

Fennell-Hallmark-McMullin & Walden Cemeteries

FENNELL, HALLMARK, McMULLIN CEMETERY

Location: This cemetery was originally in Section 4-5-1E in approximately the NW SE SE SW. It was on the section line in a hedgerow at the south edge of the Camelot subdivision in southeast Huntsville. It was moved to the Hobbs Cemetery in late spring of 1975. The Hobbs and Fennells were related by marriage [John Hobbs married James Fennel’s sister, **Keziah**.] It was not realized until after the reinterment that James C. Fennell’s remains were put on top of his brother-in-law, John Hobbs, in the northeast corner of the cemetery. The rest of the removals were reburied in the northwest corner of the cemetery.

James C. Fennell – James C. Fennell, Born January 18, 1780 – Died September 3, 1817

Note: This is one of three tombstones surviving from the territorial period in Madison County. At the present time [2008] the Fennell stone is in the Records Room on the third floor of the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library. It will be returned to the Hobbs Cemetery when one can be assured it will be protected from vandals.

M. J. McMULLIN – M. J. McMullin – Born Dec. the 7, 1837 – died Apr. 3, 1893.

Note: The McMullin marker was a tall fieldstone with deep, well-carved, hand lettering. It is most uncommon to find lettering this well done on rock.

There were three other graves visible, one was an unmarked “sink,” and the other two were marked with fieldstones. One of the fieldstones had no visible carving and the other had “N. A.” carved in it.

			Fennell grave
			X
“sink”	N. A.	fieldstone	
(no marker)	(fieldstone)	(no name)	McMullin
X	X	X	X

On 7 Jan 1811 **George Holmark [Sr.]** patented the SW quarter of Section 4, Twp. 5, Range 1 East for \$2 per acre [\$326.30]. On 4 May 1816 he and his wife, Sarah, sold this quarter section, with tenements [house], for \$1600 to James C. Fennel, where Hallmark “now lives.” On 20 Jan 1817 Fennel patented the adjacent entire SE quarter of Sec. 4-5-1E but relinquished the east half back to the Government on 16 Aug 1821 (probably done by his heirs as he had died four years before). Hallmark family descendants state George died in Madison County and if that is true one must assume he is buried here on his old homestead. That is especially logical if he had buried some of his children here before selling his land to Fennel even though that is not reflected in the deed to Fennel. There are no Hallmark tombstones but that does not mean they are not buried here. George Sr. is listed by the DAR as a Revolutionary Patriot.

WALDEN LOST TOMBSTONE

In September of 1971 the following stone was in the Evidence Room of the Huntsville Police Station. It was found under the back stoop of Lantern Antiques, 2106 Franklin St., Huntsville, Al. There is no indication of the first or original location of this stone or how it came to be under the porch of a shop on Franklin.

Jo A. Walden
Oct. 25, 1849
April 10, 1891