

Research of the people in Merrimack Cemetery

Early in 1995, I realized that at one time everyone in Merrimack Village knew the people who were buried in Merrimack Cemetery. Now the neighborhood had changed. Many had died or moved away and the newcomers were not connected to the textile mill. I felt a need to learn about these people before it is too late.

Who were they? Where did they come from? Who were their parents? Who were their children? What caused their deaths?

The history of the cemetery is the history of the village.

Other than talking with people, I have used sources available to anyone: reference books, census records, Huntsville City Directories, Alabama Death indexes and old newspapers found in Heritage Room, Huntsville Public Library, marriage records and Honorable Discharge Records from Army, Navy and Marine Corps and Voter's registration List found in Madison County Probate Office, third floor, Madison County Courthouse, Offices of Maple Hill Cemetery, Huntsville Memory Garden and Valhalla Memory Garden.

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