

OTEY CEMETERY

LOCATION: Section 30-2-1E - NW NW SW. This cemetery is on the grounds of the lovely old Otey mansion approximately one mile south of Meridianville, Ala. on Highway 231-431. My thanks to Mrs. H. C. Wikle (Nee Margaret Hampton), an Otey descendant, who accompanied me to the cemetery in April, 1969. The information on the family was supplied by Mrs. Wikle.

OTEY - Walter Otey of Bedford Co., Va. 1776 - 1823.)
Note: Walter was the son of Col. John Otey who commanded)
a battalion of rifles during the Revolutionary War.) Dbl.
OTEY -His wife, Mary Walton, of Salem, Va. 1781) Married in 1800 in Va.
Note: Her death date was left blank.)

OTEY - Sacred to the Memory of William Madison, son of Walter Otey and Mary Walton, his wife. Died aged 47 years. Mark the perfect man and behold the upright for the end of that man is peace. Psalm XXXVI Chapt., 37 Verse.

OTEY - Asleep in Jesus. Sacred to the Memory of Octavia Aurelia, beloved wife of William M. Otey, daughter of William Henry and Rebecca Wyche. Born August 13, 1831, departed this life Dec. 30, 1890. Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God. Matthew 5th Chapt., 8th Verse. As for me and my house we will serve the Lord.
[Note: the Death Records show her as dying of heart trouble]

Census, Oct. 29, 1850

Otey,	W. M.	32	Ala., farmer - \$8000.)	William M. Otey -m- Octavia A. Wyche
	Octavia	19	") Sept. 26, 1849 (MB-4A)
	Mary	72	Va.	[This is Mary Walton Otey, above]
Neavas, Milas		22	Ala. farmer.	[Note: Overseer of Otey plantation; he served in the Confederate Army during Civil War in place of William Madison Otey.]

Note: These were the children of William Madison Otey and Octavia Aurelia Wyche:

1. Imogene -m- William Fields of Castlewood, Va.
2. William Walter -m- Sophia Robertson
3. Marie Rebecca -m- John M. Hampton of West Point, Miss.
4. Laura Elise - never married
5. Lucille Horton -m- John Bealle Walker from Rockingham Co., Va.
6. Madison - died in childhood

During Reconstruction Octavia Aurelia contributed whistles, robes, and other items to the local KKK. One night, as legend has it, many white-robed Klansmen silently surrounded her home and asked if they could do anything for her but she answered in the negative. Later that night a man was taken from his home and whipped for beating his wife.

FIELDS - Imogene Otey, Beloved wife of William Fields. Dec. 29, 1850 - Aug. 24, 1929.

WALKER - Lucy O. Walker - Sept. 24, 1862 - April 16, 1949

WALKER - John B. Walker - April 10, 1865 - Nov. 28, 1947. [Note: John Bealle Walker was a civil engineer and contributed his talents toward construction of the Holland Tunnel in New York City.]

OTEY - Maxwell Otey, Son of S. M. and W. W. Otey. 1896 - 1897.

OTEY - Laura Elise Otey - 1861 - 1943

TALIAFERRO - Sacred to the Memory of Lewis Bourbon, son of Charles E. and Martha A. Taliaferro. Born March 2nd 1831 - Died July 13th 1837.

Note: The Taliaferro child is not related to the Otey family. The Taliaferro family was travelling when the child became ill and they stopped at the Otey home to rest until the child recovered or became well enough to continue the journey. The child died and was buried in the Otey cemetery. The Taliaferros are listed in the 1830 census as having 18 slaves but no children.

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