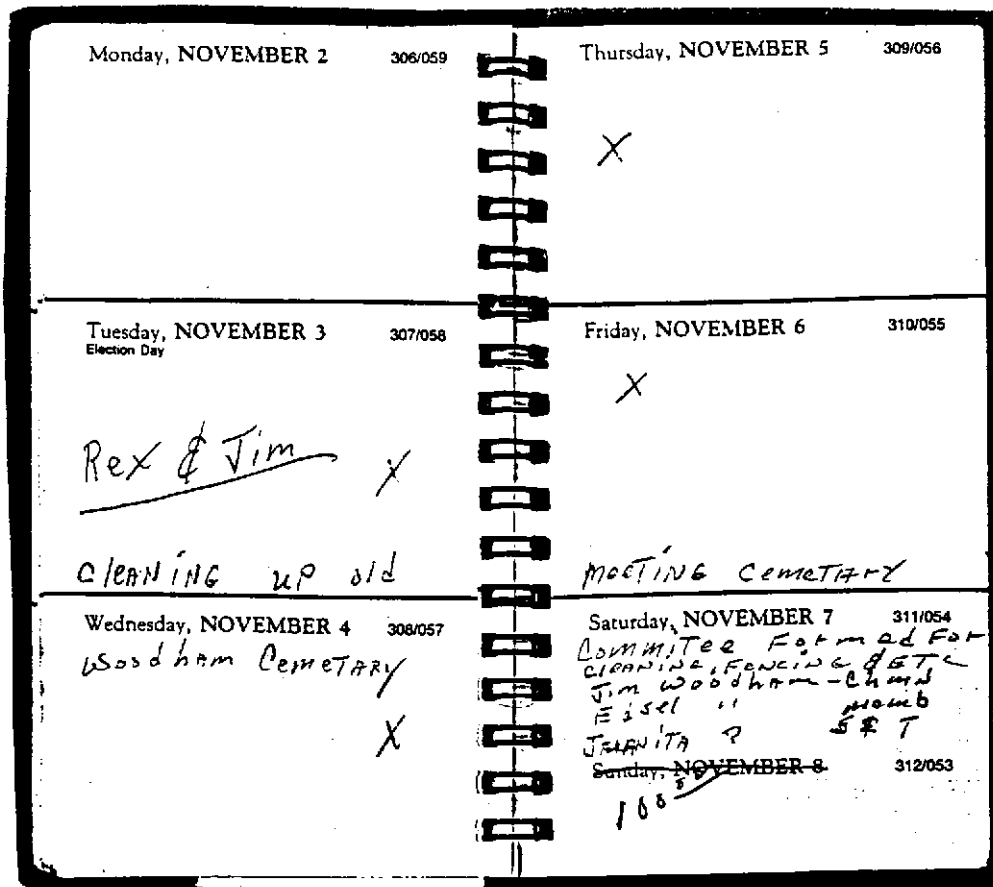
The Committee placed a notice in the Ozark newspaper the following week calling for all descendants of those buried in there to attend and help in restoring the restoration of the Cemetery. It was the first organized cleaning of Woodham Cemetery in several decades.

Woodham Cemetery Committee

First Committee Meeting

7 November, 1987

The first meeting of relatives to form a Cemetery Committee for the Woodham Family Cemetery was held Saturday, 7 Nov., 1987 at the restaurant owned by James Ople ("Jim") Woodham within sight of the Cemetery. The following is a copy of the note made by Thomas Letrel ("Tom") Woodham on the occasion. It shows the group elected Jim as chairman; Edsel Woodham as vice chairman and Juanita Carroll Woodham as secretary-treasurer.



News article in an Ozark, Alabama
newspaper

Help Restore Woodham Cemetery; Attend Meeting November 19

Interested persons who would like to help restore Woodham Cemetery located on Highway 18 are invited to meet Nov. 19 at 7pm at Woodham's Mini Mart on Highway 231.

The committee will discuss the restoration project which is under-

way according to Juanita Woodham, treasurer.

Plans are being made to fence the area around the cemetery and to grass it over.

Interested individuals can contact Mrs. Woodham at 795-6156.

THE SOUTHERN STAR Wednesday, November 11, 1987-

122 White Avenue
Ozark, Ala. 36360
Nov. 14, 1987

Dear Robert Earl,

It was nice to get your newsletter. Had not had a letter from you in so long--not even after I sent the batch of newsclippings. Decided you either did not get them (some were in newsletter) or did not want them anymore. Am sending those that I have clipped since that time--not many.

Have not been to last two reunions for two reasons--did not know for sure whether or not they were being held--nor exactly where. With the weather so hot and my health not good--I have no energy to use up driving around hunting the place. Be sure in your last newsletter before reunion that you state what hour, where and what will be held at a given time. You failed to do this lately and nobody down here knew for sure what you had planned. Myra Woodham called me two years ago to ask--somebody from Dothan had called her and I could not tell her anything because Your newsletter did not mention those details--only that a reunion would be held.

After I got your newsletter (same day) I called Wade Keller to inquire about the cemetery down here. He did have it for sale--He asked if I wanted it for myself and I said "no" but I was interested to know about it. I ask "What is your asking price?" He said, "Well, I haven't set a price but James Woodham bought some land in the area - - - - - I think maybe I did make him a price of \$10,000." I said, "TEN THOUSAND DOLLARD". He said "yes". I could not believe I had heard him correctly but I had. I told him there was no Woodham that I knew of that had that kind of money nor would they spend it that way. He said two or three times--"What do you think they would pay, Would they make me an offer, what about the Woodham organization?" I assured him I could not answer his questions but I did not think anybody would make an offer because his price was so high nobody could or would even think about that. Wade is in my church and seems like a very smooth operator--I was surprised that he would even be involved in trying to "sell" a cemetery much less trying to hijack the prospective buyers.

The next night, J. B. Daughtry from Dothan called me. He had talked to maybe Edsel, Rex and Ben (I think). He suggested offering Wade \$1,500 for the one acre cemetery and one additional acre to make a Woodham Park. I told him I was not interested in making any offer at all--First, the cemetery would be all that anybody could keep up and I thought if no offer was made to buy--the cemetery would still belong to the Woodham family--you don't sell cemeteries. I think Wade got the impression from somebody that the Association maybe had money and would pay a big price for the cemetery--he'd make enough off the sale to pay for some of the acreage he bought. I assured him the Assn. had no money and would not be buying that.

When the Star came out this week this notice was in it. I called Juanita Woodham and she said nobody was going to pay Wade anything but they were going to clean it up and fence it and that was that.

James Crooks and his sister Gaynell Dildy sold Wade the land and they are both my friends. I had dinner with them last night and they said their Daddy bought the land many, many years ago (they are my age and grew up next door to the cemetery). The cemetery was there all the time and their Daddy did not consider that he owned the cemetery nor did they consider that they sold Wade the cemetery because they did not own it. Wade can't sell something he does not have a title to. Gaynell said her Daddy had 130 acres of land. U. S. Govt. took 100 acres that they wanted for a landing field. She was almost sure the deed they gave to Wade read "29 acres more or less--she said we always thought the "more or less" allowed for the one acre cemetery to be deleted from the 130 acres. Anyway, I don't think he will do anything to the cemetery but Juanita says they are going to clean it up. (over)

My Woodhan family met a Guntersville last June. We had a good attendance but my generation is getting much older and health is failing. I have had some very hard times. They found out last Nov. that all four heart valves are leaking and nothing except medication can be done about it. I keep doing what and when I can but life gets very hard at times. My latest heartbreak is that my son-in-law in Mobile has been diagnosed with cancer--the fastest and worst kind as well as the most painful kind. He got sick Oct. 19. They operated Oct. 23 for ruptured appendix. The appendix was cancerous and they operated again Nov. 2 and removed all the colon on the right side and part of his stomach. They have not been able to get the infection under control even though they have given him everything they know about. He is still on the serious list and things don't look good at all. The cancer is a very rare kind and does not respond to any known treatment so barring a miracle (which we pray for) the time will be painful and short. My daughter has a little girl 5 and one almost 12. We are heartbroken and nothing we can do about it. I have not been able to go and help her--which is killing me but I just can't go and get sick and add to her problems. As I said, Life is not easy.

Hope things are going well with you and it seems that it is.
Let me hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Ruby Knight

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Restoration Began In 1987

Robert Earl Woodham first called for restoration of the two Woodham Family Cemeteries at Newton, Alabama and Bishopville, South Carolina during the 1st Woodham Family National Reunion in 1979. He also founded the Woodham Family Association, a national, non-profit family club that year and was elected its president. He said restoration of the two family burial grounds would be one of the main goals of the new family club.

Unfortunately, the family became divided during the second year of the Association when the club's secretary literally took control of the organization. Through political maneuvering, she actually held the purse strings of the Association's treasury and denied Robert Earl funds to print and mail the family newsletter, the *Woodham Family Journal* or any other purpose. She demanded Robert Earl quit doing research on his mother's family and spend all his time on just Woodham research. Robert Earl has always done family research as a hobby: no one *pays* him to "work" on his hobby. Robert Earl doesn't get paid for all the work he does for the family club nor for the work he does on family history research. Yet, here was a person who had never done anything for the Woodham family who was now *demanding* he spend all his own time and his own money on her terms. After refusing to allow Robert Earl funds to print a family newsletter, the secretary started her own newsletter. She succeeded in dividing the family into two family clubs: her's lasted another two years but her club ended up with the treasury funds. After her group disbanded, they donated almost \$2,000 to a bible society. That would have been enough to put a fence around one of the family cemeteries.

Robert Earl has spent a great deal of effort since then trying to put the family back together. Needless to say, this piece of shameless power play put a severe damper upon the goal of restoring the two family cemeteries. That was put on hold to await the "restoration" of a strong family club that could sponsor such a project.

While these shenanigans were going on, one Woodham Family Cemetery was still growing up in weeds while the other was still being plowed over. A sad state of affairs indeed. Only after a greedy, money-hungry land developer tried to pull off an illegal land grab for our family cemetery did our family finally respond to the cemetery's call for help.

In the 1980's, an accountant in Ozark, Ala., Wade Keller, bought the land around the Woodham Cemetery near Newton and then laid claim to our historic family cemetery as his own property. On 28 Aug., 1987, he wrote Robert Earl that he now owned our cemetery and was looking for a buyer. He had a survey made of the area he claimed was covered by the cemetery. His survey actually cut off almost one half of the cemetery land, which he planned to sell to build a home on. He planned to "develop" the surrounding land for private housing around a small private pond next to the cemetery.

Robert Earl immediately wrote him that the Woodham family had never sold their family burying ground and had no intention of ever doing so. He informed Keller in no uncertain terms that Keller did NOT own the Woodham's family graveyard.

Robert Earl quickly put out an issue of the family newsletter with an article about the problem with Keller. Upon receiving the newsletter, Ruby Woodham Knight of Ozark immediately called Keller to find out what was going on. He offered to sell it to her. He told her that he was considering a price of \$10,000 for what he claimed to be 0.8 acre of land. He also told Ruby that the Woodham family could "lease" their own family cemetery for \$1,500 a year.

On Sunday, 1 Feb., 1988, Robert Earl was working at his home in Columbus, Georgia when cousin Mrs. Adrian Hundley Roper, daughter of Tessie Inez Woodham, walked in and found him crying and very upset. Adrian asked what in the world was wrong. He replied that he had a premonition that "something was terribly wrong and the Woodham Cemetery was in danger." He said he had a strong urge to go to Alabama to find out what was wrong and to try and protect the cemetery but that his old car just couldn't make the trip. Adrian said to be ready at 5 AM the next morning--she would take him.

Adrian and Robert Earl were waiting at the Dale County courthouse at Ozark when it opened the next morning. He began searching old deeds in hopes of finding some official record to prove our family had never sold their family burying ground and that Keller did not own it.

Several other Woodham relatives had already visited the courthouse and one family even hired an attorney but so far, no one had been able to locate anything that could prove the family still owned our ancestor's graves. A lot of time was wasted

trying to find records on the administration of the estate of the father of James Crooks who died in 1946. Robert Earl finally realized the estate had never been administered and was never divided among the widow and his two children. It remained in the hands of the widow until her death and afterwards, her son James Crooks managed the land for himself and his sister until they sold the property to Keller. Crooks told several people that his father had never thought he owned the Woodham cemetery and that when James sold his land to Keller, he never thought it included the Woodham Cemetery.

Robert Earl then did a complete title trace on the land back to the oldest deed for the land still preserved in the courthouse. That deed was dated 1890. Unfortunately, the Dale County courthouse burned in 1884 and all public records of Dale County prior to then were destroyed. A few people came to the courthouse after the fire and re-recorded their deeds and other records.

Edward Harley Woodham Sr. acquired the land around the Cemetery by purchase. He had acquired several other large tracts nearby by homestead, becoming the "original" or first owner of the land by buying a homestead from the federal government in the early 1830's and 1840's. He also purchased other tracts in the area. His nephew, Aris Woodham Jr., settled next to Edward and Aris Jr. also acquired many tracts by homesteading and purchase. Together, they acquired several hundred acres of land.

It is not known when or to whom the property around the Cemetery was sold or inherited after Edward died in 1865. It is known that some of the adjoining land went to his son Presley Nelson ("Nels").

When the surrounding land was finally sold outside our family is also unknown. Nor is it known to whom it was first sold. The land contained within the Cemetery, containing according to deeds, "one acre, more or less", was reserved for family ownership and has never been "sold" outside the Woodham family. Under common law, it will remain family property "in perpetuity"--or forever. Robert Earl found that the surrounding land had changed hands eight times since 1890. That 1890 deed stated that all the land was being sold "except one acre belonging to the Grave Yard."

After the courthouse closed, Adrian and Robert Earl went straight to James Ople

("Jim") Woodham's restaurant and store near the Cemetery to tell him about the deeds they found. Jim told Robert Earl there had been a lot of activity that day at the Cemetery, so they rode over to see what was going on. Keller's construction crew had used a road scraper to bulldoze a road through the north part of the Cemetery, intending to build a paved road down to the adjoining pond called James Crooks Lake. The cemetery lies on top of the hill overlooking the valley of the nearby Choctawhatchee River and also the little valley formed by the stream which feeds the adjoining man-made pond. When the pond was built, a large amount of dirt was taken from next to the Cemetery to construct the earthen dam, forming a steep cliff and drop-off just beyond the Cemetery boundary. The construction crew had already cut Keller's planned road several feet deep into the Cemetery property. They apparently planned to cut down at least 20 to 30 feet deep in the Cemetery for the road.

The new roadcut ran over graves that had no tombstones but which had been marked with bricks, stones and concrete building blocks. The construction activity removed all signs of those graves.

Robert Earl then realized what his "premonition" of danger to the Cemetery was all about. He immediately called Keller and demanded a meeting with him that night before he and Adrian returned to Columbus. Keller at first claimed to have "three or four" meetings that night and couldn't make it. Robert Earl said he would wait. Keller hehaved around and then said he had "five or six" meetings he had to attend. Robert Earl again replied he would wait. Keller finally said he had "seven or eight" meetings. Robert Earl said he would wait in front of Keller's home until he got home because he must see him before he returned to Columbus--regardless of how long it took. Keller relented and said he would be at Jim's restaurant in half an hour.

As soon as Robert Earl hung up, Jim got on the phone and called several people to tell them what had happened. By the time Keller showed up, there was standing room only. People rushed there from Dothan, Ozark and around Dale County.

When he walked in, Keller confronted a large and very angry crowd of folks. His first words were "I don't care what you have found but I own the cemetery." He almost got his tail whipped with those comments! It took some time before the crowd could stop shouting. Several ladies were ready to pull his hair out.

Robert Earl then proceeded to slowly and deliberately lay out the copies of deeds he had discovered that day in front of Keller, going back from the 1980's to the one dated 1890. He then read the deed out for Keller and after expounding the part "except the one acre belonging to the Grave Yard" part, he hovered above the seated Keller and pointing his finger in Keller's face, told him he had violated the law by bulldozing a road through the family's graveyard. "If you ever set foot in our family cemetery again, I will see you in prison", Robert Earl warned him. It looked like a moment out of a Hollywood movie!

Keller realized his devious scam to make a fat profit by selling someone else's family graves was now over. He hung his head and slunk out of the restaurant like a mongrel dog. He soon after lost a bid for election to the Ozark city council. He was unable to sell any of his building lots next to the cemetery and finally declared bankruptcy.

