

Keel Cemetery & Rigney Cemetery

Willis L. Kennemer
1864 - 1941

Jonie C. Markham
1922 - 1943

Ruth Markham
Dec. 27, 1885
June 18, 1956
Shares stone with John
John Markham
May 20, 1890
July 16, 1948

Nancy J. Thomas
Nov. 27, 1844
July 22, 1915

Rigney Cemetery

Location: Section 11-5-2E. NE SE NW. Off Cherry Tree Road. The cemetery is under a large magnolia tree a few yards behind house which is at the end of a lane north off Cherry Tree Road. (Cemetery was canvassed 18 Oct 1972.)

A local story says that when Fleming J. Rigney "died," rigor mortis did not set in (there was no embalming in the county then). The family put nickels on his eyes and held a wake. He turned over. They kept waiting but his body never got stiff and they buried him anyway.

The *Southern Advocate* of 8 Sept 1866 stated that on 4 Sept 1866 Mr. Fleming J. Rigney married Miss **Laura E. Sullivan**, daughter of Dr. **Isaac Sullivan**, all of Madison County.

Most of this family is buried in the Rigney Cemetery in Section 6-3-2E.

William Haughton Rigney
Son of F. J. & E. V. Rigney
Born Jan. 19, 1909
Died June 8, 1910

Virginia Rigney
Dau. of F. J. & E. V. Rigney
Born Feb. 11, 1905
Died Feb. 23, 1905

Lillian Elkins
Dau. of R. A. & Penelope
Elkins
Born & Died March 17, 1908

Virginia E. Rigney
Sept. 17, 1869
April 3, 1953

Flemming [John] Rigney
Nov. 9, 1842

Dec. 21, 1924
[*CSA Iron Cross No. 545 on this grave. The middle initial was definitely an "I." but he is shown of F. J. on other stones in this cemetery and on other records so this may be a stonecutter's error. His middle name was John.*]

Laura E. Rigney
wife of F. J. Rigney
Dau. of I. W. & M. A. Sullivan.
March 4, 1846
Oct. 14, 1900.

John E. Rigney
Son of F. J. & L. E. Rigney
Born Sept. 11, 1870
Died Oct. 22, 1870

Note: *Outside the fence which enclosed the above graves there were four graves marked with fieldstones.*

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