

John Drake Cemetery.

Neely Drake in 1824 and who died before 1829.

John T. Shannon

Born August 17, 1829

Died February 8, 1858

Note: Marble stone lying flat.

John T. Shannon married Rosannah E. Drake 8 Jan 1850. After his death Rosannah married Zachariah N. Drake 21 Sept 1859. John T. Shannon was the son of David and Sarah (Neely) Shannon.

In Memory of

Virginia A.,

infant daughter of

George W. & Virginia A. Drake.

Born May 10, 1851

Died October 8, 1851

V. Drake

Note: *This is the footstone of Virginia Agnes Drake, wife of George W. and mother of Virginia above. She died of complications in childbirth. She was born in 1825 and died in 1851. Her obituary is in the Southern Advocate of 4 June 1851.*

Census, Dec. 12, 1850

Drake, George W. 35 Al

Virginia A. 25 Al

Edwin L. 5 Al

George W. 2 Al

Drake, Agnes 65 Va

Andrew 25 Al

Virginia 7 Al

Note: *George W. Drake was shown in the census as a merchant with property valued at \$9,000. He was the son of Andrew Drake and married Virginia A. Drake, his first cousin, daughter of James Drake, Jan. 25, 1842. Virginia Drake, shown above*

as age 7, married Jack Kelly April 18, 1860 in Madison Co., Al.

In Memory of

Rhoda Ann,

Consort of **John N. Drake,**

was born June 26th 1821

Died November 13th 1845 aged 24 years, 4 months, and 18 days.

Not lost, but gone before.

Note: *Rhoda Ann Drake was the dau. of James Drake and John N. Drake was the son of Zachariah Drake. They were first cousins and were married Dec. 20, 1840.*

Census, Nov. 18, 1850

Drake, John N. 42 Tn

Wiley P. 8 Tn

William F. 4 Tn

In Memory of

Almyra M. Cloyd

wife of **James B. Cloyd**

Born March 12, 1819

Died December 14, 1837.

Note: *This stone now gone. Almira M. Drake married James Brooks Cloyd 9 July 1836. After her death he married Lucinda McCravy on 22 April 1840 and they are listed on the census as follows:*

Census, 1850

Cloyd, James B. 35 Va

Lucinda 28 Al

Shelly (m) 9 Al

Mary 3 Al

James 5/12 Al

Cloyd, Mary Ann 12 Al

Note: James B. is listed as a cotton factor.

In Memory of
Rosannah E. Drake

Born Sept. 7, 1816

Died Dec. 3, 1834

Note: *She died giving birth to "Aunt Piddie" who is buried in Maple Hill Cem. Rosannah E. Drake married her first cousin, John Calvin Drake, the son of Andrew Drake, on 13 Dec. 1833.*

In Memory of

Rosanna Drake

who Departed this life

on the 8th of November

1814, aged 30 years.

Note: *She was the first wife of James Drake. This stone disappeared from the cemetery then reappeared in 1967; it disappeared again in 1968 and reappeared 22 Oct 1991. Rosanna and husband James Drake were second cousins; she was the daughter of John Neely.*

In Memory of

my beloved Husband

George W. Drake

who died November 27,

1875.

The lord is merciful and

gracious [*sic*]

Note: George W. Drake was born Dec. 14, 1814.

Note: *Most of the family information was given to me by Catherine Gilliam and Bobby D. Drake, and was taken from the Drake family Bible.*

Note: All marriage dates are from either the family Bibles or Madison County marriage books.