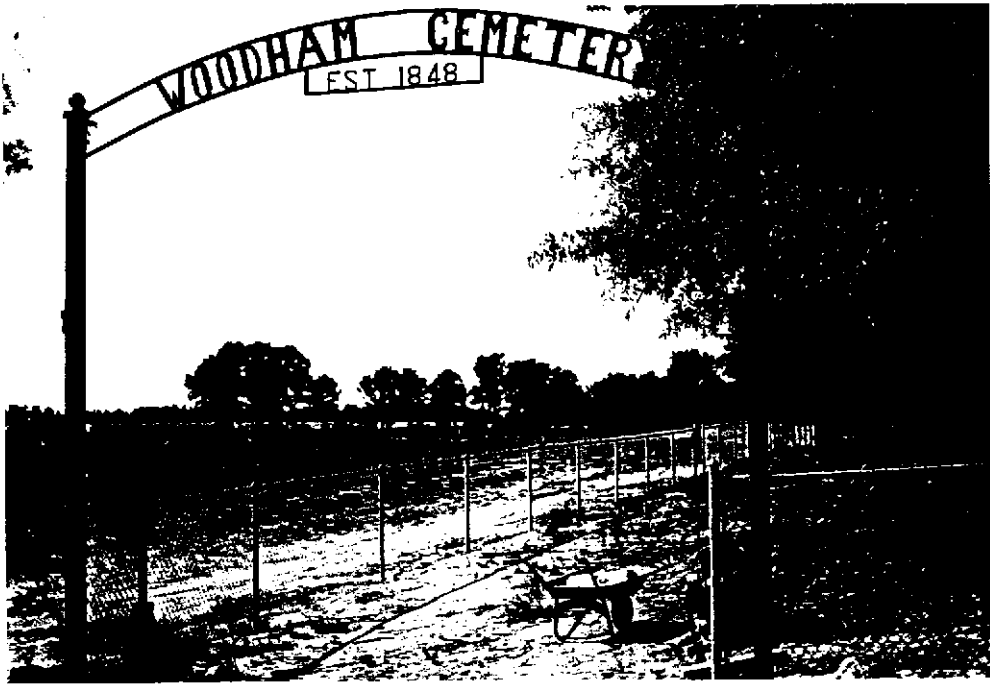
The happy group could finally breathe a sigh of relief. The family cemetery was safe. Now work could continue on restoring it to the dignity it deserves. There were a lot of hugs and handshakes.

Among those attending this gathering were:

Robert Earl Woodham	Columbus, Georgia
Adrian Hundley Roper	Columbus, Georgia
James O. ("Jim") Woodham	Dale County, Alabama
Elouise Woodham	Dale County, Alabama
Rex Woodham	Dale County, Alabama
Ray M. Woodham	Dale County, Alabama
J. B. Daughtry	Dothan, Alabama
Bessie Daughtry	Dothan, Alabama
(unknown) Dial	Ozark, Alabama
(unknown) Stevens	Ozark, Alabama
Edsel Woodham	Dale County, Alabama
Ben Hill Woodham	Dale County, Alabama
Juanita Woodham	Dale County, Alabama
Mellona Woodham	Dale County, Alabama

(NOTE: these are the only ones I can remember. There were also others)

Restoration Underway



Spring, 1988

PROPERTY CROSS INDEX CARD

DALE

MAP INDEX NO. _____
COUNTY, ALABAMA

OWNER NAME AND ADDRESS
WOODHAM CEMETERY
OZARK AL 36360

UNIFORM PARCEL NUMBER						
CO	TWP	AREA	SEC	QTR	BLK	PARCEL NO.
26	10	09	30	04	000	000003

PROPERTY ADDRESS
N OF CO RD 18

DESCRIPTION
BEG AT PT WHERE E LINE OF NW1/4 OF SE1/4 INT N
R/W OF RD LYING BETWEEN CO RD 18 AND JAMES COOK
LAKE WLY ALONG RD R/W 430FT TC CURVE CF RD NLY
ALONG E R/W OF RD 110FT TO OPEN FIELD NELY 30FT
TO POB N 50FT W 50FT S 60FT E 50FT TO POB
30-5-25
SEC30 T05N R25E

VERIFIED IN FIELD

*210' X 210' 50' X 50' (C) - ONE ACRE
WRONG LOCATION AND SIZE*

NOTES

APPRAISAL				ASSESSMENT			
YEAR	LAND	IMPROVEMENTS	TOTAL	LAND	IMPROVEMENTS	TOTAL	

NOTE:

On 2 February, 1988, David Rogers of the Dale County Tax Assessors Office, corrected the above description of the Woodham Cemetery in my presence. The location on the tax maps have been corrected as have the proper measurements. The measurements now read "210' (feet) x 210' (feet)"; one acre

*Robert Earl Woodham
February, 1988*

Woodham Cemetery
Dale County, Alabama

This is a copy of the official "Property Cross Index Card" on file in the Dale County Tax Office at Ozark, Alabama in February, 1988. It incorrectly shows the Woodham Family Cemetery.

Tax assessors had used aerial photographs and mistakenly believed that a small shed once used as a fish camp house on the edge of a small artificial pond called "Crook's Lake" was the Cemetery. As a result, they had listed the boundary of the Cemetery as measuring only 50 feet by 50 feet.

After Robert Earl Woodham provided information to David Rogers, a Tax Office official, Rogers corrected the official information to read 210 feet by 210 feet, or one acre. However, it was later learned these measurements of an exact acre are off by several feet. The Cemetery's boundary is not an exact square. The northwest corner should be approximately 230 feet or more, rather than 210 feet.

When the new chain link fence was installed, the folks who constructed it laid it out in an exact square and mistakenly left off more than 20 feet of the cemetery in the northwest corner. The oak trees beyond the fence were formerly inside the old fence, as was the very large oak in the northeast corner.

Cleaning Continued For Several Months

In the last few decades, brush and weeds had completely overtaken the site. Saplings had reached more than 20 feet in height and were so thick a person could not walk through many parts of the grounds. Robert Earl began visiting the grounds in the 1960's when his great aunt Hettie Woodham Andrews showed him the Cemetery. Thereafter, he would bring yard tools and clean up for an hour or more on each of his visits to the area while he was living in Atlanta. On trips when he forgot his tools, he borrowed tools from residents in a home directly across the road from the grounds.

However, by the 1960's, the Cemetery had become so overgrown that Robert Earl could not see the many bricks and stones that marked numerous graves and was unaware of those burials. He did not even try to clean those areas because he thought there were no graves there. It was not until the 1970's that Aunt Hettie pointed out many of those graves to him. Hidden under several inches of dirt and decayed leaves, etc. were some graves that were completely outlined with bricks.

The first task the Cemetery Committee faced was clearing away the thick underbrush. Unfortunately, this work required the removal of so much brush that it also caused many rocks and bricks marking graves to be moved or discarded. This meant the location of numerous graves was lost to us. Now, the only way to find all the graves there would be to hire an archaeologist to look for grave sites by digging.

Throughout 1988, hard work continued on cleaning the grounds. Numerous organized cleanings were held by the Committee. It was very hard, sweaty and dirty work. Those that participated in this are real family heroes. The Committee began holding regular meetings, often two or three times a month at first.

They began raising funds to erect a chain-link fence around the graveyard to protect the site. J. B. Daughtry, a grandson of Nellie Woodham, had 100 copies of a personal letter appealing for help and the article from the family newsletter printed up and gave them to relatives. His sister Mrs. Evelyn Daughtry Eubanks, mailed ten copies; a second cousin, Mrs. Margaret Daughtry Owens, sent 32 copies to kinfolks.

Woodham Family Cemetery



View of Woodham Family Cemetery
looking west during process of cleaning up during restoration
work in Spring, 1988

Woodham Cemetery Committee
Dale County, Alabama

19 Nov., 1987
 Organizational Meeting

The organizational meeting of the Woodham Cemetery Committee was held at the resturant of James Ople ("Jim") Woodham which is within sight of the Cemetery.

Officers of the Committee were formally elected at this meeting. They were: James O. Woodham, chairman and Mrs. Juanita Carroll Woodham, secretary-treasurer.

Among those attending this first formal meeting were:

James Ople Woodham	Dale County, Alabama	Woodham family
Thomas Letrel Woodham	Midland City, Alabama	Woodham family
James Burch Daughtry	Dothan, Alabama	Woodham family
Fox Daughtry	Dothan, Alabama	Woodham family
Bill Rice	Enterprise, Alabama	Woodham family
Frances Wambles	Dale County, Alabama	Woodham family
Louise Powers Withrow	Dale County, Alabama	Woodham family
Ben Hill Woodham	Dale County, Alabama	Woodham family
Juanita Woodham	Dale County, Alabama	Woodham family
Hettie Bagwell Woodham	Dale County, Alabama	Bagwell family
Jimmy Wayne Woodham	Dale County, Alabama	Woodham family
Ray Moses Woodham	Dale County, Alabama	Woodham family
Mellona Woodham	Dale County, Alabama	Woodham family
Rex Woodham	Dale County, Alabama	Woodham family
Robert Louis Woodham	Dale County, Alabama	Woodham family
Ruby Whitman	Dale County, Alabama	
Evelyn Daughtry Eubanks	Dothan, Alabama	Woodham family
Margaret Daughtry Owens	Dothan, Alabama	Woodham family
Ollie Belle Enfinger McDaniel	Dale County, Alabama	Enfinger family

Luther Stevens	Dale County, Alabama	Stevens family
A. B. Sewell	Dale County, Alabama	Stevens family
Joyce Sewell Long	Dale County, Alabama	Stevens family
Neil Long	Dale County, Alabama	Stevens family
Bertie Enfinger	Dale County, Alabama	Bagwell family
Martha Griggs	Dale County, Alabama	Bagwell family
William R. Coley	Dothan, Alabama	Bagwell family
Byron T. Mallory	Dale County, Alabama	
Travis L. Peacock	Hartford, Alabama	
William L. Peacock	Hartford, Alabama	
Kathy Padgett	Dale County, Alabama	Bagwell family
Glenn D. Stevens	Dale County, Alabama	Stevens family
Edsel Woodham	Dale County, Alabama	Woodham family

Woodham Cemetery Committee
Dale County, Alabama

17 Dec., 1987
Committee Meeting

The second formal meeting of the Woodham Cemetery Committee was held at the resturant of James Ople ("Jim") Woodham which is within sight of the Cemetery, on 17 Dec., 1987.

The group discussed progress of the cleaning and restoration of the Cemetery.

They also discussed plans for raising funds for necessary items such as a chain link fence.

Among those attending this meeting were:

James Ople Woodham	Dale County, Alabama	Woodham family
Elouise Woodham	Dale County, Alabama	Woodham family
Thomas Letrel Woodham	Midland City, Alabama	Woodham family
Claudia Woodham	Midland City, Alabama	Woodham family
Ben Hill Woodham	Dale County, Alabama	Woodham family
James B. Daughtry	Dothan, Alabama	Woodham family
Bessie Daughtry	Dothan, Alabama	Woodham family
Evelyn Daughtry Eubanks	Dothan, Alabama	Woodham family
Robert Bagwell	Dale County, Alabama	Bagwell family
Watheau Roberts	Midland City, Alabama	Bagwell family
Kathy Padgett	Dale County, Alabama	Bagwell family
Luther Stevens	Midland City, Alabama	Stevens family
Neil Long	Dale County, Alabama	Stevens family
A. B. Sewell	Dale County, Alabama	Stevens family

2209 Saddlewood Trail
Dothan, Al 36301
21 December 1987

Dear Robert Earle,

Thank you for your letter of November 27, 1987. Again, let us say we were sorry that we didn't get to visit with you longer last Spring.

Two years ago you asked us to send you a picture of Grandma Nellie Woodham Daughtry and her relatives. We still haven't been able to identify the four other people. Iva Glover, now deceased, was a granddaughter of Nellie and said the two women were either her sisters with their husbands or her brothers with their wives. We are still working on this identification. The picture is inclosed. She spelled her name Nellie when she applied for a pension as a widow of a Confederate Civil War veteran and it is Nellie on her tombstone, but census records show it as Nelly which is incorrect.

We would like to get a copy of the small history booklet you mentioned and are inclosing \$11.00 check to cover cost plus postage.

As a result of the page on the Woodham Cemetery in your last Bulletin, there have been three meetings of concerned relatives of those buried in the Woodham Cemetery. Lists of those who attended the last two meetings are inclosed. At the second meeting a Chairman, Co-Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer were elected, as shown on the attendee lists. We did not attend the first meeting as we were out of town.

It was through the initiative of the Woodham men living in that area, with James Woodham as point man, that the cemetery was cleared of bushes, weeds, and many trees. On December 5th a clean up of leaves, limbs, trash, etc. was held. This included men, women, and children. About twenty-five relatives were there with rakes, hoes, saws, shovels, axes, etc. Another such clean up day will be held in January.

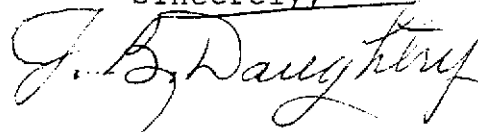
At the meeting Dec. 17th the group voted on the type of fence to put around the cemetery after a legal title is obtained. The group also voted for the Chairman to proceed in procuring a clear title by employing an attorney to take this problem into Probate Court.

Before leaving the Dec 17th meeting I told the Chairman, James Woodham, I would be writing to you and would bring you up to date on what is being accomplished.

Inclosed is a copy of a letter sent to the descendents of Nellie Woodham by us, Evelyn Eubanks, and Margaret Owens. About sixty letters were sent and we look forward to a positive response.

Best wishes for Christmas and 1988.

Sincerely,





J. B. Daughtry

Robert Earle,

This is a letter I composed and had one hundred copies made of it and the page you had in the Bulletin about the Woodham Cemetery. I sent out over twenty copies fo my nieces and nephews and ~~some~~ cousins. My sister Evelyn Eubanks, who lives in Dothan, sent out 10 to her childredn, grandchildren and some others. My 2nd cousin Margaret Daughtry Owens, who also lives in Dothan, sent out 32 to her sisters, brother, and Aunts, etc. Margaret didn't know she was related to the Woodhams until this summer.

I sent 10 copies to the Secretary/Treasurer, Juanita Woodham as she expressed an interest in sending some out to her relatives and also left about 10 copies at James Woodham's place of business.

J.B.

Woodham Family Cemetery



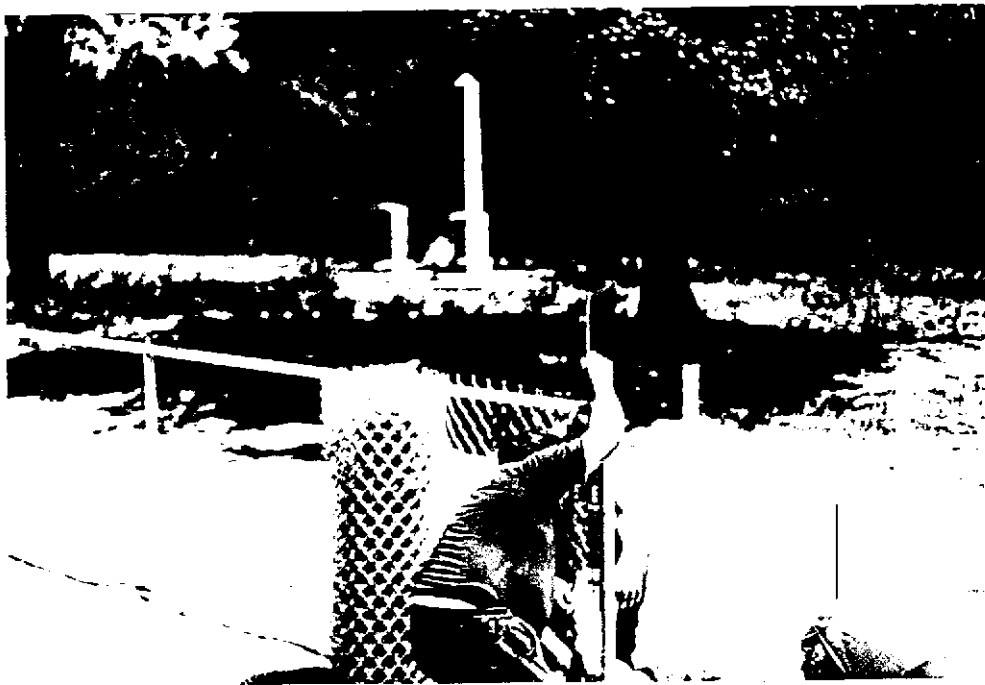
Graves of Nellie Woodham and her husband, M. H. Daughtry,
are shown in foreground during restoration on the Cemetery
photo taken by J. B. Daughtry, February, 1988

Home Across Road From Cemetery



This home is located directly across the paved highway from the Woodham Family Cemetery. The home was built on land which was formerly part of the lands owned by Edward Harley Woodham Sr. and which were formerly part of the same tract upon which the Woodham Cemetery was established. The tract where this home is located was later owned by Presley Nelson Woodham, son of E. H. Woodham Sr. The Cemetery Committee attempted to purchase the home in 1989 in hopes of using it for meetings, storage, reunions, etc. The owner's wife refused.

