

CHAMBLESS-BYRNE
(Flint Baptist Church)

LOCATION: Section 17-3-2E - E/2 E/2 NW SW. This very old cemetery is located 1/4 mile north of the present Flint River Primitive Baptist Church west of Maysville, Ala. It is located on a tree-covered hill top.

A lady living very near this cemetery pointed out a spot near the cemetery on which she said had stood the first Methodist Church in Madison County. She was in error about the denomination as it was a Baptist Church, not Methodist. In his "A History of Methodism in Alabama" [published in 1893] the Rev. Anson West, D. D. says "The Baptists were there equally early. They were there at the beginning of things, and they were strong and numerous for the number of inhabitants in the county at the time. On Flint River, North-east of Hunt's Spring, at the house of James Deaton, October 2, 1808, they constituted a Church with eleven or twelve members, which Church they named Flint River. This was the first Baptist Church in the county."

Countless graves are scattered all over this hill and most of them are unmarked or marked with unlettered fieldstones.

CHAMBLESS - Stephen W. Chambless Died Oct. 4, 1851 aged 26 years & 8 months. Though he fell, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.

CHAMBLESS - In Memory of Stephen Chambless - Died Nov. the 17 A.D. 1841 age 56.

CHAMBLESS - Ann Chambless Died Feb. the 23 A. D. 1834, age 47

BYRNE - Caroline Byrne, Wife of W. J. Byrne, died Sept. 22, 1879 age 49 years, 9 mo. & 9 days

BYRNE - W. J. Byrne Died Jan. 5, 1868 aged 39 yrs., 8 mo., & 18 days.

BYRNE - John Byrne Died June 23, 1877 in his 82 year. Father.

<u>Census, Dec. 3, 1850</u>		[Note: This name was spelled Barnes/Burnes in census]
Byrne, John	53	Va., House Carpenter - \$1400. [A War of 1812 pensioner]
Martha	49	Va.
William	22	Ala. Farmer
Martha	15	"
Caroline	18	"
Andrew J.	11	" -m- Harriet E. Daniel 12-22-1869 (MB-5) [See P. 211]
Octavia W.	8	" -m- Wm. J. Lawler January, 1880 (MB-4B)
Georgeanna	6	" -m- Geo. W. Parker 11-14-1860 (MB-4B)
Johnston, John P.	55	.Va. House Carpenter

Note: Wm. J. Byrne -m- Susan C. Morrow March 19, 1850 (MB-4A)

BYRNE - Martha Byrne, Wife of John Byrne, Died Jan. 19, 1866 aged 65 years, 9 mo., & 19 days. Mother.

BYRNE - Nancy Byrne Died May 27, 1867 aged 100 yrs., 5 mo's., & 21 Ds.

LAWLER - Mattie Lawler, Wife of Wm. Lawler, died March 21, 1861 aged 26 years & 6 days. Our Mother.

Note: William Lawler -m- Mattie Byron [Byrne] October 25, 1854 (MB-4B)

JOHNSON - Richard Johnson]	Note: These three people are buried here in unmarked
JOHNSON - Frances (Phelps) Johnson]	graves. Proof is found in the Will of John P. Johnson,
JOHNSON - John P. Johnson]	the son of Richard and Frances Johnson, which states
]	that he wishes his body "to be buried in the burial ground
]	near the Baptist Brick Church on Flynt River by the side
]	of my Father and Mother on the North side nearest the
]	fence according to the rites and ceremonies of the
]	Masonic usage."