

LANIER CEMETERY (2)

LOCATION: Redstone Arsenal. Section 6-5S-1W. S/2 S/2 SW SE. This cemetery is located in a restricted area and is reached only by walking through rough terrain covered with heavy vegetation. The cemetery itself is surrounded by a wrought iron fence and is extremely well kept. A sign on the rusty gate says: "Stewart Iron Works, Cincinnati, Ohio."

LANIER, I. A. - 1816 - 1894

LANIER, B. C. - 1820 - 1895

LANIER, F. C. - 1867 - 1881

Note: The above three stones were in the first row and the remainder of the stones were in the back row. The grave of B. C. Lanier, below, was located between two large cedar trees.

McCRAB, L. S. - 1767 - 1832

LANIER, B. C. - 1789 - 1820

LANIER, M. S. - 1801 - 1853

LANIER, W. H. - 1861 - 1864

LANIER, I. A. - 1859 - 1879

Census, November 9, 1850

Lanier, Mary S.	(49)	Tenn.	
Isaac A.	(33)	"	Farmer
William H.	(31)	"	" -M- Marianne J.S. Ford 1-9-1855(MB-4B).
Burrel C.	(29)	"	" -M- Laura P. A. Ford 5-26-1853(MB-4A).

NOTE:

The driver, Specialist Bennett, and I were escorted into this area by Mr. William Bass who was quite familiar with this particular region. The area covered several hundred acres and without Mr. Bass' expert guidance and knowledge of the terrain the trip would have been useless. He took us directly to six cemeteries of which three had no stones and of which there is no known record of their names. Mr. Bass pointed to a saddle between the Bradford and Hatton Mountains in the distance and told us of another cemetery located there - one which is not on any map.

A few yards south of the above Lanier Cemetery is a colored cemetery but common sense prevented us from trying to locate it. The area is swampy and recent heavy July rains had not helped the situation. Poisonous snakes abound and in some places the foliage is so thick one can not see for a distance of more than a foot or two. Mr. Bass told us that Arsenal personnel were unaware of either of these cemeteries until a request was made for a burial in the colored cemetery. The area, at that time, was so remote and unfamiliar that it took the Corps of Engineers some time to locate the cemetery and build a road to it. No trace of the road was left.