Chainlink Fence Goes Up



Rex Stevens and his grandson David Stevens (front) erect a chainlink fence around the Woodham Cemetery near Newton. Rex is a descendant of Wiley Stevens who is buried here. They volunteered their labor to install the fence. Photo taken May, 1988.

Woodham Cemetery
Dale County, Alabama



View of the Cemetery looking west taken in spring of 1988, several weeks after work began to clean up and restore the Cemetery by a small group of descendants of those buried there. Heavy equipment was brought in to remove the largest undergrowth, tree trunks and tree trunks. Organized cleanings brought up to 30 people who volunteered to work at a time.

Note the carved wooden statkes in the foreground, next to the grave of Mrs. Joanna Riley Woodham, first wife of Edward Christopher ("C. C."; "Chris") Woodham. The Cemetery once was full of such stakes and carved crosses.

Dear Relative,

As you probably know our Grandparents or Great Grandparents, Uncles and Aunts are buried in what is known as the WOODHAM CEMETERY which is referred to in the attached correspondence.

There have been several meetings of concerned people who have relatives buried in this cemetery. At the meeting on November 19, 1987, a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and a Secretary/Treasurer were elected for the cemetery project.

The following action has been taken:

No.1. To clean up the cemetery by removing bushes, underbrush, some trees, old limbs and leaves. This work is underway.

No.2. To obtain a legal title to the cemetery and the Chairman, James (Jim) Woodham, and other members are working on this.

No. 3. To put a good chainlink fence around the cemetery.

No. 4. To set up a procedure for maintaining the cemetery in the future.

To accomplish the above, adequate funds will be required. An account has been set up at a bank for the WOODHAM CEMETERY FUND by the Treasurer, Mrs. Juanita Woodham. Any donation you can make to the rescuing, refurbishing and maintaining of the cemetery where our Grandparents are buried may be done by mailing a check to Mrs. Juanita Woodham, Rt. 1, Box 231, Midland City, Al 36350. The check should be made out to the WOODHAM CEMETERY FUND.

Sincerely,

Your Relative

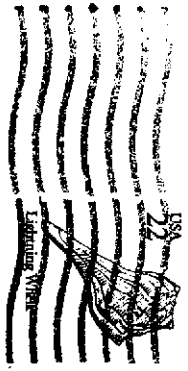
Attachment

Juanita Woodham

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

Quamie Woodham
Box 231
Milledgeville, Ga.
36358 ZIP CODE

Woodham Family Club
P.O. Box 7446
Atlanta, Georgia 36357



Woodham Cemetery Committee

A work day/cleaning was held at the Woodham Family Cemetery on Tuesday, 24 May, 1988 as part of the restoration of the Cemetery. A number of descendants of those buried at the Cemetery attended and took part in the work that included removal of tree trunks, stumps, weeds, leaves and other debris and a general cleanup.

Jack Enfinger provided a tractor and helped remove tree trunks, bushes and other trash.

The volunteers took up hoes, rakes, axes and other tools to clear out trash and weeds. Even thorny underground vine roots were dug up and removed. All weeds and grasses were removed by hoe in preparation for planting lawn grass seed at a later date.

A new chain link fence was installed just before this cleaning. The labor to install it was provided by Rex Stevens and his son who had experience in such work. Thomas Letrel Woodham helped them.

Family Historian and Woodham Family Association President Robert Earl Woodham telephoned the *Dothan Eagle* daily newspaper in Dothan, Alabama and they sent their state news editor to write a story about the Cemetery's restoration. It appeared on the front page of the newspaper, accompanied by a color photo, on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, the day of the Woodham Family National Reunion.

This was only one of many such cleanings held periodically at the Cemetery throughout 1988. Others were also held in 1989 as part of the major restoration efforts led by the Woodham Cemetery Committee.

Among those working on the Cemetery on this date were:

James Ople Woodham
Thomas Letrel Woodham
Robert Earl Woodham

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J. B. Daughtry

Ray Moses Woodham

Mellona C. Woodham

Ben Hill Woodham

Juanita Woodham

Jack Enfinger

Rex Daughtry (age 85)

Cleatus Daughtry (age 82)

Ollie Belle Enfinger McDaniel

Cooper McDaniel

Louise Powers

Elouise Woodham

Historic gravesite gets needed attention

By DANNY LEWIS
Eagle News Editor

NEWTON — Once so choked with weeds that it was invisible from a highway only 10 yards away, an almost forgotten 140-year-old bit of history near here is now receiving attention and care deprived it for so long.

The historic site is a small cemetery which contains known gravesites of more than 70 family members and friends of the Woodham family, whose first three area settlers arrived in Dale County in 1835 aboard a wagon train, said Robert Earl Woodham of Atlanta, president of the national Woodham Family Association.

The Association, which was founded in 1979 and is holding its annual reunion today at Lakepoint Resort in Eufaula, has records of some 7,000 Woodham family members, Woodham said.

The group has taken a keen interest in recent months in preserving and restoring the small Dale County cemetery which is the burial site of Edward Harley Woodham Sr., who settled the area surrounding the burial ground in 1836 under a land grant, Woodham said.

The cemetery, which also was the burial site of Woodham's son and nephew, the other two family members who arrived aboard the 1835 wagon train, had not been used in many decades and had been allowed to deteriorate severely until late last year, but that changed swiftly after a "crisis" erupted, Woodham said.

The change was given impetus when an Ozark developer wrote family members last October



Woodham, front, others clean cemetery

that he had purchased surrounding land, including the cemetery site, for development and offered to sell the cemetery to them for \$10,000.

Woodham, who alerted family members about the problem in a monthly newsletter he publishes, then came to Ozark from Columbus, Ga., in

February for a title search on the property. That search resulted in discovery of an 1890 deed stating all surrounding property could be sold except for "one acre belonging to the Grave Yard."

"I have never in my life had a feeling like I had when I found Please see SITE, Page 6A

Site

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that deed. I got goose bumps all over after I let out a big holler," Woodham said, adding he and other family members immediately met with the developer and presented the deed information, after which the cemetery sale proposal was dropped.

Since then, Woodham family members and relatives have gathered three times, most recently last week, to clean and improve the tree-shaded cemetery which is believed to contain at least 100 gravesites although the exact number is unknown, Woodham said.

"This place was a jungle when we started cleaning it up. You could not see from the road that this was a cemetery," Woodham said, adding that several previously unknown gravesites were discovered when the heavy undergrowth was cleared.

"Maybe it took that crisis to get us waked up, because if it hadn't been for that we wouldn't be here (cleaning up)," Woodham said. "It's amazing at the amount of enthusiasm we've gotten started here.

"A crisis like this has really brought the family members together," he continued, adding that the Woodham family is among the largest families in Alabama and that some 35 Woodhams and members of related families from Newton, Dothan, Ozark, Midland City, and rural areas of Dale County participated in the latest cleaning effort.

The clean-up also helped Woodham end a 25-year quest to learn the identity of a person buried in one of the gravesites. He said he happened to tell an elderly woman participating in the clean-up that he had often wondered who was buried in the grave, and the woman replied that it was her mother's gravesite.

"Even with as many years as I have been working on the history of this family, I have learned more in the past few months since this crisis occurred than in the 30 years before that," Woodham said.

"This is a dream that I've had for a long time," he added "These are all my kinfolks.

Since all of this has come up, I have decided that I'm going to be buried here."

Although the cemetery had fallen into disrepair, Woodham said he hopes the restoration effort can lead to state recognition of the graveyard where the three pioneer Woodhams are buried along with eight Confederate soldiers and John Bryant Daughtry, a Dale County sheriff from 1868-72 whose wife was a Woodham.

"With the number of veterans and the cemetery being so old and having so many pioneers and historical figures of the area buried here, it should warrant a state historical marker being placed here," Woodham said.

He added family members also plan to put concrete slabs on all known gravesites, many of which are now marked only with two bricks, and to eventually erect stone markers on all known gravesites.

He said the family, which has placed a chain link fence around the cemetery, also is purchasing an arch for the cemetery gate and hopes to build a pavilion and tables near some of the trees.

Plans are also being made to plant azaleas, crepe myrtles, red roses and white roses, the family

symbol, in the cemetery. Woodham said he hopes Woodham family members in the area will also donate plants from their yards to help beautify the cemetery and hopes an annual cemetery decorating day will be planned.

"Since I was 12 years old, family history has been my hobby, and I have put in up to 16 hours a day on my hobby. Seeing this (cemetery restoration) right here happen is making it worthwhile," Woodham said.

Woodham Family Cemetery

Archway Being Erected Over Gate



Photo showing the archway sign being erected at the entrance to the Woodham Family Cemetery near Newton, Dale County, Alabama in 1988. The Cemetery Committee contracted with an ironworks company in Dothan, Alabama to construct and erect the sign. It cost approximately \$750.

Woodham Family Cemetery



View of Woodham Family Cemetery
volunteers take a rest during one of many organized cleanings during the
restoration of the cemetery, May, 1988

Woodham Cemetery Committee

Meeting held at home of
James Ople Woodham near
the Cemetery, 1989

The Woodham Cemetery Committee held a meeting in 1989 at the home of Chairman, James Ople ("Jim") Woodham. His home is on the opposite side of the small pond from the Cemetery and next to his convenience store and restaurant.

Jim gave a report on the progress of work at the Cemetery. Ben H. Woodham cut the grass at the Cemetery a week ago. Jim cut off a limb that threatened the new chain link fence. Cleanup continues.

James Burch Daughtry has purchased cement blocks to be used to mark those graves in the cemetery which have no tombstones. He is waterproofing the blocks after stenciling names on them. For those which are known to be Woodhams but whose full names are not known, he is preparing blocks marked simply "Woodham"; and for those not yet identified, they are being marked "Unknown". He is placing these cement blocks on all known but unmarked graves.

Unfortunately, by this time, many graves have been "lost" due to the destruction of wooden crosses and stakes which marked numerous graves, as well as moving bricks and stones which marked other burials. As the woods burned over the years, many of the wooden crosses and stakes burned in the overgrown site. Others simply rotted with age. The bricks, stones and stakes were moved or tossed aside during cleanups over the years.

J. B. is donating the cost of the blocks and is doing the labelling and waterproofing himself. The waterproofing will prevent the stenciled paint from wearing off easily. He is putting many coats on each block with a great deal of effort. J. B. will install these soon.

The officers of the Committee were re-elected, with James O. Woodham as chairman and Mrs. Juanita Carroll Woodham as treasurer.

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Juanita gave a treasurer's report and stated the Committee treasury had the "same amount" in the current funds (she did not give the amount).

Thomas Letrell ("Tom") Woodham has bought 10 dogwood trees about 5 feet tall and 50 azaleas to be planted in the cemetery. He will set them out himself.

Robert Earl Woodham reported to Jim that he was involved in an effort to obtain tombstones from the Veteran's Administration for several veterans buried at the cemetery and for a memorial stone for his father, Rufus Woodham. These men were veterans of the Alabama Militia during the Creek Indian War of 1836 and the War for Southern Independence (War Between the States) (1861-1865).

Among those attending the meeting were:

James Ople Woodham
Mrs. Elouise Woodham
James B. Daughtry
Mrs. Bessie Daughtry
Mrs. Juanita C. Woodham
Ben Hill Woodham

Robert Earl Woodham
Thomas Letrel Woodham
Mrs. Claudia Woodham
Mrs. Mellona Woodham
Luther Stevens
(unknown) Stevens

Woodham Family Cemetery



View of Woodham Family Cemetery
looking west during process of cleaning up during restoration work in Spring, 1988
photo taken by James W. & Joy Woodham of Brinson, Georgia

When the fencing was installed, it was erected in a perfect square and did not follow the original fence row. This *original* fence row is our property line. Unfortunately, this left several yards of land on the north side of our cemetery and several feet on the eastern edge, outside the new fence row. The old fence row--and the property line of our Woodham Family Cemetery--is marked by the huge live oak in the northeast corner of the cemetery and by the line of small oaks on the north side. All these trees were once on the *inside* of the old fence row. They were able to grow unhampered over the years because they were *within* the Cemetery. It is important that we maintain the integrity of our original property line and not allow time and future use of adjoining property to obliterate our ownership of this area.

The next biggest expense was for a sign proclaiming the name of the cemetery. The Committee decided upon an archway over the entrance gate. They hired a Dothan company to make a wrought iron arch, with letters reading "WOODHAM CEMETERY, Est. 1848" and mounted on high ornamental posts. The archway is high enough for a vault truck or other large vehicles to enter, so that future burials may be made in the Cemetery.

The archway cost about \$750. It was later painted black to protect the metal from corrosion. It is a very beautiful addition to the Cemetery and has brought numerous good comments.

The state news editor of *The Dothan Eagle*, the largest newspaper in southeast Alabama, attended a cemetery cleaning held on 24 May, 1988. He wrote a nice front-page article accompanied by a color picture of the cleanup. This news article received widespread attention and helped create a great deal of new interest in the restoration project.

At this particular cemetery cleaning, it was clearly evident how much interest in the restoration project had spread. Travis E. ("Jack") Enfinger, a great grandson of the Bagwells buried here, brought his tractor to remove large tree trunks and help level the ground. Others took up hoes, rakes and other tools to attack weeds, vines and leaves. A lot of work was spent on trying to eradicate a vine with a thorny root system reaching several feet in all directions. It had spread over a large area. The new owner of the land around the Cemetery graciously allowed us to dump underbrush, small trees and other litter from the cleanup onto an empty area where it was burned. This saved a tremendous effort which would have been required to remove it to a county dump.

Descendants of people buried at the cemetery who worked on cleaning that day included numerous people over age 70. The oldest couple present were in their late 80's. Mrs. Juanita Woodham (who was 70 at the time) commented: "Would you look at that lady over there in the bonnet. She must be old as the hills!" To which Mrs. Mellona Powers Woodham replied: "Juanita, you ain't no spring chicken yourself!"

Elderly Relatives Worked Very Hard On Cleanup

One of those working that day was Mrs. Ollie Belle Enfinger McDaniel. She came over to Robert Earl to thank him for all his efforts to restore the Cemetery and for his work on family history. He replied that in spite of at least 25 years of research, he had still been unable to find out why a particular lady and her two infants were buried in the graveyard. Ollie Belle happened to be sitting upon the lady's tomb slab. She answered: "This lady? Why, this was my mother!"

She proceeded to tell Robert Earl about how her mother Annie Riley, Mrs. Henry T. Enfinger, had given birth to twin girls who died not long afterwards and that her mother had died a few days later. There was a huge flood of the Choctawhatchee River at the time. Since Annie was the niece of two Riley women who had married Woodhams and her husband was the son of a Bagwell--all of whom are buried in the Cemetery--Annie had strong family ties to the Cemetery and that is why she was buried here.

Robert Earl, who had left Atlanta and moved to Columbus, Georgia temporarily because of the illness of his mother, was considering a move back to Atlanta now that his mother had improved. Several relatives overheard this conversation and came over to point out that if he had been back in Atlanta that day rather than here, he would not have had the opportunity to discover why Annie was buried at Woodham Cemetery--information he had sought for so long. The relatives urged him to move to this area rather than going back to Atlanta in order to be closer to the largest concentration of Woodham relatives in the nation. He could do far more family research by living in the area than by trying to do this research in Atlanta. That convinced Robert Earl and he moved to Dothan soon afterwards.

According to many relatives, there were far more people buried in Woodham Cemetery in graves than those which have them. In October, 1989, Robert Earl ordered several tombstones for veterans from the US Veterans Administration. These included men who served in the Alabama State Militia during the Creek Indian War, a veteran of the Confederate States Army during the War Between the States and a memorial stone for a Woodham soldier killed in World War II. These tombstones were obtained at no cost to the family and were paid for at government expense.

The following month, James B. Daughtry wrote Robert Earl stating he was going to erect a tombstone over the graves of his great grandparents, Aris Woodham Junior and his second wife Caron H. Riley. Caron died in 1873 and Aris in 1880 and their graves had been marked only with rocks and iron stakes for all those years.

Woodham Cemetery Committee

A meeting of the Woodham Family Cemetery was held at Mister J's Steakhouse in Dothan, Alabama in 1989.

Committee Chairman James Ople ("Jim") Woodham chaired the meeting.

Jim gave a report on the progress of cleanup and restoration of the Cemetery. Several cleanings have been held thus far. A new chain link fence has been installed and a wrought iron archway has been erected over the gate with the name of the Cemetery in large letters. The archway was constructed high enough to allow passage of high vault trucks for future burials at the Cemetery.

