

Their Cemetery and the Church



**Richard Joiner (1878-1906),
Horton-Joiner Cemetery.
Photo by John P. Rankin,
2002.**

The Cemetery. Pearl stated, “Our cemetery was mostly on Frank Jacobs’ side, but it was at the end of the road by Horton School [F-265].” In looking at the Army Real Estate Map, we see the cemetery is located exactly where Pearl said.

On the map, it seems to have been along the east boundary of the property of Yancy Horton [F-264], by the property line between his and Earnest Jacobs’ property [D-193] and also the

Addie Jacobs property (D-72). Today, this is the area between RSA Bldg. 8713 and Bldg. 8714.



**Ophelia Horton (1915-1925),
Horton-Joiner Cemetery.
Photo by John P. Rankin,
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Pearl said Frank Jacobs, Earnest Jacobs (Frank’s brother), and Addie Jacobs were buried in Huntsville. However, Etta Jacobs, Alva Jacobs, and Beck Jacobs were buried in the Community Cemetery [Horton-Joiner Cemetery]. Beck was the mother of Frank Jacobs, who was Yancy Horton’s neighbor.

Two monuments have legible inscriptions. The inscription of Ophelia Horton states she is the daughter of Sophie Horton and she died at age 10, and it states that the monument was erected in 1925. The 1900 Madison County census shows an Ophelia, daughter of Sophie Horton as born in 1892, so if this is the correct Sophie, she would have died in 1902 and the monument was erected later.

The inscription on the monument for Richard Joiner states he was born Dec. 18, 1878 and died March 12, 1906. He was the son of Felix and Millie Joiner. Based on the names on the monuments, the cemetery was named Horton-Joiner Cemetery by the Army. Joiner, a Horton “in-law,” may have been the only Joiner buried there.