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Location: Sec. 28-4-2E. Center of NW/4. This cemetery straddles the old Cherokee boundary line in the Collier Precinct, Vienna (now New Hope) District; on the road between Berkley and Gurley.

When I first visited this cemetery many years ago it appeared to cover a single large area with graves in groups throughout. In a more recent trip much had changed. The groupings appeared to be set off into individual family cemeteries.

Ann and Jack Cochran canvassed this cemetery many years ago and commented that "This entire hill is covered with old graves. A large portion of the graves are covered by underbrush and overgrown while some sections of the cemetery were well kept and fenced." When I canvassed the same cemetery I found it had been cleaned off and was no longer overgrown.

The obituary of Sarah Ruth Connally is included here because it says she was buried in the Beason Cemetery. Neither the Cochrans or I found a tombstone for her but we may have canvassed the cemetery before she died or before a stone was erected at her grave.

The Huntsville Times. May 28, 1976. Mrs. **Sarah Ruth Connally.**

Mrs. Sarah Ruth Connally, 61, of 3902 Sturbridge Drive, died Thursday at the Medical Center Hospital [no longer exists]. The funeral will be Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at the chapel of Spry Funeral Home.

Burial will be in Beason Cemetery, Norman Hooten and John Cunningham will officiate. Mrs. Connally was a native of Madison County and a member of Mastin Lake Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Clyde H. Connally, a son, Johnny D. Connally of Ft. Smith, Ark; two daughters, Mrs. Mary Jo Jaco of Huntsville, Al. and Mrs. Tommie Berger of Atlanta; two brothers, Thomas A. Chandler of Gurley and Clifton Chandler of Chattanooga; and seven grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Dan Austin Ellett, Bennie Lee Ellett, Roy Self, Howard South, Don Spring and Jim Roberts.

Myomy Salmons

Departed this life the 10th day of May, 1851 aged 34 years, 4 months and 10 days.

Myomy "Oney" Salmon, was the dau. of Allen and Margaret Christian, born in Madison Co., Al; she married Groves Salmon 15 June 1837 as his first wife.

His name is also written Samons, Sammons, etc., in various records.

Groves was a Southern sympathizer during the Civil War and applied to the Southern Claims Commission for reimbursement of property lost during the war. The Application stated his wife was "a raving maniac" [NOT Myomy] and died leaving him with a blind daughter and a baby son. Myomy was his first wife and the blind daughter and baby son were by a later wife. He married twice after her death.

Allen Christian, Myomy's father, is believed to have built the house on Champan Mountain, still standing, is on the National Register and known as the Chapman House.

1850 Census

Samons, Groves,	35	NC	farmer	\$8,000.
Mioma	27	Al		
Andrew	11	Al		
True, Elisabeth	40	Al		

Col. S. T. DeBow

Born September 28, 1820

Died May 28, 1862

Fannie F. DeBow

Born December 2, 1853

Died April 24, 1854

The DeBow graves were found in a fenced but very overgrown area. The 1850 census showed him living next door to Groves Samons; he was age 29, born in Al and had property valued at \$3000; no wife or children listed.

Rubb ... Andrews

April 14, 1914

September 14, 1924

The first name is uncertain due to the stone being difficult to read to the point of illegible. It stands alone in a separately fenced area.

Jennie Poteet

Wife of T. K. Connally

Born March 22, 1854

Died March 4, 1903