Among those attending were:

James Ople Woodham
Elouise Woodham
Ray Moses Woodham
Mellona Woodham
Ben Hill Woodham

Robert Earl Woodham
Thomas Letrel Woodham
Mrs. (unknown)
Mr. (unknown)

Woodham Family Cemetery



View of Woodham Family Cemetery
showing one of the huge piles of underbrush and small trees that grown up
during years of neglect; photo taken in Spring, 1988

Woodham Cemetery Committee

20 March, 1990

Meeting held at home of
James Ople Woodham

A meeting of the Woodham Cemetery Committee was held at the home of the chairman, James Ople ("Jim") Woodham on Monday, 20 Mar., 1990. Jim chaired the meeting.

Jim gave a report on progress at the Cemetery and stated the site has been seeded and that a nice lawn of grass is developing which now requires maintenance. Grass cutting has begun already. Landscaping with flowers and young trees has been done by Thomas Letrel ("Tom") Woodham who bought 10 dogwood trees and 50 azaleas. James B. Daughtry has also bought trees and planted them.

The ground in the Cemetery has been leveled, with rough spots smoothed out and holes filled in. A deep hole in the east corner next to the road has been used as a fill site for leaves and debris, helping to level this area off.

A recent storm caused washouts in the cemetery, especially along the county road where a deep gully washed out the ground below one fence post of the chain link fence, leaving the post hanging in the air. These gullies and other washed out areas were filled in.

James B. Daughtry informed the Committee that he had decided to donate a double tombstone for his great grandparents, Aris Woodham Junior and his wife, Caron H. Riley. He offered to donate a portion of the cost of a tombstone for Edward Harley Woodham Senior and his wife, Sarah Dowling if the Committee treasury could provide the remaining funds. The Committee voted to approve funds for the tombstone. Robert Earl pointed out this would provide tombstones for the unmarked graves of the two couples who are the ancestors of the vast majority of the entire Woodham family in America.

Edward H. Sr. and his wife both died in 1865; their graves were marked before restoration with a small brick border about 1 1/2 feet high. Caron died in 1873

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and Aris Jr. died in 1880. Their graves were marked for years with large rocks and iron rods.

Mrs. Juanita C. Woodham reported the treasury now had \$1,194.53.

Jim proposed a gathering and cookout to be held at the Cemetery on the last Saturday in April (28 April). Robert Earl suggested this be an annual Decoration Day event. This occasion will be an opportunity to show descendants of those buried at the Cemetery what the Committee has accomplished thus far in the restoration of the graveyard. In years to come, it could help make relatives aware of those buried at the Cemetery and help keep their memories alive, as well as honor them with flowers decorating their graves.

The Committee approved the gathering. Jim said he could provide a barbecue cooker and the group made plans for other items that would be needed. J. B. Daughtry said he would make arrangements for a portable toilet. Letrel said he could bring his motorhome which also has a toilet and running water. In case of rain, a tarpoline will be rented from a company in Dothan. A rope can be run from trees and the tarp put up quickly if rain starts.

Everyone will be asked to bring covered dishes for a picnic. Jim and others will cook hamburgers, hotdogs and steaks on the site.

Now that the lawn grass has developed, Jim said volunteers are needed to cut the grass. Jim said he would take over cutting during the months of March and April; J. B. Daughtry volunteered for May; Thomas L. Woodham for June; Robert Earl for July; and Ben Hill Woodham for August.

Jim discussed the possibility of the Committee buying a lawnmower but no action was taken. Each volunteer is to provide their own lawnmower for the time being.

Robert Earl reported that five tombstones have been ordered and will be delivered to the Cemetery site soon. These are for veterans and the stones are being provided without charge to the Committee.

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Among those attending the meeting were:

James O. Woodham

Mrs. Elouise Woodham

James B. Daughtry

Mrs. Bessie Daughtry

Ben Hill Woodham

Mrs. Juanita C. Woodham

Robert Earl Woodham

Thomas Letrel Woodham

Ray Moses Woodham

Mrs. Mellona Woodham

Mrs. Frances Wombles

Mrs. Louise Withrow

J. B. Daughtry Donates Funds For Tombstones

J. B. announced his intentions at a Cemetery Committee meeting on 20 Mar., 1990 and pointed out that Edward H. Woodham Senior and his wife Sarah Dowling, the two oldest persons buried in the Cemetery, also did not have a tombstone. J. B. said he had obtained cost estimates for one doublewide tombstone and learned this would be \$840 and \$1,680 for two double tombstones. The monument company had offered a discount if two tombstones were purchased at the same time, for a total cost of \$1,500. J. B. offered to donate \$1,000 toward this expense if the Committee would donate the remainder.

J. B. asked Robert Earl to accompany him and help select the tombstones. Robert Earl provided information for the inscriptions. These new monuments were erected in April. They are very beautiful tombstones, with the family name "WOODHAM" inscribed in large letters across the top with separate information on each husband and wife beneath. Our family should be very grateful to J. B. for his part in marking the graves of these two couples who are the ancestors of so many hundreds of people throughout America and even overseas.

The addition of these two large monuments and the five veterans tombstones remarkably changed the appearance of the Cemetery. Their presence increased interest in placing tombstones on numerous other graves that had none.

Mrs. Roy Dancy of Dothan erected a tombstone over the grave of her ancestor, Rachel Woodham, wife of John B. Daughtry, in 1990. At the time the monument was installed, the date of Rachel's death was unknown, so she had "Died before 1900" inscribed on it. Robert Earl later learned that Rachel did not die until *after* 1900 and sometime before 1910, making the information on the tombstone incorrect.

Mrs. Juanita Carroll Woodham and her husband Ben Hill Woodham poured cement slabs on the graves of her grandparents, Perry Caswell ("Cas") Woodham and his wife Amanda Jane Corley. These were previously marked with bricks only.

Lon Everett of Bonifay, Florida, a descendant of Reddin and Rhoda Corley Bagwell, raised funds from his relatives to erect a tombstone on the grave of Rhoda. Reddin died in 1866 and had a nice tombstone on his grave. Rhoda died in 1898 but no stone was ever erected for her.

Lon asked the monument company to duplicate the existing tombstone of Reddin for Rhoda's new stone. This thoughtful gesture produced a very nice effect and now twin tombstones lie side by side.

This brought the number of previously unmarked graves to eleven. This dramatically altered the appearance of the burial grounds.

Landscaping, Flowers Bring Beauty To Cemetery

Once the Cemetery had been thoroughly cleaned of weeds and undergrowth, grass seeds were sown to create a nice lawn. In fact, it was seeded three times! The area suffered a terrible drought that summer and the first seeding did not sprout. Soon after the second seeding, a major thunderstorm struck the region, washing the seeds away and even washing out dirt from beneath one of the chain-link fence posts, leaving the huge mass of concrete it was sunk into hanging in mid-air. The third seeding finally sprouted and produced a very nice carpet of lawn grass. The only areas now without grass is beneath the huge live oaks. Their shade prohibits growth of grass.

Within a short time after the lawn grass was established, it became apparent that regular maintenance would be needed. The grass started growing like mad! The Cemetery Committee asked for members (and anyone else who can) to volunteer to cut the grass. Members volunteered on a monthly basis.

Landscaping the Cemetery became the next priority. Thomas Letrel ("Tom" or Letrel) Woodham, who has a real "green thumb" and a yard full of flowers, shrubs and fruit trees, bought 50 azaleas, 10 dogwood trees and arborvitae and planted these throughout the Cemetery and along the front of the fence. Just prior to the first Decoration Day in April, 1989, Tom also planted a large number of flowering annuals which added a lot of beautiful color. Other relatives have also added flowers and shrubs.

Flowers and a new lawn of grass required a source of water. This need for water was sorely borne out by the severe drought which baked the region after the first grass seeding. When the attempt to buy the old house and its water well across the road failed, the committee then considered asking the owner for permission to run a water pipe from his well beneath the road to the Cemetery. This idea was abandoned and the committee eventually decided to drill a water well on the grounds.

The well was drilled in the northwest corner of the Cemetery and an electric pump installed in a pump house. An electric line was run into the Cemetery.

Alto H. Orr's Donation Makes Pavilion Possible

In the spring of 1991, Alto Vester ("Alto Junior") Orr, son of Alto Woodham, made a donation large enough to make it possible to build a picnic pavilion at the Cemetery. Jim Woodham managed to get a hole for a septic tank dug by giving a construction worker \$20 to do the job. He at first offered to do the work for free but Jim insisted he take the money for his efforts.

Building materials for the picnic pavilion were bought with the funds Alto and others donated. Members of the Cemetery Committee then donated their labor to construct the pavilion. It was constructed with two complete rest rooms on one end. A bench for sitting was built around the other three sides. The pavilion has electric lights and wash basins.

The pavilion now offers a place to hold the annual Decoration Day/Reunion as well as other family gatherings. It is also a welcome addition for visitors, many of whom are now making pilgrimages to the Cemetery from all over the country. It is definitely a boon for those who work frequently on keeping the Cemetery clean.

In less than five years, the Woodham Family Cemetery made a dramatic turnabout. From an over-grown, trash-filled and all but forgotten place, it has now become a beautiful, well-cared for resting place for our ancestors that we can all be very proud of.

The sad part of this is that so many Woodhams and their descendants never made any effort to take part in this wonderful restoration project. While very elderly kinfolks got out in the hot sun and chopped down brush and weeds and did the manual labor required to clean up our ancestral burying grounds, vast numbers of younger relatives who are much more physically capable of doing this work, stayed home or went to the beach. Sadder still is the fact so many of our family who could certainly afford to donate \$20 or even \$500, refused to donate one cent to take care of their ancestor's graves. One Woodham for instance, who owns a large Dothan plumbing company with many employees, stated he "...didn't know any of those people" and that he "...just wasn't interested." May God and our ancestors find the grace to forgive him. A lot of his living relatives can't.



1st Decoration Day, 1990



James Burch ("J. B.") Daughtry and his wife Bessie
eating the picnic dinner during the first Decoration Day gathering
at Woodham Cemetery, 28 Apr., 1990. Photo by Thomas Letrell Woodham

1st Decoration Day April, 1990



James Ople ("Jim") Woodham
Speaks to descendants gathered at the Cemetery for the first annual Decoration Day,
28 Apr., 1990; relatives from Georgia, Alabama, Florida and Louisiana attended

1st Decoration Day April, 1990



Lois Dale Woodham (Mrs. W. Emory Cross), Robert Earl Woodham, and Kathryn Cross (Mrs. Buryl Logue) (dau. of Lois Woodham) enjoy the picnic dinner during the first Decoration Day at the Cemetery

Woodham Cemetery Committee

Several new tombstones were installed at the Woodham Family Cemetery during 1990. Col. James Burch Daughtry (USAF, retired), a member of the Cemetery Committee and a grandson of Nellie Woodham and Major Holland ("Fox") Daughtry, offered to donate all the funds to purchase a tombstone for his grandparents, Aris Woodham Junior and Caron H. Riley. At the same time, J. B. urged the Committee to use its remaining funds in the treasury to purchase a tombstone for Edward H. Woodham Sr. and his wife Sarah Dowling. These two couples are the ancestors of a large majority of the entire Woodham family in America today.

A Dothan, Alabama tombstone company quoted a price of \$840, including tax, for a double tombstone and \$1,680 for two stones. They offered a discount for two stones, for a total price of \$1,500.

James B. Daughtry donated \$1,000 of the cost for the tombstone of Aris Jr. and \$300 for that of Edward H. Sr. with the remaining funds coming from the Cemetery Committee treasury (to which J. B. had also made substantial contributions).

J. B. asked Robert Earl Woodham to supply information for the tombstones and also asked Robert Earl to accompany him and help select the tombstones.

The two tombstones were installed in April, 1990.

Robert Earl ordered veteran's tombstones for four Woodhams buried at the Cemetery and a memorial stone for his father, Rufus Woodham, who was killed in action in Italy during World War II and whose body was never recovered.

These tombstones were provided free of charge by the United States Veteran's Administration, an agency of the US government. The tombstones were ordered by Robert Earl in October, 1989 and were delivered in the spring of 1990.

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They include tombstones for Aris Woodham Jr., Presley Nelson Woodham and Athanasius Woodham, all veterans of the Alabama Militia during the Creek Indian War of 1836-37; and for Steven Moses Woodham, a veteran of the Confederate States of America Army during the War for Southern Independence (War Between the States) of 1861-1865; and the memorial stone for Rufus Woodham.

Unfortunately, the military information supplied for Aris Woodham Jr. turned out to be the information for Aris Bryant Woodham, son of Edward H. Woodham Sr., who left Alabama in the 1830's and moved to Mobile, Ala. and then to Newton, Mississippi. It now appears that Athanasius Woodham did not serve in the Militia during the Creek Indian War and that the military information on his tombstone is actually that for Aris Woodham Jr.

These five tombstones were erected by Thomas Letrel Woodham and James O. Woodham, among others.

Woodham Cemetery Committee

New Tombstones

Woodham,	Aris	Jr.	2 June, 1801	1880
	Caron H.	Riley	1810	16 Mar., 1873

The entire cost of this tombstone, \$750, before discount, was donated by Col. James Burch Daughtry (a retired Air Force colonel), great grandson of Aris Jr. and Caron.

Woodham,	Edward	Harley Jr.	26 June, 1785	18 Oct., 1865
	Sarah	Dowling	27 Aug., 1786	23 Jan., 1865

James Burch Daughtry donated \$300 and the Cemetery Committee the remaining funds for the \$750 cost of the tombstone for Edward H. Jr. and Sarah.

These two tombstones were installed in April, 1990 by Southside Granite Co., Inc. of Dothan, Alabama, for a total cost of \$1,500.

Woodham Family Cemetery

Dale County, Alabama

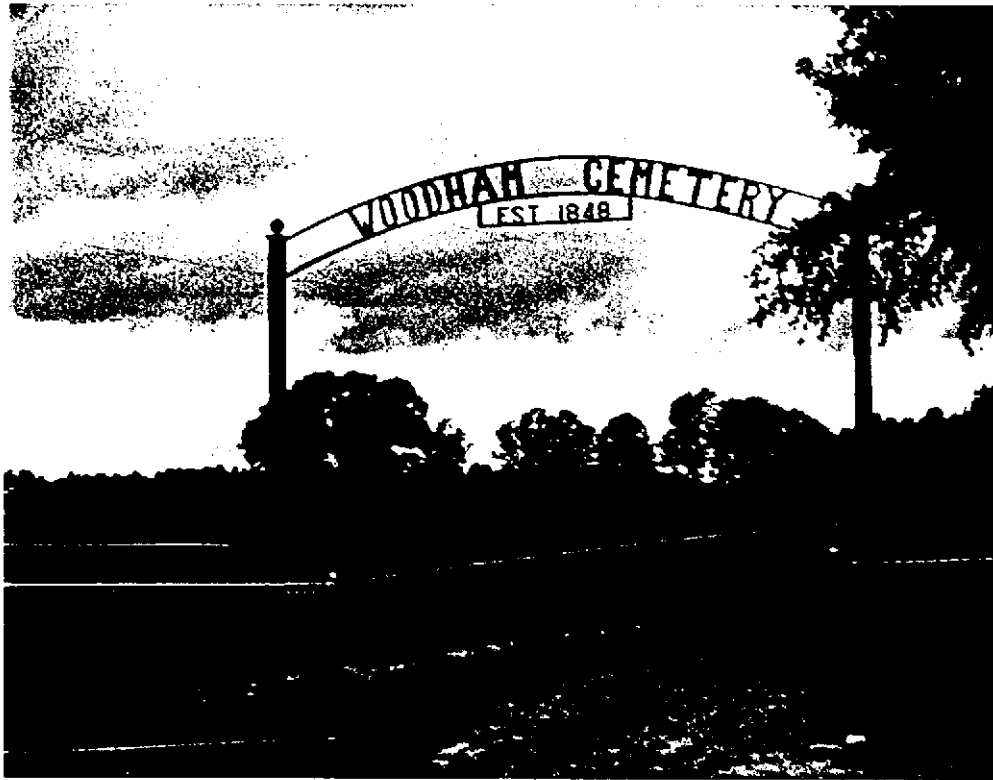


Photo showing archway entrance to the Woodham Family Cemetery erected by the Cemetery Committee in 1989. A Dothan iron works built and installed the archway at a cost of approximately \$750.

Photo taken April, 1990 by Mrs. Jane Adrian Hundley Roper of Columbus, Georgia (daughter of Tessie Inez Woodham).

Meeting at the Woodham Cemetery

There will be a fellowship meeting and cook-out at the Woodham Cemetery, Saturday, April 28, at 12 o'clock noon of the descendents of people buried in the Woodham Cemetery.

