

PET CEMETERY, 35 – 1

Summary Report

This cemetery is located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 4, Range 1 West. It is near the Landman Cemeteries, north of the west end of Gray Road. There appears to have been no recent burials of pets in the cemetery, so it may be no longer in use, and it appears to be full. No research was done regarding the families who owned the pets, but some markers give surnames, and one has “dog tags” with a number. Photos of each grave and marker were made during several visits to the cemetery. Generally, the photos were taken in a sequence from the west end to the east end of the cemetery, and they are arranged in that same sequence (as photographed) herein. The photos are basically displayed here without commentary.



Redstone Pet Cemetery (35-1), Madison County AL; December 17, 2003



Redstone Pet Cemetery (35-1) on Shillelagh Circle, Madison County AL; December 17, 2003



**Redstone Pet Cemetery (35-1), Madison County AL; December 17, 2003
[View of the west end of the cemetery]**



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[Typical tombstone base, with missing tablet; at west end of cemetery.]



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Stones found at west end of cemetery to mark burials.



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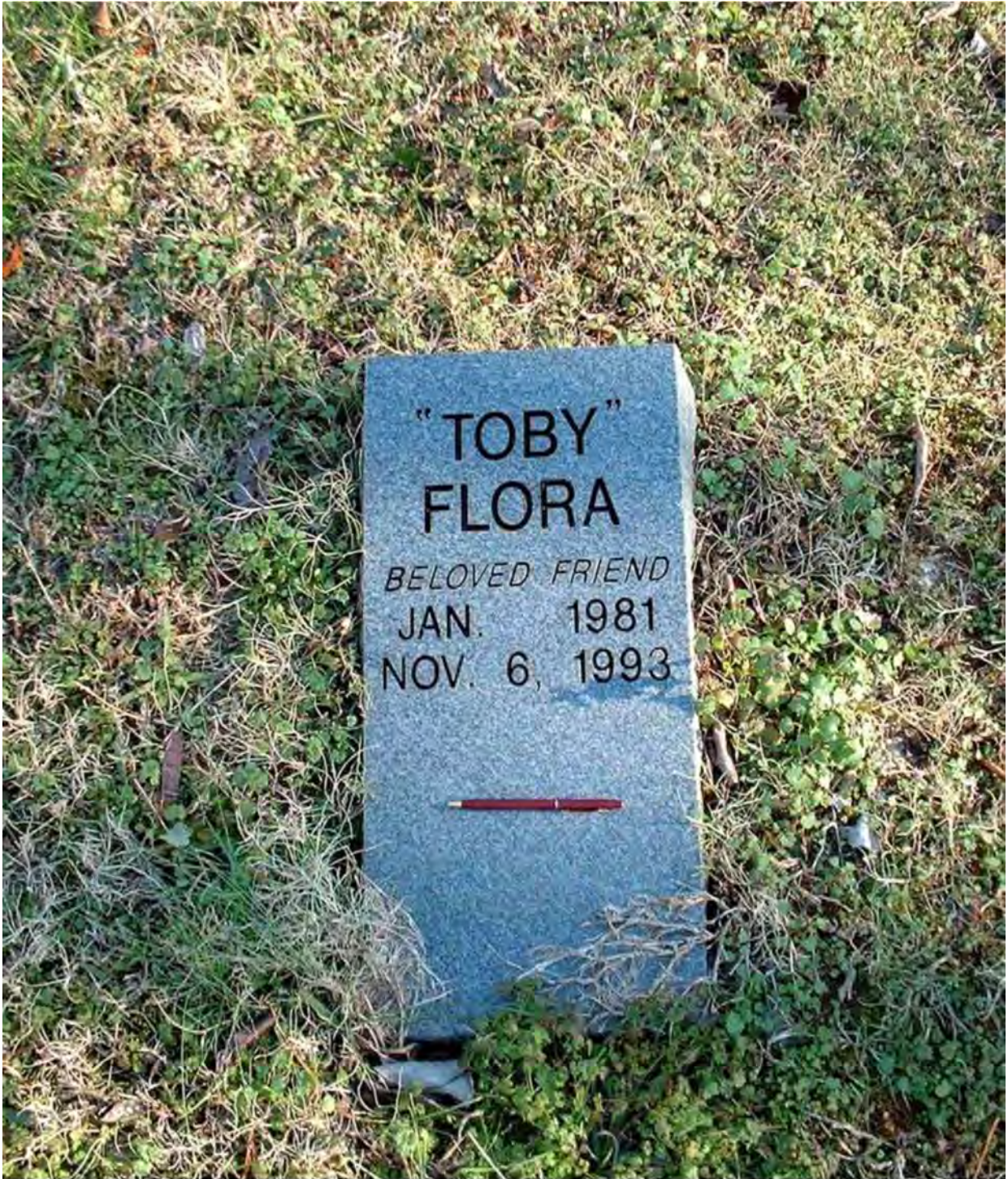
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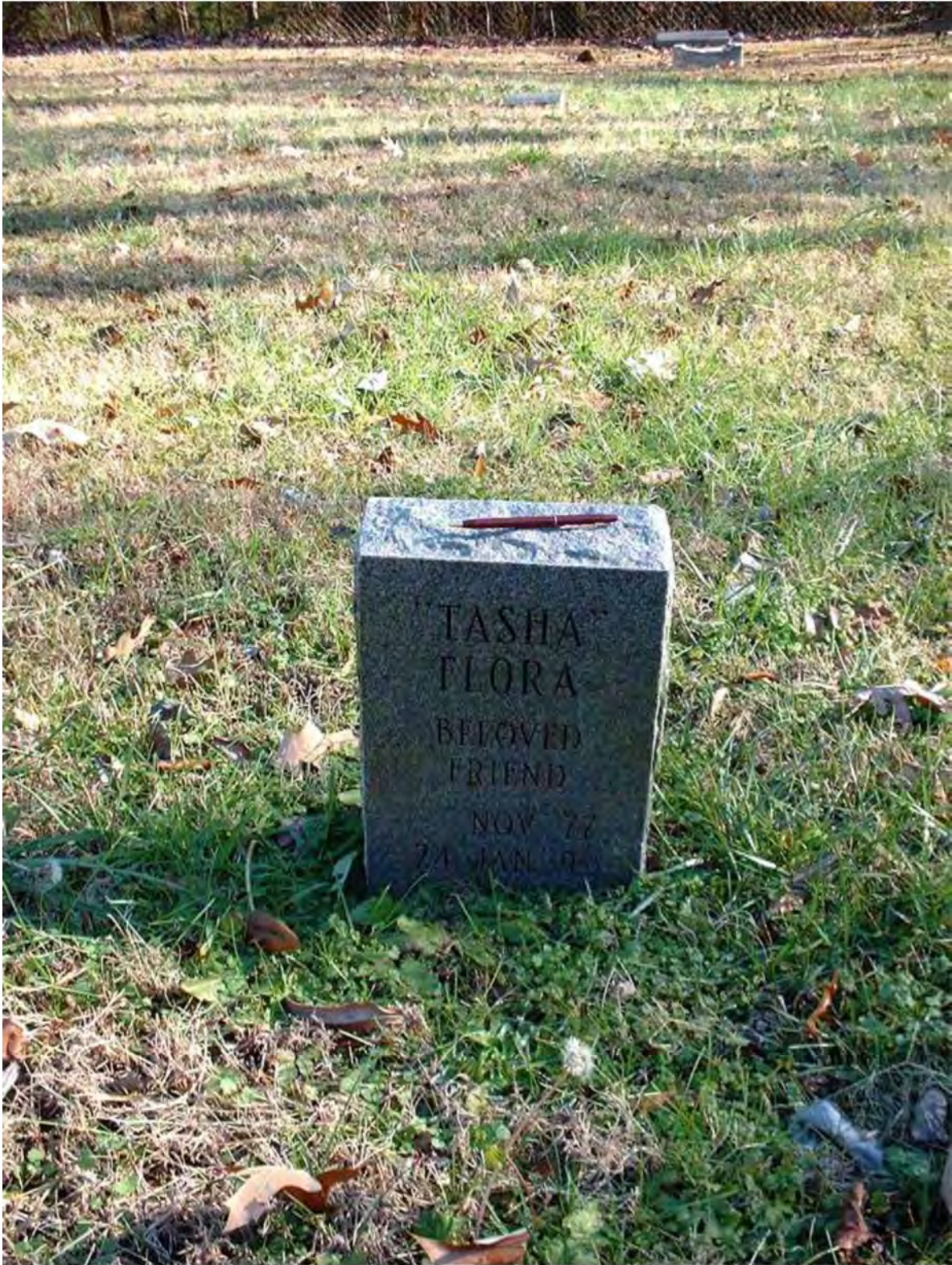
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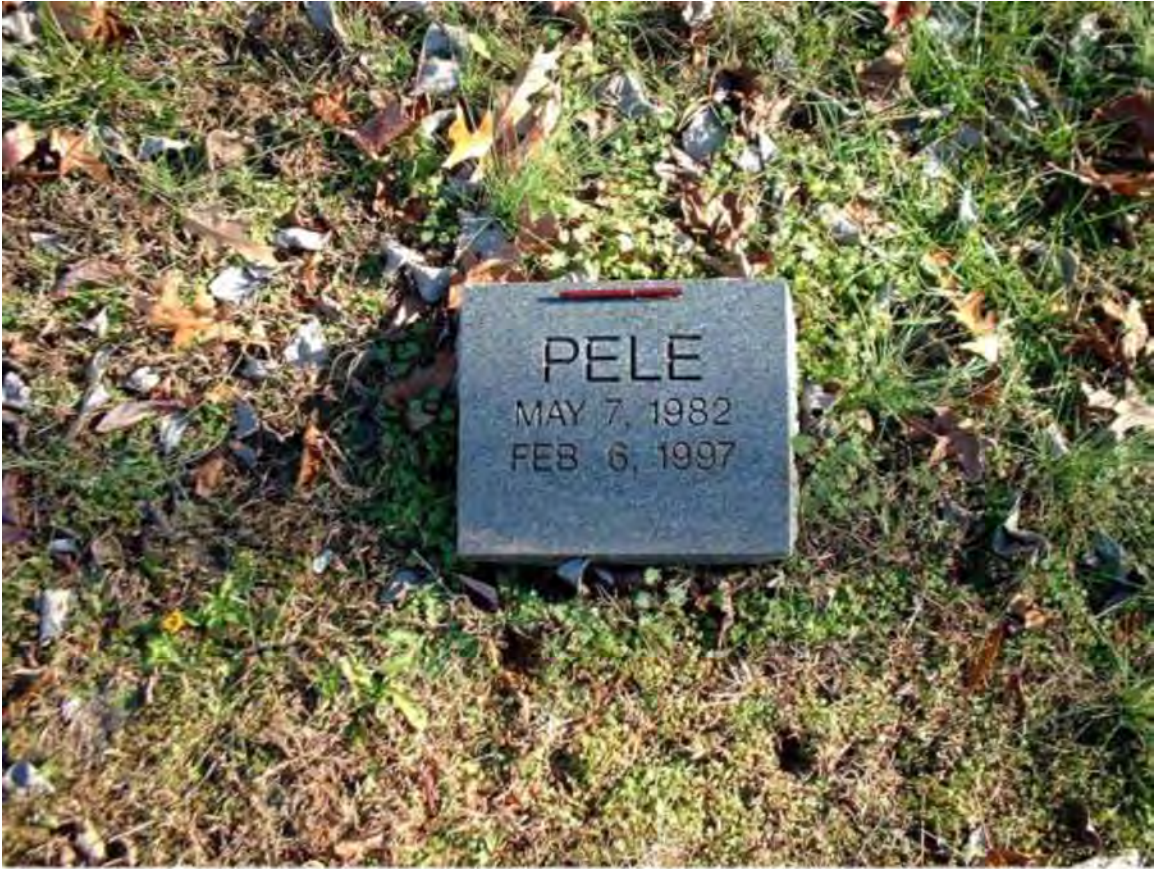


