

R(E)IGNEY CEMETERY

LOCATION: Section 6-3-2E - NE SE NE; almost 3/4 mile east and 1/4 mile north of Bellview Cemetery

NOTE: This old cemetery was surrounded by a fence at one time but now only the posts are standing. Outside the fence are the remains of at least three above-ground cut-stone box tombs that are probably a lot older than the tombstones listed here. I could find no identification on any of them. There also appeared to be many "sinks" outside the fence which may have been the graves of slaves. The entire area was covered with vinca minor and is nestled among lofty trees. Please note that two spellings (Rigney and Reigney) are used here.

RIGNEY - Katharine Rigney - 1849 - November 7. (No other info. on this hand-carved fieldstone).

RIGNEY - John Rigney - Born Feb. 7, 1800 - Died April 23, 1847.

REIGNEY - Sacred to the Memory of our dear Mother, Penelope Reigney, Consort of John Reigney, Jun. Born May 18th, 1808 in Chowan County, North Carolina, departed this life June 30th 1881.

Census, Oct. 24, 1850

Rigney, Penelope	43	N.C. -m- John Rigney 8-4-1835 (MB-4)
Virginia	14	Ala. -m- Wm. E. Payne 10-18-1853 (MB-4B)
Caroline	12	Ala. "Carrie" -m- John R. Steele 2-4-1867 (MB-5)
Henrietta	9	Ala. -m- Wm. C. Criner, Lisc. 3-25-1861 (MB-4B)
Flemming	7	Ala. -m- Laura E. Sullivan 9-1-1866 (MB-5)
L. Ann	5	Ala.
Mary	3	Ala.
Miller, Mary	75	N.C.

REIGNEY - In Memory of Mary Catharine Reigney, daughter of John & Penelope Reigney, born April 4th 1847, departed this life May 24, 1870.

STEELE - Carrie Rigney Steele - Born Oct. 5, 1838 - Died Nov. 30, 1911.

STEELE - John R. Steele - Born Sept. 29, 1827 - Died June 9, 1895.

----- - Footstone: "L. R. C." This footstone is probably that of a Criner but we could find no headstone to go with it.

CRINER - Henrietta C. Criner - Born Mar. 26, 1864 - Died Mar. 22, 1881

STEELE - Houstin E. Steele Was Born Dec. the 26th 1869 - Died May the 31st 1870 - A son of John and Carrie Steele.

CRINER - Henrietta R., wife of Calvin Criner - Born Oct. 11, 1840 - Died Sept. 7, 1876

REIGNEY - In Memory of Lucy A. Reigney, Born Jan. 18th 1845, Departed this life Sept. 30th 1872

PAYNE - W. E. Payne - Born July 15, 1831 - Departed this life Oct. 5, 1895

PAYNE - Virginia A. Payne Born Oct. 6, 1836 - Died July 12, 1916.

NOTE: The stones in this cemetery are, for the most part, badly broken and scattered. The only ones left standing are those of Virginia and W. E. Payne, Lucy A. Reigney, and John and Katharine Rigney. The rest had to be dug out of the ground (mostly in pieces). Near the grave of Katharine Rigney is the grave of a young person marked with unlettered fieldstones.