The purpose of this gathering is to try to identify unmarked graves and to become better acquainted with each other and to learn the history of the families. Some of the known family group buried there are Bagwell, Stevens, Daughtry, Cannon, Glover, Enfinger, Bauldree and Woodham.

People attending should bring what they would like to eat and drink plus enough for one other person. Arrangements have been made for hot dogs and hamburgers to be grilled on the site. It is suggested that you bring a lawn chair.

Directions to Cemetery: From Dothan take Hwy 231 North about ten miles from the Ross Clark Circle, turn left on Dale County road 18.

For additional information call either J. B. Daughtry, Dothan, 677-2934; Carol Rice, Enterprise, 347-7367; Glenn Stevens, Midland City, 795-3583; James Woodham, Newton, 299-6617; or Tom Woodham, Midland City, 983-3325.

Y'all Come!

1st
Woodham Family Cemetery
Decoration Day

Woodham Family Cemetery, 28 April, 1990, Newton, Alabama

The first Decoration Day to honor the relatives buried at Woodham Family Cemetery near Newton, Dale County, Alabama was held on Saturday, 28 April, 1990 at the Cemetery. This gathering was sponsored by the Woodham Cemetery Committee.

The Cemetery Committee decided to inaugurate this gathering as a way to memorialize the ancestors buried at the Cemetery and to make living descendants aware of their heritage and mutual kinship.

all descendants of persons buried at the Cemetery were invited to participate. Approximately 100 people attended, coming from Louisiana; Bonifay, Panama City and Vernon, Florida; Columbus and Iron City, Georgia; Dothan, Ozark, Enterprise, Headland, Midland City and Webb, Alabama.

A cookout was available, with steaks, hamburgers and hotdogs provided by the Cemetery Committee. James O. ("Jim") woodham, chairman of the Committee, and others did the cooking. Numerous people brought accompanying dishes of vegetables, desserts, drinks and other wonderful food.

Many of the graves were marked with bouquets of fresh and artificial flowers, many of which were provided by Thomas Letrel ("Tom") Woodham.

Tom planted 50 azaleas and 10 dogwood trees throughout the Cemetery in advance of the gathering and then added many summer blooming plants around many graves. These greatly improved the appearance of the Cemetery and made it a place all our family can be proud of.

The first gathering was so successful that the Cemetery Committee voted to make this an annual occasion to honor and remember our ancestors.

Among those attending the first Decoration Day were:

Robert Earl Woodham	Dothan,	Alabama
Adrian Hundley Roper	Columbus,	Georgia
Sandra Enfinger Lombardi	Vernon,	Florida
Mrs. Lois Woodham Cross	Iron City,	Georgia
Kathryn Cross Logue	Iron City,	Georgia
Burl Logue	Iron City,	Georgia
Thomas Letrel Woodham	Midland City,	Alabama
Donna Kaye Woodham Staccone	Panama City,	Florida
James N. Staccone	Panama City,	Florida
Haley Marie Staccone	Panama City,	Florida
Tommy W. Woodham	Webb,	Alabama
Pam Woodham	Webb,	Alabama
James Burch Daughtry	Dothan,	Alabama
Bessie Daughtry	Dothan,	Alabama
James Ople Woodham	Ozark,	Alabama
Elouise Woodham	Ozark,	Alabama
Judy Fowler	Enterprise,	Alabama
Lon Everett	Bonifay,	Florida
(unknown) Everett	Bonifay,	Florida
Lois Bagwell Harper	Thibodaux,	Louisiana
Joseph Harper	Thibodaux,	Louisiana
Jack Woodham	Headland,	Alabama
Quinta Dell Woodham	Headland,	Alabama
Edward J. Woodham	Headland,	Alabama
Ray Moses Woodham	Ozark,	Alabama
Mellona Woodham	Ozark,	Alabama
Ben Hill Woodham	Ozark,	Alabama
Juanita Carroll Woodham	Ozark,	Alabama
Clara Bauldree Griffin	Ozark,	Alabama

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Carol Daughtry Rice
Bill Rice

Enterprise, Alabama
Enterprise, Alabama

NOTE: I did not keep a list of those attending and this list is only those I can remember.

1st Decoration Day, 1990



Thomas Letrell (Letrell; "Tom") Woodham shown during the first annual Decoration Day gathering at Woodham Cemetery. Letrell has been one of the prime movers in the restoration of our historic graveyard. On the extreme left are two of the new tombstones.





2nd Decoration Day, 1991

Covered-dish picnic Saturday at Old Woodham Cemetery

Families who have ancestors buried in the Old Woodham Cemetery, located on Dale County Road No. 18 just off Highway 231 North are invited to a covered-dish picnic Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Come and get acquainted and discuss the history of the cemetery and people buried there. Families known to have ancestors there include the Bagwells, Canons, Enfingers, Daughtrys, Glovers, Stevens, Bauldrees, Stanfords, Woodhams and others. Come one, come all!

THE DOTHAN PROGRESS

April 24, 1991



3rd
Woodham Family Cemetery
Decoration Day

Woodham Family Cemetery, 25 April, 1992, Newton, Alabama

The annual Decoration Day to honor the relatives buried at Woodham Family Cemetery near Newton, Dale County, Alabama was held on Saturday, 25 April, 1992 at the Cemetery. This gathering was sponsored by the Woodham Cemetery Committee.

The Cemetery Committee had constructed a very nice picnic shelter in time for the annual gathering. It includes two rest rooms (served by a new septic tank) and a poured concrete platform. It has built-in benches for seating on three sides. The picnic shelter was actually constructed by members of the Cemetery Committee.

A wonderful meal was supplied by area relatives.

Those attending this year came from Jacksonville, Bonifay, Panama City and Live Oak, Florida; Dothan, Midland City, Ozark, Dale County and Enterprise, Alabama; and Norcross, Georgia.

Among those attending were:

Robert Earl Woodham	Dothan,	Alabama
Thomas Letrel Woodham	Midland City,	Alabama
Claudia Woodham	Midland City,	Alabama
Irene Dalton	Midland City,	Alabama
Mildred Virginia Woodham Tyler	Live Oak,	Florida
Johnny Nelson Tyler	Live Oak,	Florida
Paul Causel Woodham	Jacksonville,	Florida
James Burch Daughtry	Dothan,	Alabama

Louise Powers Withrow	Midland City, Alabama
Ray Moses Woodham	Midland City, Alabama
Mellona Woodham	Midland City, Alabama
Donna Kay Woodham Staccone	Panama City, Florida
James Nicholas Staccone	Panama City, Florida
Haley Staccone	Panama City, Florida
Vic Staccone	Panama City, Florida
Frances Wambles	Dale County, Alabama
Jenny Wambles	Dale County, Alabama
Nell Beasley	Dale County, Alabama
Voncille G. Andrews	Dale County, Alabama
Lamar Glover	Dale County, Alabama
Bessie Glover	Dale County, Alabama
Kevin Parsons	Live Oak, Florida
Lon L. Everett	Bonifay, Florida
Pat Tharpe	Bonifay, Florida
Carol Daughtry Rice	Enterprise, Alabama
Bill Rice	Enterprise, Alabama
Jeanelle Woodham Brockett	Dale County, Alabama
Carrie Brockett	Dale County, Alabama

NOTE: not a complet list of all those attending.

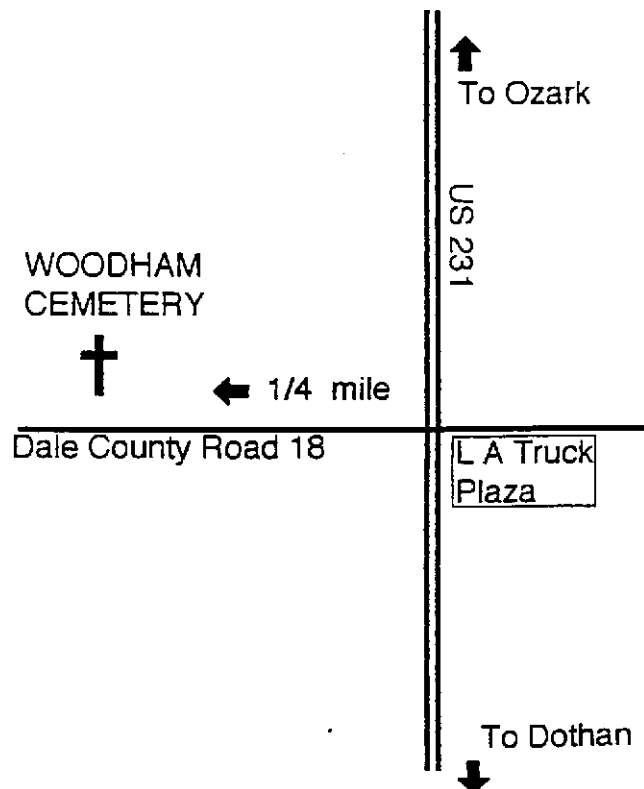
WOODHAM CEMETERY

CALENDER OF EVENTS

SATURDAY APRIL 24, 1993 10:30 AM

THE DESCENDANTS AND FRIENDS OF THE CEMETERY RESIDENTS WILL HAVE A **REUNION** AT THE CEMETERY TO MAKE AND RENEW BONDS THAT WILL LAST FOR ETERNITY. PLEASE BRING A COVERED DISH AND YOUR OWN CHAIR.

THE ANNUAL CLEAN UP DAY IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY APRIL 17, 1993 9:00 AM



For more information call

Carol Rice 347-7367 home
or 347-0048 work

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Woodham Named Alabama Judge

ABBEVILLE, Ala.--Alabama Governor Jim Folsom Jr. announced the appointment of Charles Winchell Woodham Senior as Henry County District Court Judge 1 October.

Charles received the appointment from the governor following the recent death of District Judge Joseph Jerome ("Jerry") Masters who died 13 Sept. Charles' appointment was effective as of 4 Oct.

Charles, 51, is a son of the late Judge William Luther ("Bill") Woodham of Henry County who served for many years as Henry County Probate Judge, Chairman of the County Commission and Judge of Juvenile Court. Bill retired in 1977 and died in 1991.

Charles has been an attorney in Abbeville, Alabama since 1971. Since 1988, he has been a partner in the

law firm of Woodham & Gunter.

Charles, born 14 Feb., 1942 in Dothan, Ala., graduated from the University of Alabama with a bachelor of arts degree in 1964. He is a grandson of William Fletcher Woodham and Pearl Creel; a great grandson of William Jackson Woodham and Mary Wright; a great great grandson of James Woodham Senior and his wife Nina; great great great grandson of Athanasius Woodham and Mary Kelly; fourth great grandson of Aris Woodham Sr. and Rachel Beasley; and fifth great grandson of Edward Woodham Jr. and Mary.

He entered the US Army in 1965 and during boot camp, was a bunk mate with cousin James Thomas ("Tom") Woodham of Bishopville, SC. He served as an air defense missile commander and reached the rank

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Contact Us If You Want To Know Your Family History

If you are a Woodham or descendant of a Woodham and want to know something about our family history, you are invited to contact the Woodham Family Association.

If you have already tried to discover your Woodham heritage and haven't been able to go very far, then perhaps we can help. This is what the Woodham Family Association is all about. Gathering and preserving our family heritage is one of the main reasons why the Association was founded and one of our most important goals.

The Association is a national, non-profit family club for all descendants of the Woodham family. We announced in 1979 when it was founded that we want to gather and preserve every type of record and information on every Woodham descendant. Our collection of records now make up the Woodham Family National Library.

When writing for information, *please* send us a stamped self-addressed long envelope. Sorry, we just can't afford more postage costs than we already have on our small budget.

We also urge you to send us information to preserve in our Family Library on your immediate family.

The best times to reach us by telephone are Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Do not call on other days because Robert Earl works nights Tuesday through Saturday and sleeps those days.

Write to us at:

**Woodham Family Association
PO Box 1321
Dothan, Alabama 36302**

Telephone:
(205) 794-8785

Remember Your Family With A Memorial

Your Own Family Cemetery Deserves To Come First

We are proud to announce that Woodham relatives have begun making memorial donations to help restore and preserve our Woodham Family Cemetery in the Stokes Bridge Community of Lee County, South Carolina.

This is where the "mothers and fathers" of our family are buried. Two couples interred here, Edward Woodham Junior and his wife Mary and their son Aris Woodham Senior and his wife Rachel Beasley, are the direct ancestors of 99 per cent of the Woodham family from the South. Their descendants today number in the thousands and live in almost every state and several foreign countries. Edward Jr. was a soldier in both the North Carolina Militia and the federal Continental Army during the Revolutionary War (1775-83). His son Aris Sr. was one of the first Methodist Church ministers in America and was ordained by the first Methodist Bishop of South Carolina.

Alabama Woodham Cemetery Restored

This is one of only two known Woodham Family Cemeteries in America; the other is near Newton in Dale County, Alabama. The Alabama cemetery was abandoned and overgrown when it became endangered. It has been restored through the efforts of members of the Woodham family as well as descendants of other families buried there. It took a lot of hard work to clear the underbrush, thorny vines and debris that was so thick it had completely hidden numerous graves for several years. A chain-link fence has been put up at a cost of about \$2,000. Relatives of people buried here erected the fence themselves, saving more than \$1,000 in labor costs. A very nice archway over the gate with the name of the cemetery was erected at a cost of about \$750. A water well was dug and water lines have been run to provide water for flowers and the bathrooms. A picnic shed with two bathrooms was built, thanks to a generous contribution from Alto Junior Orr, son of Alto Woodham. Numerous flowers, shrubs and flowering trees have already been planted with more planned.

New Tombstones Now Mark Graves

James Burch ("J.B.") Daughtry, a grandson of Nellie Woodham and Major Holland ("Fox") Daughtry, started the drive that has dramatically increased the number of tombstones in the cemetery. J.B. personally donated the funds for a very nice double-wide tombstone for his great grandparents, Aris Woodham Junior and his second wife, Caron H. Riley. She died in 1872 and he in 1880. During the years since their deaths, their graves were marked only with rocks and iron rods. J. B. also donated a sizeable

portion of the cost of a double-wide tombstone for the graves of Edward Harley Woodham Senior and his wife, Sarah Dowling, uncle of Aris Woodham Jr. Veterans tombstones have been placed on several graves, including Athanasius Woodham (brother of Aris Jr. and nephew of Edward H. Sr.). Several other new tombstones have been erected, most of these for relatives who died in the 1800's.

Books On Both Woodham Cemeteries

Our Woodham Family Historian, Robert Earl Woodham, has written books on both our Woodham Family Cemeteries. These provide information about their location, history of the cemeteries and the land around the sites and description of the cemeteries and their current condition. Each book has at least one or more pages on every known person buried there, giving information and history of each person. Robert Earl prepared the books on our new computer, so they look very nice and will be a valuable addition to the home of every Woodham descendant—something you will be proud to hand down to your children and grandchildren.

A copy of the book on the Lee County Cemetery will be given to every relative who makes a donation of at least \$100 for its restoration. Relatives who have ancestors buried at both cemeteries will receive copies of both the Woodham Family Cemetery in Lee County, SC and the Woodham Family Cemetery in Dale County, Ala. We will start mailing your copies of the books in August.

Restoration Will Help Erase Family Shame

The restoration and preservation of our Woodham Family Cemetery in Lee County, SC will help erase the shame of its destruction. It is something that should never have happened. The fact it has been plowed over for several years does not mean we can simply forget our ancestors buried there nor ignore the sanctity of their graves. The desecration of our family graves is no less than if a church cemetery down the road were to be destroyed and plowed over.

The Woodham Family Cemetery *must* be restored along with the memory of our mothers and fathers buried there. Their souls cry in shame for their children who have deserted them.

They gave us life and much more. They were honorable people who lived their lives with dignity, loved by their friends, neighbors and children.

It is time to restore their dignity. It is time to restore their graves.

Remember your Woodham ancestors with a memorial donation.

Memorial Donations

Memorial Donations For Restoration Of Our Woodham Family Cemetery

If you are a Woodham or descendant of a Woodham, you are urged to support restoration of your Woodham Family Cemetery located in the Stokes Bridge Community of Lee County, South Carolina. Your ancestors are buried here. We need funds for a chain-link fence around the cemetery and tombstones for Edward Woodham and his wife Mary and their son Reverend Aris Woodham Senior and his wife Rachel Beasley to start with. Memorials can be made for either deceased loved ones or in honor of living relatives.

The following relatives have made contributions for restoration of our Woodham Family Cemetery.

