

CABANISS CEMETERY

Location: Section 7-1-1E, N/2 N/2 SE SE - Off Mulberry Road near intersection of Mulberry Road and Carringer Road, one mile east of Highway 231-431.

There are no stones in this cemetery but at least two persons are buried here, Lucy and Charles Cabaniss. The tombstone to mark their memory is in Maple Hill Cemetery and reads as follows:

Chas. & Lucy W. Cabaniss, Parents of Charles P. Cabaniss, and Native of Lunenburg County, Virginia, settled near Huntsville in 1810 on Northwest quarter of Section 29, Township 3, Range 1 East. Died March 20, 1825 and December 29, 1827, aged 50 and 51 years. Interred on Southeast quarter of Section 7, Township 1 South, Range 1 East.

Note: Charles Cabaniss erected the first known Cotton Spinning factory in Alabama in 1817-18.

McGEHEE CEMETERY

Location: Section 18-1-1E. S/2 NW/4. On bank of the West Fork of the Flint River and approximately 1/2 mile east of Highway 235-435.

McGEHEE - Thomas McGhee, Son of Micajah and Nancy McGhee was born Decr. 1, 1771 and departed this life April 18th, 1832 aged 60 years, 4 months and 18 days. (Box tomb)

Note: The last name was McGhee on stone of Thomas, above, whereas it was McGehee on the others.

McGEHEE - Nicholas A. McGehee, Born September, 1825 (1820?), died October 1, 1825 (1820?).

Note: The tombstone of Nicholas had weathered and I can not be sure whether the year is 1820 or 1825 due to the style of lettering.

McGEHEE - Wm. B. McGehee, Was born M _____ Departed this life _____.

Note: The marble headstone of Wm. B. had badly weathered. All lettering except the name was in very small, lightly cut, letters and was impossible to read.

There was another box tomb, that of a child, in this cemetery but there was no lettering on it. The only stone left in this cemetery is that of Nicholas A. The headstone of Wm. B. and the lid of Thomas' tomb had been removed and were lying next to an old shed just a few feet from the cemetery. Because of their weight we did not attempt to return them to their original places.

TOWNSEND CEMETERY

Location: Section 19-1-1E - NW NE. East of Memorial Parkway across field in woods.

TOWNSEND - In Memory of Samuel Townsend, born in Lunenburg County, Va. May 12, 1804, Died at his residence on this plantation Nov. 19, 1856.

TOWNSEND - In Memory of Edmund Townsend, Born in Lunenburg County, Va. Jan. 8, 1791, Emigrated to Madison County, Ala. in 1819. Died April 19, 1853 Aged 62 years, 3 Mo's. & 11 Days.

Note: Edmund's marker had fallen from its pedestal but was not broken. The marble marker of Samuel is one of the most beautiful in the county. It is not ornate but elegant in its simplicity and good taste and must be at least eight feet high. This cemetery is surrounded by a high stone slab wall which is falling in. There did not appear to be other markers in this plot but outside the wall there were "sinks" which may have been Townsend slave graves. The 1850 Madison County census lists Samuel Townsend, age 46, a farmer born in Va. with holdings valued at \$25,000. Edmond is shown as 60 years old, farmer, born in Va. with holdings valued at \$60,000. Both appeared to live alone.