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| Brockington Graham ("Woody") Woodham Jr. | Tryon, North Carolina | \$100 |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my father, Brockington G. Woodham Sr., son of Stephen Middleton Woodham (son of John Wesley Woodham, Stephen Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr.) | | |
| Mary E. Wilson | Pasadena, California | \$25 |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my great grandmother, Sarah Ann R. Woodham, daughter of Aris Woodham and Rebecca Smith (Athanasius Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr.) | | |
| E. Jerome Woodham | Marietta, Georgia | \$100 |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my mother, Mrs. Ora Lee Smith Woodham, wife of William Allen Woodham of LaGrange, Georgia (Hessie Joshua Woodham Sr., William Hartwell Woodham, Aris Woodham, Edward Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr.) | | |
| Rosemary Woodham Bonifay | Pensacola, Florida | \$18 |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my father, Grady Cecil Woodham of Geneva County, Ala. (John Talbot Woodham Johnathan Robert Woodham, Edward Harley Woodham Sr., Edward Woodham Junior) | | |
| Frederick Sidney ("Fred") Woodham | Brooks, Georgia | \$100 |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my father, Owen Frederick Woodham of Darlington County, SC (Thomas Emberry Woodham, Johnathan Edward Woodham Sr., Asa Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr.) | | |
| Ica Ida Woodham Lovett | Mayflower, Arkansas | \$10 |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my father, Oscar Lee Woodham (Francis Marion Woodham, John Nelson Woodham, Ira Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr.) | | |
| Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Dowling Woodham Sr. | Bishopville, South Carolina | \$25 |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> Robert Earl Woodham's mother, Mrs. Norma Turnage Woodham Parrish (widow of Rufus Woodham) (John Wesley Woodham, Ira Edward Woodham, Edward Christopher "Chris" Woodham, Aris Woodham Jr., Aris Woodham Sr.) | | |
| Mrs. Ella Perry Foster Zarr | Bay Minette, Alabama | \$100 |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my great grandmother, Icy Sophronia Skinner, daughter of Rachel Woodham (daughter of Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Woodham Junior) | | |

Send your donations to either: Woodham Family Association, PO Box 1321, Dothan, Ala. 36302, or to Alva L. Woodham Jr., 100 Running Fox Road, Columbia, SC 29223.

Asa Woodham -- Lee County, South Carolina Farmer, Community Leader

By Robert Earl Woodham, Woodham Family Historian

Asa Woodham, a Lee County, South Carolina farmer, became one of the most prominent community leaders of his area.

Asa was born 3 July, 1795 in the Stokes Bridge Community of Old Darlington District (now part of Lee County), South Carolina. He was a son of Reverend Aris Woodham Senior and Rachel Beasley and a grandson of Revolutionary War soldier Edward Woodham Junior and his wife Mary.

A few weeks before his 18th birthday in 1813, Asa was given a slave by his grandfather, Edward Jr. to get him started in life. Edward gave Asa another two slaves in 1816. A few months later, Asa bought 76 acres of land from Samuel Hearon.

His father Aris Sr. died in 1818 and Asa inherited with his mother Rachel, the home plantation of 158 acres and another tract of 76 acres and a tract of 300 acres which contained the grist mill which Aris Sr. had built into a prosperous business. He also gave Asa and Rachel three slaves and the cotton gin which he had also established. This was one of the first commercial cotton gins in the region and in fact, in the world.

With this inheritance, Asa was able to become a fairly wealthy man for his community and time. In 1828, he came into possession of another 300 acres of land. Asa loaned Josiah Knighten money which Knighten was unable to repay and he turned over a deed for the land to Asa in lieu of payment. In 1830, Asa bought 394 acres of land from Vincent Delk and in 1833 bought three tracts from Delk totaling 400 acres. The same day, Asa bought 100 acres from Jesse Skinner.

In 1841, Asa and his mother sold one half of two

parcels of land to his youngest brother, Stephen. In the 1850's, Asa went through another spate of land acquisition, buying two more tracts of land of 110 and 137 acres. He later sold the 110 acres to his son Jared in 1858. Asa managed over the years through inheritance and purchase to amass a considerable amount of land.

Asa's father Aris Senior was one of the first ministers of the Methodist Church in America. Asa became a member of the Methodist Church as his father and mother did.

A deed dated 1838 in Darlington County refers to Asa as a Trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Which one, however, is unknown with certainty but it was probably Hebron Methodist Church. There are only two churches in the Stokes Bridge Community today, the other being Savannah Advent Christian Church which was not organized until 1871.

Prior to establishment of Hebron, the family had been members of Cypress Methodist Church, located south of Lynch's River. Asa may well have taken a personal part in helping to found Hebron Church.

The public educational system with free schools for all people that we know today did not become widespread in the South until the late 1800's. Before this, schools were private institutions supported by donations and tuition charges. Asa was a Trustee in 1849 of one such school, Lynches Creek Academy.

About 1820, Asa married Elaine Elizabeth ("Laney") Dubose, daughter of Peter Dubose Jr. and Elaine Worthington. Laney was born in 1803. Th-

had eight or nine children: Mahalia, Jared, Pheriba Jane, Emberry, Mary Ann, Hugh Middleton, Johnathan Edward, Harriett S. and Jehu.

Their first child, Mahalia Woodham, was born 15 Jan., 1821. About 1835, she married Christopher Columbus Mixon. Mahalia died 6 July, 1837, probably with childbirth complications. She was buried in the Woodham Family Cemetery. A white marble tombstone once marked her grave. It was broken into pieces when the cemetery was destroyed. She had no known survivors.

Asa's second child was Jared (Jarrett, Jarot, etc.) Woodham, born in 1823. Jared married Argent Elizabeth Kelly about 1848. Argent's mother, Leonora Barrett, was the great niece of John Marshall, the first Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

In 1858, Jared sold 137 acres to his father Asa and on the same day, bought 110 acres, adjoining his own farm and land of his father and uncle Stephen. He served as Post Master of the Linton Bluff Post Office from Sept., 1855 to May, 1857. In 1860, Jared won election from a field of five candidates to the post of Darlington County Commission of the Poor.

Jared enlisted in Company H, 21st South Carolina Infantry Regiment of the Confederate States Army at James Island, Charleston, SC on 20 Sept., 1862 during the War Between the States (1861-1865). He had been in a hospital and was given leave and was at home on sick leave when he died 1 Oct., 1864. He was buried in the Woodham Family Cemetery.

Argent later married Jacob Smith. They had one known child: J. Manley Smith.

Jared and Argent had only one known child: Asa Flinn Wilson Quincy Beasley Woodham, known as "Beaty W.". He was born 25 Oct., 1862 soon after his father entered the Confederate Army.

Beaty married first about 1880 to J. Sidonia ("Dawn") Smith, daughter of Robet Smith and Mary Mozingo. They had at least six children: Leston, Al-

berta, Sidney N., Teddie and two other infants. All these children died young. Sidney lived to the age of nine. Dawn was born 30 Sept., 1866 and died 14 Oct., 1904. She and their children are all buried at Hebron Methodist Church Cemetery.

After her death, Beaty married about 1905 to Viola Barnes., daughter of Scarborough Barnes and Maggie Kelly. They had four children: Reaola ("Rea"), Beaty Scarborough, Fred D. and Seaborn Tildon.

Beaty became a minister in 1898. In 1901, he was one of three Trustees of the Church of Christ who accepted a deed for one acre of land in Kershaw County. He sold 64 acres of land in 1906 to Thomas Emberry Woodham and left Lee County and settled for several years in Fitzgerald, Ben Hill County, Georgia. He later pastored a church somewhere in Florida.

He settled near Jakin, Georgia in 1927 and pastored the Jakin Church of God for more than 20 years. Beaty died 12 Feb., 1953 in Donalsonville, Georgia and was buried at Friendship Cemetery there. I lived just down the street from this cemetery and found his grave when I was in the ninth grade. None of my immediate relatives knew who he was. It took another 15 years before I "identified" Beaty. Viola was born 15 June, 1885 in South Carolina and died 23 June, 1964 at Lanett, Alabama where her son lived. She is also buried at Friendship Cemetery.

Their oldest child Reaola ("Rea") was born in Bishopville, SC 5 May, 1906. She married Ralph A. Moon 21 Mar., 1932. She has lived in Jacksonville, Fla. since at least 1953. I have no further information on her and do not know of any children.

Beaty's second child, Beaty Scarborough Woodham, was born 10 Mar., 1907 in Fitzgerald, Georgia. Beaty left South Georgia and moved to Lanett, Ala. where he worked in a mill for many years. He married Elizabeth Elsie McAllister 6 Feb., 1932.

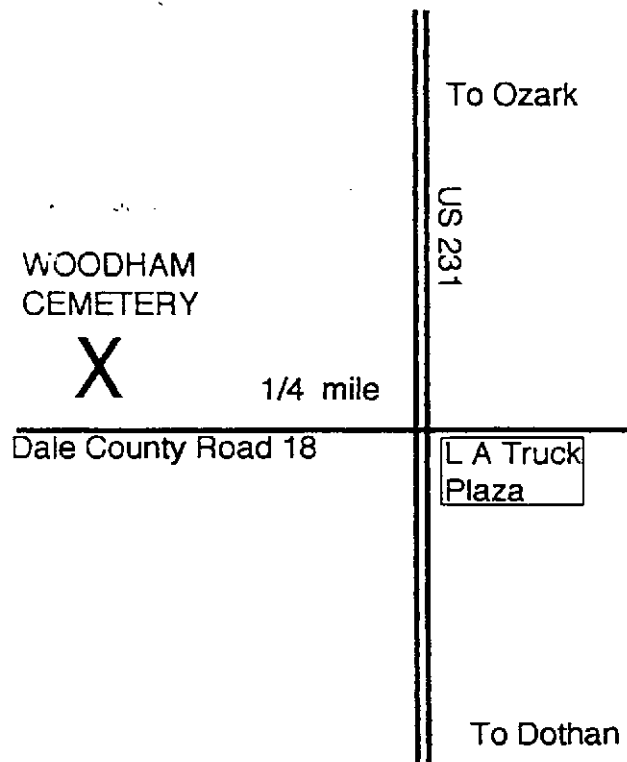
(Editor's note: this history of the Asa Woodham family will continue in our next several issues. If you have information, please send it in to us)

WOODHAM CEMETERY

CALENDER OF EVENTS

SATURDAY APRIL 23, 1994 10:30 AM

THE DESCENDANTS AND FRIENDS OF THE CEMETERY RESIDENTS WILL HAVE A **REUNION** AT THE CEMETERY TO MAKE AND RENEW BONDS THAT WILL LAST FOR ETERNITY. PLEASE BRING A COVERED DISH AND YOUR OWN CHAIR.



For more information call
Carol Rice 347-7367 home
or 347-0048 work

5th
Woodham Family Cemetery
Decoration Day

Woodham Family Cemetery, 23 April, 1994, Newton, Alabama

The annual Decoration Day to honor the relatives buried at Woodham Family Cemetery near Newton, Dale County, Alabama was held 23 April, 1994 at the Cemetery. This gathering was sponsored by the Woodham Cemetery Committee.

The gathering was much smaller than the first four and the turnout was disappointing.

Among those attending were:

Robert Earl Woodham	Dothan, Alabama
James B. Daughtry	Dothan, Alabama
Mrs. J. B. Daughtry	Dothan, Alabama
Thomas Letrel Woodham	Midland City, Alabama
Ray Moses Woodham	Dale County, Alabama
Mellona C. Woodham	Dale County, Alabama
Roger Dale Woodham	Headland, Alabama
Jeffery Todd Woodham	Headland, Alabama
Paula Woodham	Headland, Alabama
Ben Hill Woodham	Dale County, Alabama
Juanita Woodham	Dale County, Alabama
Carol Daughtry Rice	Enterprise, Alabama
Charles Rice	Enterprise, Alabama
James Ople Woodham	Pensacola, Florida

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Woodhams In Alabama, South Carolina Win Primary Re-elections For Judge, County Council

The first Woodham in history, to our knowledge, ever to serve as a district court judge of any type has won the Alabama Democratic primary to become the Democratic candidate for re-election to a full term.

Charles Winchell Woodham Sr., 52, was appointed on 4 Oct., 1993 by Governor Jim Folsom to fill the unexpired term of J. J. Masters who died. Charles is now seeking his first full term as District Judge.

Unfortunately, we don't have information on the election's outcome and have no vote details. It is also not known if Charles will face opposition in the general election.

Charles is a graduate of the Univ. of Alabama. He served in the Army as a missile commander from 1965 to 1968. He has practiced law in Henry County for 22 years before his appointment as Judge.

He has as attorney for the Henry County Board of Education, the Henry County Hospital Board and the City of Abbeville. Charles was a member of the American, Alabama and Henry County Bar Associations.

In Lee County, SC, Thomas Hearl Odom, who has adopted the Woodham name of his step-father, Alston Wesley Woodham II, won the Democratic primary, 421 to 350 for re-election to the Lee County Council (called the County Commission, Board of Supervisors, etc. in other states).

Tommy, 38, is married to Terri Northcutt. He has three daughters and a son. He owns and operates a landscaping firm. He was instrumental in bringing a state prison to Lee County which will bring many new jobs to the area.

Woodham Cemetery Decoration Day Held At Newton, Alabama

Descendants of those buried at the Woodham Family Cemetery in Dale County, Ala. gathered at the cemetery 9 April for the fifth annual Decoration Day. The occasion was founded in 1990 by the Cemetery Committee as a way to remember our ancestors and renew family ties at the same time.

A picnic is held on the site every year. The Committee erected a very nice picnic shelter three years ago which includes two restrooms and built-in benches.

A number of people from several surrounding counties attended this years Decoration Day. James O. Woodham of Pensacola, Fla., former Committee Chairman, traveled the furthest. Mrs. Carol

Daughtry Rice of Enterprise, Ala., descendant of Nellie Woodham and Major H. Daughtry, was re-elected Chairman of the Cemetery Committee.

Help Needed To Buy Old English Records For Woodham History Book

We need your financial help to purchase a number of old records from England on our Woodham ancestors dating from the 1500's and 1600's. We want to print copies of these in the first history book ever written on our family. We need about \$160 for records from one county and about \$100 for those from two other counties. These are a bare minimum of the records which should be printed in our first family history. These will include wills, estate records and other documents we have learned of so far. Your donations will be greatly appreciated. The book will be finished as soon as we get these copies from England.



Memorial Donations



Memorial Donations To Restore Our Woodham Family Cemetery

If you are a Woodham or descendant of a Woodham, you are urged to support restoration of your Woodham Family Cemetery located in the Stokes Bridge Community, Lee County, South Carolina. This historic Woodham burying ground was founded about 1799 or 1800 by your ancestors. It is the resting place of Edward Woodham Jr., who served as a soldier in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War--a real American hero. We need funds for a chain-link fence, tombstones and restoration work.

The following relatives have made contributions (listed with their ancestry).

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| <u>Brockington Graham Woodham Jr.</u> | Tryon, North Carolina | \$100 |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my father, Brockington G. Woodham Sr., son of Stephen Middleton Woodham (son of John Wesley Woodham, Stephen Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.) | | |
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| <i>In Memory of:</i> my great grandmother, Sarah Ann R. Woodham, daughter of Aris Woodham and Rebecca Smith (Athanasius Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.) | | |
| <u>E. Jerome Woodham</u> | Marietta, Georgia | \$100 |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my mother, Mrs. Ora Lee Smith Woodham, wife of William Allen Woodham of LaGrange, Georgia (Hessie Joshua Woodham Sr., William Hartwell Woodham, Aris Woodham, Edward Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.) | | |
| <u>Rosemary Woodham Bonifay</u> | Pensacola, Florida | \$18 |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my father, Grady Cecil Woodham of Geneva County, Ala. (John Talbot Woodham, John Robert Woodham, Edward Hartwell Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.) | | |
| <u>Frederick Sidney ("Fred") Woodham</u> | Brooks, Georgia | \$100 |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my father, Owen Frederick Woodham of Darlington County, SC (Thomas Emberry Woodham, Johnathan Edward Woodham Sr., Asa Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr. Edward Sr.) | | |
| <u>Ida Ida Woodham Lovett</u> | Mayflower, Arkansas | \$10 |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my father Oscar Lee Woodham (Francis Marion Woodham, John Nelson Woodham, Ira Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.) | | |
| <u>Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Dowling Woodham</u> | Bishopville, South Carolina | \$25 |
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| <u>Mrs. Ella Perry Foster Zarr</u> | Bay Minette, Alabama | \$100 |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my great grandmother, Icy Sophronia Skinner, daughter of Rachel Woodham (daughter of Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.) | | |
| <u>Mrs. Ruth Woodham</u> | Bishopville, Alabama | \$20 |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my husband, Harris Middleton ("Jack") Woodham (Ernest Edward Woodham, Johnathan Edward Woodham, Asa Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.) | | |



Memorial Donations



Help Restore Your Historic Woodham Family Cemetery

Teresa Ann Wallace

Madison, Georgia

\$100

In Memory of: my great great grandmother, Harriett S. Woodham and her husband, William E. Hearon (Dorothy Ann Jenkins, Nancy Harriett Hearon, William Woodham Hearon, Harriett S. Woodham, Asa Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.)

Mrs. Delene Woodham

Pensacola, Florida

\$40

In Honor of: my husband, William Jessee Woodham Jr. (school principal, county school superintendent, college professor) (W. J. Woodham Sr., Aaron Thomas Woodham, John Wesley Woodham, Athanasius Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.)

Mrs. Jack Woodham

Tavares, Florida

\$50

In Memory of: my husband, Jack Howard Woodham (Hillary Hopewell Woodham, Joseph John Woodham, Reddick Woodham, Athanasius Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.)
(**Editor's note:** in a letter to us, Minnie stated she had made a contribution for the South Carolina Woodham Cemetery and sent this to the chairman of the Woodham Cemetery Committee in Dale County, Ala. It was mistakenly used on the Alabama cemetery.)

South Carolina Woodham Reunion

Bishopville, South Carolina

\$30

In Memory of: Robert Earl Woodham's mother, Mrs. Norma T. Woodham Parrish.

Send your memorial donations for the Cemetery Restoration Fund to:

Woodham Family Association

PO Box 1321

Dothan, Alabama 36302

Books On Two Woodham Family Cemeteries Will Be Given Donars

As a thank-you for those kinfolks who are considerate enough to make at least a \$50 donation toward restoration of our Woodham Family Cemetery in Lee County, South Carolina, our President and Family Historian Robert Earl Woodham will present such donars with a copy of books which he has prepared on each of our two Family Cemeteries in Dale County, Alabama and Lee County, SC.

Robert Earl has devoted a great deal of research and effort to this project. He has intervied numerous living relatives of people buried at the cemeteries, pored through old newspapers and obituaries and searched old deeds and mountains of other records to identify every person buried at both cemeteries. Each

book will have one or more pages on every person buried at the cemetery. It will contain a brief history of the person, their ancestry and such personal information as we have learned. If the exact location of their grave is know, this will be included. For persons with tombstones, the location of the grave, along with the inscription.

The books will also include a general history of the cemeteries, detailed location information with maps and more. In the case of the Dale County Woodham Cemetery, that book will include a history of the cemetery's restoration and activities of the Cemetery Committee.

The books will be soft-cover and spiral-bound. We will not issue these books until we have sufficient funds to begin restoration. Interested persons other than donars may purchase copies at \$20 each plus \$2 postage.

Asa Woodham -- Lee County, South Carolina Farmer, Community Leader

by Robert Earl Woodham, Woodham Family Historian

(Editor's note: this is a continuation of the article begun two issues past on the family and descendants of Asa Woodham, son of Aris Woodham Senior and Rachel Beasley of Old Darlington District, now Lee County, SC)

An update since our last article: Beaty Scarborough Woodham has died (see obit). Mrs. Susan Adler Woodham, wife of Frederick Lee Woodham Sr. of Summerville, SC, has died (see obit). They had three children.

Wilbur Priestly (or Preston) Woodham's surviving children were Reginald Vivian, Chessie, Madge ("Maddie") and Mary Dorothy ("Polly"). All were born in what is now Lee County, SC.

Reginald Vivian (Vivian) Woodham was born 28 Nov., 1883. He shot and killed Tom Neal at St. Paul's, SC in 1904. He later left home and moved to South Georgia. He married Mary E. Nelson at Tifton, Georgia 20 Aug., 1911. She was born 25 July, 1892 at Isabella, Worth County, Ga. Vivian died at Fitzgerald, Ga. 3 Mar., 1972. Mary died 2 May, 1977 at Fitzgerald. Both are buried in Fitzgerald.

Vivian and Mary had two daughters: Vivian Marie and Mary Helen.

Vivian Marie Woodham was born 26 Jan., 1913 in Ty Ty, Tifton County, Ga. She married Douglas Gerald D. Henderson, a native of Ocilla, Ga., in Feb., 1940. Doug was born 16 Apr., 1910. He died 8 July, 1971 at Pensacola, Fla. and was buried at Ocilla.

Vivian and Doug had three children: Mary Jane, Kay Rowena and Douglas G. D. Henderson Jr. The family lived for a time during World War II in Panama City, Fla., later moved back to Fitzgerald, Ga. and then to Pensacola.

Mary Jane Henderson was born 13 Jan., 1942 in Panama City. She married John D. McGonagle 13 Sep., 1968 and they live in Pensacola.

Kay Rowena Henderson was born 30 Sept., 1945 in Fitzgerald. She married first Guy Maxwell Spearman in 1964. They divorced.

Doug Jr. was born 3 Sep., 1947 Fitzgerald. He married Beverly Kelly on 8 Apr., 1972. We have not heard from Vivian Marie or her children since 1978.

Mary Helen Woodham was born 18 Dec., 1916 at Waycross, Ga. She married John Henry ("Jack") Mayes Jr. 8 Jan., 1942. They had one son, John Henry Mayes III, born 19 Aug., 1952 in Fitzgerald. They later moved to Waycross and lived there in 1978.

Chessie Woodham, the third child of Wilbur P., was born 13 Mar., 1886. She never married. Chessie was drowned in Mar., 1951 when her auto ran into the Waccamaw River near Georgetown, SC. She lived at Lamar at the time. She was buried at Lamar.

Madge ("Maddie") Woodham, fourth child of Wilbur P., was born 24 Sep., 1888 and died 6 June, 1930. She married 15 Feb., 1919 to Dr. Theodore J. Boykin a doctor who practiced in Lamar, SC. He was born 30 June, 1889 and died 22 June, 1964. Both are buried at Lamar. No info on any children.

Mary Dorothy ("Polly") Woodham, the youngest surviving child of Wilbur P., was born 2 Aug., 1891. She married Alfred Ashley Jennings at Florence, SC 29 Dec. 1909. They had two daughters, Margaret and Mareese Jennings.

Margaret Jennings was born 8 Mar., 1911 at Tifton, Ga. She never married.

Mareese Jennings was born 17 Jan., 1917 at Waycross. She married Frank S. Sessoms 3 July, 1937.

Alfred died 9 Apr., 1968 at Waycross. Polly Woodham died there 4 Feb., 1975. Both are buried at Oakland Cemetery in Waycross.

Frances Jane J. ("Fannie") Woodham was the second child of Emberry Woodham and Megaron Skinner. She was born in 1857 in present Lee County. She married first to George Washington Coker. He was born in 1849 and died in Nov., 1881. I don't know of any children yet. She then married J. Edward ("Ed") Wingate. Ed had married first to Nicey Jane Skinner, daughter of Pheriba Jane Woodham. Nicey died in 1880. I don't know of any children of Fannie and Ed Wingate.

It appears from the few sketchy records we have naming Asa Woodham's children that he had a daughter named Mary Ann, born about 1827. She married R. A. Mixon. No further information known.

Hugh Middleton ("Mid") Woodham was the sixth child of Asa and Laney Woodham. Hugh Middleton ("Mid") was born in 1830 in the Stokes Bridge Community. He married sometime in the 1850's to Charity Ann Kelly. She was the daughter of James Kelly. Her tombstone, broken into pieces, is one of only two which survive from our Woodham Family Cemetery. She was born 24 Sep., 1837 and died 29 Oct., 1871. They had no surviving children. They raised Mid's nephew, Jehu Middleton Woodham.

After Charity died, Mid married Mary Hill. She was born 21 June, 1846 and died 12 May 1882. She was the daughter of Eli and Catherine Hill. She was buried at the Woodham Cemetery. No children. Mid then married Sarah Elizabeth Peoples. She was the widow of Israel McKenzie. She had two children by her first marriage. Sarah was born 2 Nov., 1839 and died 14 July, 1914. She is buried at nearby Hebron Methodist Church. Mid died 14 Aug., 1899 and was buried at Woodham Cemetery.

Johnathan Edward Woodham was the seventh

John was born 11 Nov., 1832 and died 22 Feb., 1893. He is buried at Hebron Methodist Church. He was a farmer throughout life in the Stokes Bridge Community. He inherited part of his father's farm who Asa had in turn had inherited from his father Aris Senior.

He was very active in his community's affairs. In 1879, he was one of the founders of the Stokes Bridge Chapter of The Grange, a national farmer's organization. The Grange is still active in the Midwest today but was replaced in the South by the Farm Bureau organization. John was elected Secretary of the Grange Chapter at its founding. He was also very active in his church and was a life-long member of Hebron Methodist church. He was serving as a Trustee of Hebron in 1880.

John Edward married about 1855 to Sarah Martin W. Bruce. Sarah was born 2 Nov., 1842 and died 14 July, 1914. They are both buried at Hebron Cemetery. She was the daughter of Charles Bruce and Lurena V. Abernathy. They had 12 children, including two who died as infants: Charles Welborn ("Wellie"), Elaine Elizabeth ("Laney"), Louella Cornelia ("Ella"), Lourenia Jane ("Lula"), Jehu Middleton ("John Geed"), Asa Lorenzo ("Laurie Ace"), Susan A. ("Sue", "Sudie"), Earnest Edward, Thomas Emberry ("Tommy"), Harold Lacy ("Harry"), Audrey Mittie and an unnamed infant. Audrey was born in 1885 and lived only a few months.

Charles Welborne ("Wellie") Woodham was born 23 Sept., 1856 and died 4 July, 1925. Wellie married his first cousin, Nancy Elaine ("Lanie") Hearon, daughter of Harriett S. Woodham and William E. Hearon. Lanie was born in Nov., 1867 and died 13 Jan., 1945. Both are buried at Savannah Advent Christian Church in Stokes Bridge Community. Their old homeplace was still standing three years ago.

Wellie was a farmer. He was a member of the Una Lodge, International Order of Good Templars.

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A Tale of Christmas Past...



Thanksgiving, Christmas At Granny's Were Big Tradition

By Robert Earl Woodham, Woodham Family Historian

Christmas has been the most important annual holiday for our Woodham family since the Middle Ages when our ancestors still lived in England. To this holiday, Woodhams have added the strictly American celebration of Thanksgiving: during this century, the two holidays have become enmeshed into a month-long and year-end celebration of giving thanks and nerrymaking.

For my granddaddy's family, it was no exception. From the time he moved to Seminole County, Georgia from Newville, Alabama, all his children and grandchildren would gather at the homeplace near Red Hill Church northwest of Iron City. Granddaddy was John Wesley Woodham, son of Ira Edward Woodham and Millie Ann Enfinger. His wife was Lillie Mae Sanders. Granddaddy died when I was a child and for the next twenty years, it remained a tradition for the family to gather during the holidays at Granny's.

My Daddy, Rufus Woodham, was killed in action during World War II but my mother still took me to Granny's during most of the holidays and it remained an important part of my life until Granny died.

For me, the excitement began to build days before Thanksgiving or Christmas. The trips to Granny's always seemed to last forever. By the time we turned off the main highway onto the dirt road, I was ready to holler for joy.

The homeplace sat at the peak of a small rise, surrounded by oaks and pecan trees and Granny's flow

ers. Both the living and dining rooms had fireplaces and each were gathering places for family during the holidays.

The womenfolk filled the kitchen to prepare the big meal. The menfolk congregated on the porch or took off hunting in the mornings and Aunt Florence sometimes tagged along with the guys rather than cook. She could shoot as well as some of them and that was more fun for her than the labor of the kitchen.

We grandkids had the most fun! We played all day with only a few interruptions for eating. Games of hide-and-seek and tag, treks down to the "bottom", toys or "playing house" kept us occupied all day.

These were the most important and happiest times of my childhood. (continued on page 5)

New Address

We Have A New Address:

Due to the heart attacks suffered by our president and family historian, Robert Earl, he decided to move permanently to Columbus, Ga. to be closer to his sister and brother. Help us spread the word. Our new mailing address:

Woodham Family Association

1130 Celia Drive

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If you are a Woodham or descendant of a Woodham, you are urged to support restoration of your Woodham Family Cemetery located in the Stokes Bridge Community, Lee County, South Carolina. This historic Woodham burying ground was founded about 1799 or 1800 by your ancestors. It is the resting place of Edward Woodham Jr., who served as a soldier in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War--a **real American hero** and his wife Rachel Beasley--the "mother and father" of our Woodham family. We need funds for a chain-link fence, tombstones and restoration work.

The following relatives have made contributions (listed with their ancestry).

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| <u>Brockington Graham Woodham Jr.</u> | Tryon, North Carolina | \$100 |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my father, Brockington G. Woodham Sr., son of Stephen Middleton Woodham (son of John Wesley Woodham, Stephen Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.) | | |
| <u>Mary E. Wilson</u> | Pasadena, California | \$25 |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my great grandmother, Sarah Ann R. Woodham, daughter of Aris Woodham and Rebecca Smith (Athanasius Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.) | | |
| <u>E. Jerome Woodham</u> | Marietta, Georgia | \$100 |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my mother, Mrs. Ora Lee Smith Woodham, wife of William Allen Woodham of La-Grange, Georgia (Hessie Joshua Woodham Sr., William Hartwell Woodham, Aris Woodham, Edward Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.) | | |
| <u>Rosemary Woodham Bonifay</u> | Pensacola, Florida | \$50 |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my father, Grady Cecil Woodham of Geneva County, Ala. (John Talbot Woodham, John Robert Woodham, Edward Hartwell Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.) (two donations) | | |
| <u>Frederick Sidney ("Fred") Woodham</u> | Brooks, Georgia | \$100 |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my father, Owen Frederick Woodham of Darlington County, SC (Thomas Emberry Woodham, Johnathan Edward Woodham Sr., Asa Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr. Edward Sr.) | | |
| <u>Ica Ida Woodham Lovett</u> | Mayflower, Arkansas | \$10 |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my father Oscar Lee Woodham (Francis Marion Woodham, John Nelson Woodham, Ira Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.) | | |
| <u>Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Dowling Woodham</u> | Bishopville, South Carolina | \$25 |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> Robert Earl Woodham's mother, Mrs. Norma Turnage Woodham Parrish (widow of Rufus Woodham) (John Wesley Woodham, Ira Edward Woodham, Edward Christopher Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.) | | |
| <u>Mrs. Ella Perry Foster Zarr</u> | Bay Minette, Alabama | \$100 |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my great grandmother, Icy Sophronia Skinner, daughter of Rachel Woodham (daughter of Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.) | | |
| <u>Mrs. Ruth Woodham</u> | Bishopville, Alabama | \$20 |
| <i>In Memory of:</i> my husband, Harris Middleton ("Jack") Woodham, son of Ernest Edward Woodham (Johnathan Edward Woodham, Asa Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward, Jr., Edward Sr.) | | |



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- Teresa Ann Wallace** Madison, Georgia \$100
In Memory of: my great great grandmother, Harriett S. Woodham and her husband, William E. Hearon (Dorothy Ann Jenkins, Nancy Harriett Hearon, William Woodham Hearon, Harriett S. Woodham, Asa Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.)
- Mrs. Delene Woodham** Pensacola, Florida \$40
In Honor of: my husband, William Jesse Woodham Jr. (school principal, county school superintendent, college professor) (W. J. Woodham Sr., Aaron Thomas Woodham, John Wesley Woodham, Athanasius Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.)
- Mrs. Jack Woodham** Tavares, Florida \$50
In Memory of: my husband, Jack Howard Woodham (Hillary Hopewell Woodham, Joseph John Woodham, Reddick Woodham, Athanasius Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr., Edward Jr., Edward Sr.)
 (Editor's note: in a letter to us, Minnie stated she had made a contribution for the South Carolina Woodham Cemetery and sent this to the chairman of the Woodham Cemetery Committee in Dale County, Ala. It was mistakenly used on the Alabama cemetery.)
- South Carolina Woodham Reunion** Bishopville, South Carolina \$30
In Memory of: Robert Earl Woodham's mother, Mrs. Norma T. Woodham Parrish.
- Mrs. Grady C. (Zenobia) Woodham** Pensacola, Florida \$70
In Memory of: my husband, Grady Cecil Woodham (John Talbot Woodham, Johnathan Robert Woodham, Edward Harley Woodham Sr., Edward Woodham Jr. Edward Woodham Sr.) (Zenobia sent in \$100 and asked that it be divided between dues, a donation to buy English records and the cemetery)
- Everett Wade Woodham Jr.** Bartlesville, Oklahoma \$50
In Memory of: my father, Everett Wade ("Monk") Woodham Sr. (Levin Oscar Woodham, Athanasius Jehu Woodham Jr., Athanasius J. Woodham Sr., Athanasius Woodham, Aris Woodham Sr. Edward Woodham Jr. Edward Woodham Sr.)

(Editor's Note: if we have omitted your donation, please forgive us. It will take some time before all our records are straightened out following our move from Dothan to Columbus. If you got left out, write and remind us.)

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Asa Woodham -- Lee County, South Carolina

Farmer, Community Leader

by Robert Earl Woodham, Woodham Family Historian

(Editor's note: this is a continuation of the article on Asa Woodham of Lee County, SC and his descendants. He was a son of Aris Woodham Sr. and Rachel Beasley)

Continuing with Charles Welborne ("Wellie") Woodham, son of John Edward Woodham and Sarah Martin Bruce and grandson of Asa.

Wellie and his wife Nancy Elaine ("Lanie") Hebron had at least seven known children: Mamie Green Woodham, an infant who was born and died 17 Mar., 1885 and is buried at Savannah Advent Church; Lalla Rook, Guthrie Welborn Sr., Edith Myra, Floye Miriam, William Edward ("Bert") and Millece ("Pough") Woodham, who was born 22 Sept., 1900 and died as a child 22 July, 1902 and is buried at Savannah Advent.

Wellie's old homeplace was still standing in the 1980's in the Stokes Bridge community as pointed out to me by Marion Woodham.

Lalla Rookh Woodham was born 16 Feb., 1887 and died 1 Apr., 1965 at Bishopville. She is buried at Hebron Church. Lalla married her second cousin, Sullivan Marcoe Woodham (son of Asa Edward and grandson of Asa's brother, Stephen Woodham). They married 14 Feb., 1906 and had two daughters, Eleanor Rebecca and Sarah Martin (Martyn) Sullivan Woodham, born 17 Aug., 1887, died 10 Aug., 1947. Lalla then married James Harrison Skinner 1 Apr., 1950.

Eleanor Rebecca Woodham was born 15 Jan., 1915 at Stokes Bridge. She married Benjamin David Tomlinson. They lived at Florence, SC, then Georgetown, SC during the 1940's and in 1965, at Tallahassee, Fla. Eleanor had two children: David W. and Rebecca.

David W. Tomlinson, born 18 July, 1940 at Florence, married Marie Helen Bodewig 15 July, 1974 at Dothan, Ala.

Sarah Martin (Martyn) Woodham was born 16 Jan., 1921 at Bishopville. She married Benjamin Franklin Skinner Jr. 2 Dec., 1945. They had four daughters: Deborah Lane, Sarah Millicent, Lalla Suzanne and Nancy Rebecca.

Deborah Lane Skinner was born 4 Sept., 1946 at Florence, SC. She married Richard Larry Galloway Sr. Sarah Millicent (Millicent) Skinner was born 8 Aug., 1950 at Florence. She married first Claude Wayne Marsh. Lalla Suzanne Skinner was born 30 Dec., 1951 at Florence. She married a Beasley. Nancy Rebecca (Rebecca) Skinner was born 12 Oct., 1959 at Bishopville. She married Henry Nelson Terry, 17 Mar., 1979. Rebecca has served as secretary of the South Carolina Woodham Reunion held annually at Hebron Methodist Church. She lives in Hartsville.

Guthrie Welborn ("Gus") Woodham Senior, third child of Wellie and Lanie, was born 22 May, 1889 at Stokes Bridge community. Gus married Eva Esther ("Etta") Dowling 22 June, 1915. They had two sons: Guthrie Welborne ("Gus") Junior and Andrew Dowling (Dowling) Woodham Senior.

Gus settled in Bishopville, the county seat, where he founded an insurance agency known as G. W. Woodham & Sons, Inc. He later took his two sons into the business and after his retirement, they operated the agency until the death of Gus Junior. The firm occupied a historic old bank building for several years until a new site was opened. Then Dowling operated the business and eventually took in his two sons.

Etta was born 20 Nov., 1890 and died 27 Apr., 1962 at Bishopville. The family lived in a two-story home south of downtown for many years. After Etta's death, Gus Senior married a widow, Mrs. Lillian Rogers Parrott on 11 May, 1963. Lillian has been prominent in the Bishopville Pilot's Club, a women's service club. She donated her old home to the club for its headquarters and it is now known as the Woodham Pilot's Club Home.

Guthrie Welborn ("Gus") Woodham Junior was born 27 July, 1917 at Bishopville. He married Minnie Lee Rhodes 3 Sept., 1936. They had two children: Guthrie Welborn III and Beatrice Rhodes ("Beat").

Gus Junior served in the US Army during World War II from June, 1943 until Dec., 1945 after the war ended. He served in Italy.

Gus Junior died 3 July 1973 and is buried at Bethlehem Cemetery, Bishopville.

Guthrie Welborn Woodham III married Merry Denise Dawson 23 June, 1988 at Columbia, SC. He lives in Manning, SC.

Beatrice Rhodes ("Beat") Woodham was born in 1946 and married Raymond Ashby Reynolds 21 Dec., 1968. They have two children, Leigh Reynolds, born in 1970 and a son, Ashley Woodham Reynolds, born 10 Nov., 1975 at Sumter, SC. They live in Sumter.

Andrew Dowling (Dowling) Woodham Senior was born 27 Jan., 1920 at Bishopville. He married Mary Ida Warner of Greenwood, SC on 23 Oct., 1948.

Dowling served in the Army during World War II from Nov., 1942 until Nov., 1945 after the war ended. He joined his father's business and later became its president until his retirement a few years ago. He has been active in Bishopville civic affairs throughout his adult life. Mary Ida was the Lee County Home Extension Agent for several years. They are members of Bethlehem Methodist Church in Bishopville. Dowling and Mary Ida have two sons: Andrew Dowling Junior and Marion Warner. They are Founding Members and long-

time supporters of the Woodham Family Association.

Andrew Dowling Woodham Junior was born 28 July, 1950 in Sumter, SC. He married Diane Marie Spagnola 19 June, 1982. They had one son, Andrew Dowling ("Drew") Woodham III, born in 1985. Diane died 6 Aug., 1988 and is buried at Bethlehem Cemetery, Bishopville.

Andrew Junior joined his father in the G. W. Woodham & Sons business. After his father's retirement, he became president. He later sold the business but still remains with the new company.

Andrew has been very active in Bishopville community affairs. He was one of the founding businessmen of the *Lee County Observer*, now the only newspaper in the county. He served several years as the newspaper's treasurer. He has also served as a member of the Bishopville Planning Commission and president of the Chamber of Commerce. He has served as chairman of the South Carolina Woodham Reunion.

Marion Warner Woodham was born 17 Feb., 1952 in Sumter. He attended Francis Marion University at Florence and joined his father in the G.W. Woodham & Sons agency. Marion was a Founding Member of the Woodham Family Association. He has been very active in Bishopville community affairs. Marion has been a member of the Optimist Club, Jaycees and the Lee County Cotton Festival committee. He was an avid runner for years, participating in such famous events as Atlanta's Peachtree Road Race and organized a race as part of the Cotton Festival. A bad knee forced him to stop racing. After the Woodham agency was sold, Marion founded his own business which he now operates. He married Gail Driggers Morgan 24 Jan., 1987. They live in Florence. Marion has served as chairman of the South Carolina Woodham reunion and, with Mrs. Jack (Ruth) Woodham, are the two most active relatives who keep this family gathering going every year.

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It Took A Lot Of Money And A Lot Of Hard Work

The restoration of our Woodham Family Cemetery at Newton required a lot of very hard, sweaty work by a small number of dedicated descendants who took part in this admirable effort. Ladies in their 70's and 80's donned old-fashioned bonnets and joined the menfolks, ranging in age from the 50's to their late 80's. All put in many days of hard, back-breaking work--removing scrub, young trees, weeds, bushes, thorny vines and the thorny roots of the vines (which sometime ran several feet underground) and what seemed like tons of dead leaves and rotten trash. All this undergrowth that was removed produced enough trash to fill several dump trucks.

In addition, the restoration also required a great deal of money. The handful of relatives who gathered at Jim Woodham's restaurant on 7 Nov., 1987 realized that funds were needed for a wide variety of things, not the least of which would be a permanent fence to secure the site. They took up their first collection that day and pledged to raise more.

Once organized, the Cemetery Committee began a difficult campaign to raise funds. J. B. Daughtry printed copies of a letter, along with copies of the family newsletter to mail to descendants of his grandparents, Nellie Woodham and M. H. ("Fox") Daughtry. He also gave copies to his sister and cousin who in turn mailed out many more. Others visited relatives and made lots of phone calls.

The first major expense facing the Committee was for a chain-link fence. I do not know an exact cost but T. Letrell Woodham stated it cost about \$2,000. No funds were spent on labor. All the labor to erect the fence was donated by Rex Stevens and his son David Stevens. David had experience in this work. They were helped in this project by T. Letrell Woodham. Their donated labor saved our family at least \$,1000 and possibly \$2,000 in labor costs.

The next biggest expense was for a beautiful wrought iron archway over the entrance gate. This archway spells out the words "WOODHAM CEMETERY, Est. 1848". The Committee hired an iron company in Dothan, Alabama to make the

archway. The cost was approximately \$750, including the labor to erect it. The arch is definitely a piece of artwork to be proud of. The archway was constructed high enough to allow a large burial vault truck to pass through the gate during future burials.

The grounds have been beautifully landscaped. Letrell Woodham purchased 50 azaleas, several dogwood trees and other shrubs and took a lot of care and effort in planting these. He also plants blooming annual flowers every spring and often brings flowers, wreaths and flags for veterans to decorate the graves during the annual Decoration Day held every April. Letrell also planted cactus and other plants inside the grounds and along the front of the Cemetery joining the highway. He has personally paid for all these flowers and shrubs--as well as planting and taking care of them. Other relatives have also purchased trees and flowers and planted these.

After the grounds were cleaned up, the next step was to establish a good lawn of grass. Unfortunately, the region suffered a drought following the first seeding and the grass simply could not sprout and grow in the dry summer heat. Mother Nature played a nasty trick following the second seeding and sent a heavy flood: most of the grass seeds were washed away. Finally, after the third seeding, a handsome lawn of grass began to grow.

The Committee members voted to divide up the task of keeping the grass mowed. They took turns, each providing his own lawn mowers.

The Committee, at the urging of Jim Woodham, decided to hold a gathering of descendants of all people buried at the Cemetery--as a way to show everyone what had been accomplished. Robert Earl suggested this become an annual event and that it should honor those buried here by decorating each grave with flowers every year to remember them. The Decoration Day gathering is always held in April: all descendants are urged to attend.

The first gathering was so successful that the Committee decided to erect a permanent picnic pavilion. This idea grew into a major project when members foresaw the need for restrooms to accommodate visitors. They decided to build one for females and one for males. Committee members furnished the labor to build the picnic shelter. It turned out to be a very professional-looking building. The shelter

has a cement floor. A bench was built in along three sides of the shelter for seating.

Alto V. ("Junior") Orr, the son of Alto Woodham Sr., donated a "very large amount of money" which "put us over the top" according to Letrell and enabled the Committee to purchase the materials to build the picnic shelter. Junior lives in Stuart, Florida so he was unable to participate in the actual work on the Cemetery but was more than generous in his major donation.

Once the flowers and shrubs were planted and a nice lawn developed, Committee members realized they needed water to keep from losing the the lawn and flowers during future droughts. They also wanted water for visitors, both for drinking and for the restrooms. That meant a water well was needed since the site is in a rural area without water lines. This almost caused a serious problem with county officials. The well was drilled in one corner of the grounds as far from graves as possible. State regulations require a water well to be a certain distance from graves. An inspector who showed up as it was being drilled relented and allowed the Committee to continue. A thirsty visitor on a hot summer day can be thankful for the few people who made this running water possible.

J. B. is personally responsible for raising a very large amount of money for the Cemetery through his determination and hard work. J. B. made personal donations to the Cemetery Committee on numerous occasions. In addition, he personally donated the entire amount to purchase a double tombstone for his great grandparents, Aris Woodham Jr. and Caron H. Riley whose graves were not marked with anything but stones and iron rods.

When J. B. decided to purchase this tombstone, he asked the Cemetery Committee if they were willing to join his effort and provide additional funds so another double tombstone could be erected for Edward Harley Woodham Sr. and his wife Sarah Dowling, both of whom died in 1865. Their graves were marked with a small brick wall surrounding them and about 1 1/2 feet high. The bricks had badly deteriorated over the years. J. B. said the Committee could get a discount by purchasing two stones at the same time. J. B. donated \$1,000 of the total cost of \$1,500 for these two very nice granite memorial stones and the remainder was taken from the Committee treasury (to which J. B. had already donated generously).

J. B. Daughtry A Major Donor

In addition, he donated coping to go around the burial plot of his grandparents, Nellie Woodham and M. H. Daughtry and covered the plot with crushed granite. J. B. also bought concrete blocks and devoted a great deal of time and effort to stencil the names "Woodham" and "Unknown" on them to be placed on the many unmarked graves of known burials. He "weather-proofed" each of the blocks by painting them with many coats of water-proofing.

J. B. has been one of the four largest donors thus far in his financial donations toward the Cemetery restoration. He is to be commended and our family owes him a great debt of gratitude for both his monetary contributions as well as his considerable amount of hard work.

Hetrell Woodham has also been a major donor in funds, as well as the work that he has done, mentioned above.

Jim Woodham is another of the major donors, both financially and in his own hard work. He spent many, many long hours of hard work on the grounds to get it cleaned up. Jim has often hired young boys and men to do some of the hardest jobs and paid them out of his own pocket many times. He served as the Cemetery Committee chairman for several years.

Jim also devoted considerable time and effort in maintaining the site and cutting the lawn until he sold his business and moved to Pensacola. His wife Elouise was always ready with snacks, cakes and other goodies and drinks for everyone when the Cemetery Committee met at their restaurant or their home.

Another person to whom special thanks should be made is Jane Adrian Hundley Roper, a native of Geneva County, Alabama and a long-time resident of Columbus, Georgia. She is the daughter of Tessie Inez Woodham. Adrian was retired when the restoration began and one of her major hobbies is quilting. Adrian spent many hours sewing a beautiful quilt which she then sold raffle tickets for. She collected a considerable amount of funds from this quilt raffle, which she donated to the Cemetery Committee.

Ray Moses Woodham and his wife Mellona (also the daughter of a Woodham) have been among the most staunch supporters of the restoration. They worked very hard during all of the organized cemetery cleanings and lent their support at most of the Cemetery Committee meetings.

Ben Hill Woodham and his wife Juanita Carroll (daughter of Ada Elizabeth Woodham), have also been among the faithful on a regular basis. Ben has spent a lot of back-breaking work on the cemetery.

I would like nothing better than to be able to list the names of every single person who has made a donation toward the cemetery restoration. It would not only show that they are appreciated but it would also be nice for their children and grandchildren years from now to know that they had made this massive project a wonderful success and helped preserve our ancestor's graves.

Unfortunately, I do not have a list of the descendants who made donations for the restoration, since these funds went directly to the secretary/treasurer, Juanita C. Woodham, or to other Committee members who made personal solicitations. I asked Juanita several times to let me have a list of all donations she received and to keep xerox copies of all the checks so that we could honor these folks and list their names in the family newsletters.

However, after numerous requests, I still have not been given a list of donors as of 1996. Nor do I have any idea of the total amount which has been raised by the Committee to date. For all those folks who contributed, I am sorry that I cannot pay tribute to you.

As of 1996, the Cemetery Committee no longer holds regular meetings. They still hold organized cleanings, usually in the spring just before the annual Decoration Day gathering. Individuals now help maintain the site, keeping the grass cut, the grounds clean and caring for the flowers and shrubs.

Remember--if your Woodham ancestors are from southeast Alabama, then you are a descendant of one of the Woodhams buried at YOUR Woodham Family Cemetery. The ancestors of all the Bagwells in southeast Alabama are also buried here.



Visit *YOUR* Woodham Family Cemetery

Every Woodham and descendant of a Woodham from south Alabama has ancestors buried at the Woodham Family Cemetery. If you or one of your Woodham ancestors was born in Dale, Henry, Houston, Geneva or Covington counties or other areas of south Alabama, then you are descended from the Woodhams buried here.

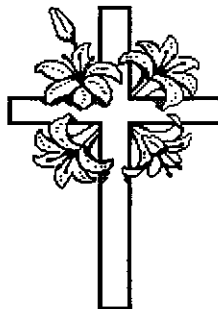
This is *YOUR* family burial grounds and as such, you should visit here often to pay homage and respect to your ancestors and help preserve their memory.

It is also *YOUR* responsibility to help take care of your Cemetery and maintain the graves and grounds in a decent condition. Please don't shirk your duty.

Future Burials

All descendants of our family are eligible to be buried here. In addition, descendants of the friends of the family buried here are also eligible for burial in the cemetery.

For information about burying a family member here, contact Thomas L. Woodham of Midland City, Alabama or any member of the Cemetery Committee.



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