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[Fire ant mound was built over top of marker]



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PET CEMETERY, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co. AL, January 21, 2004



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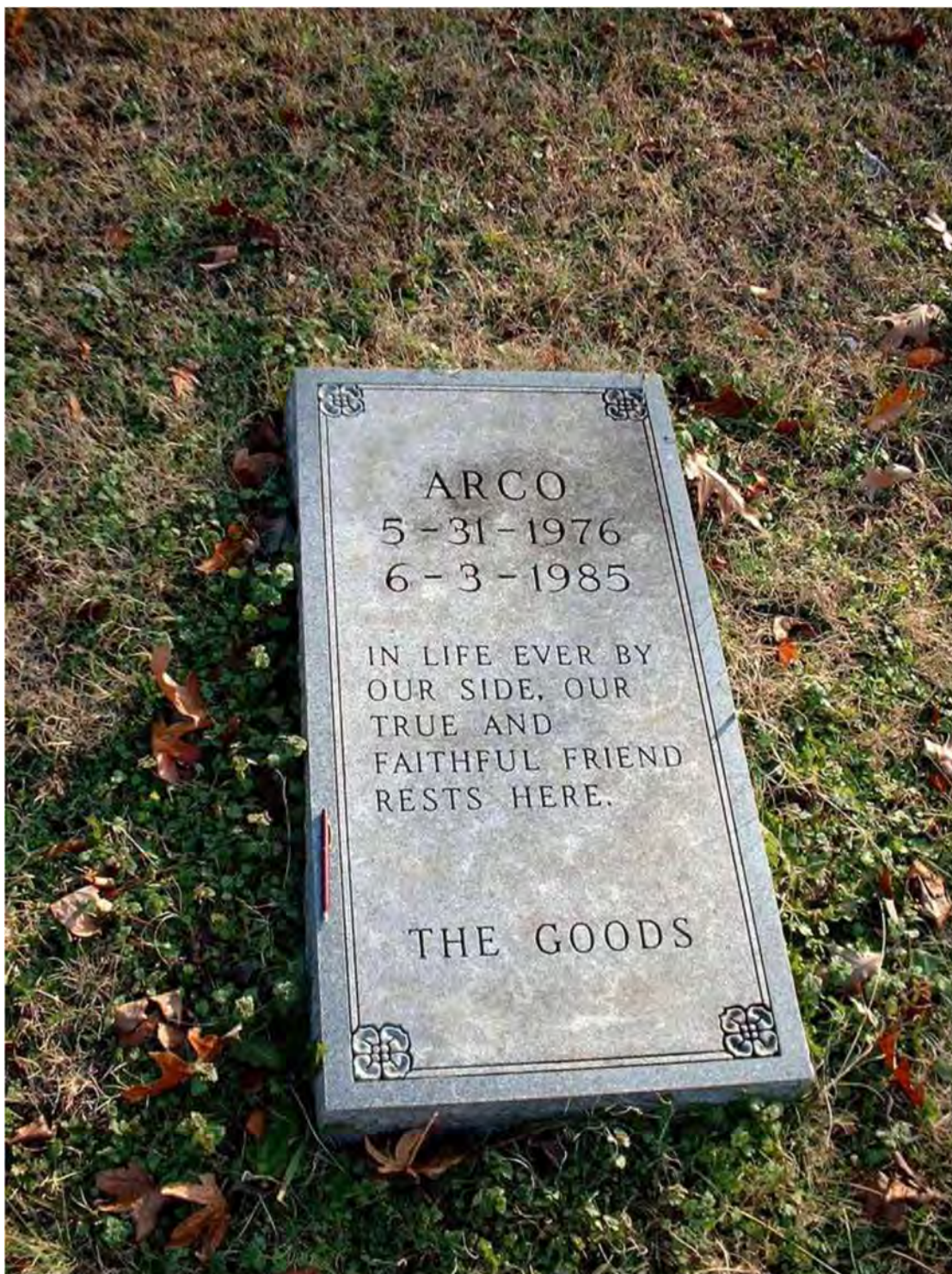
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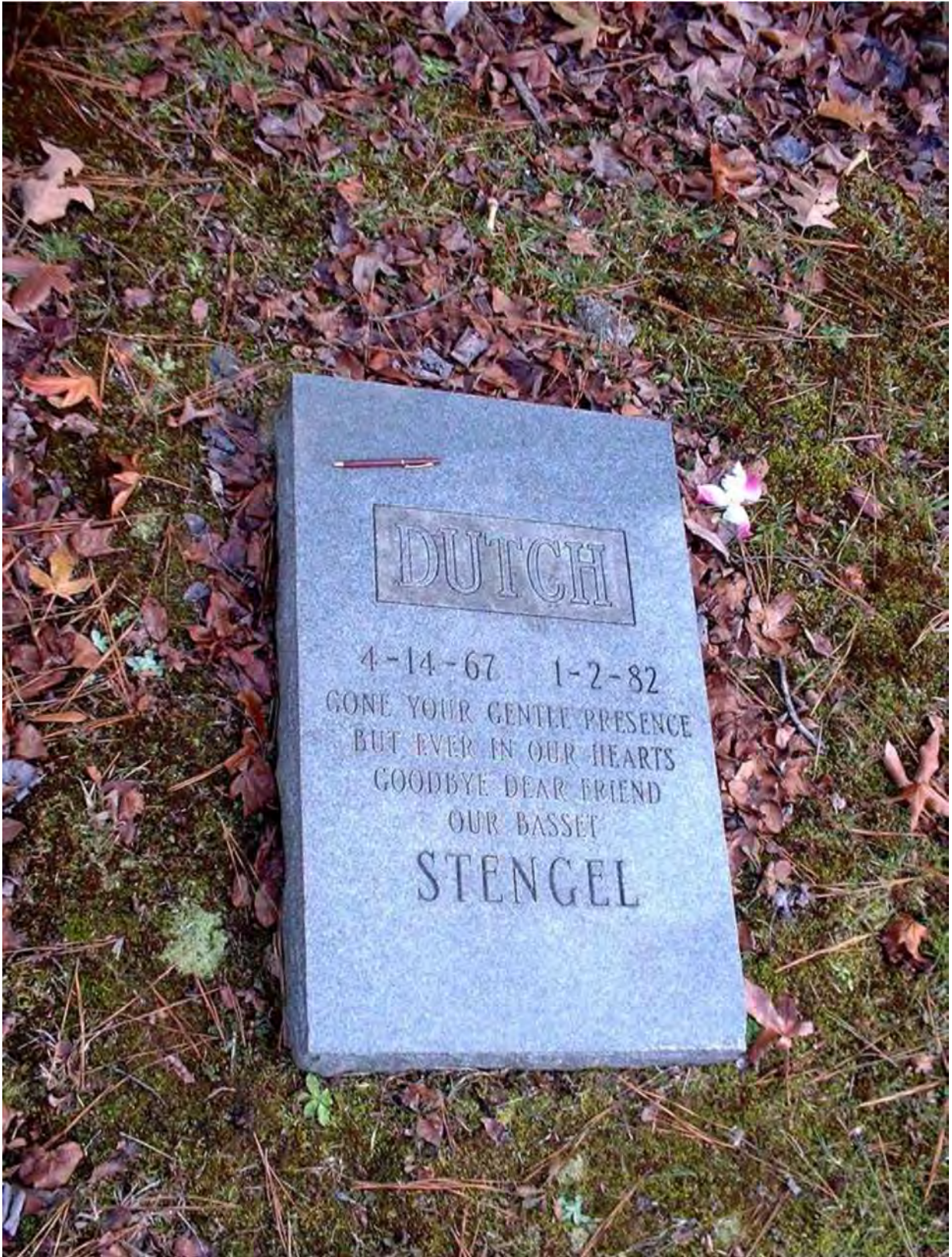
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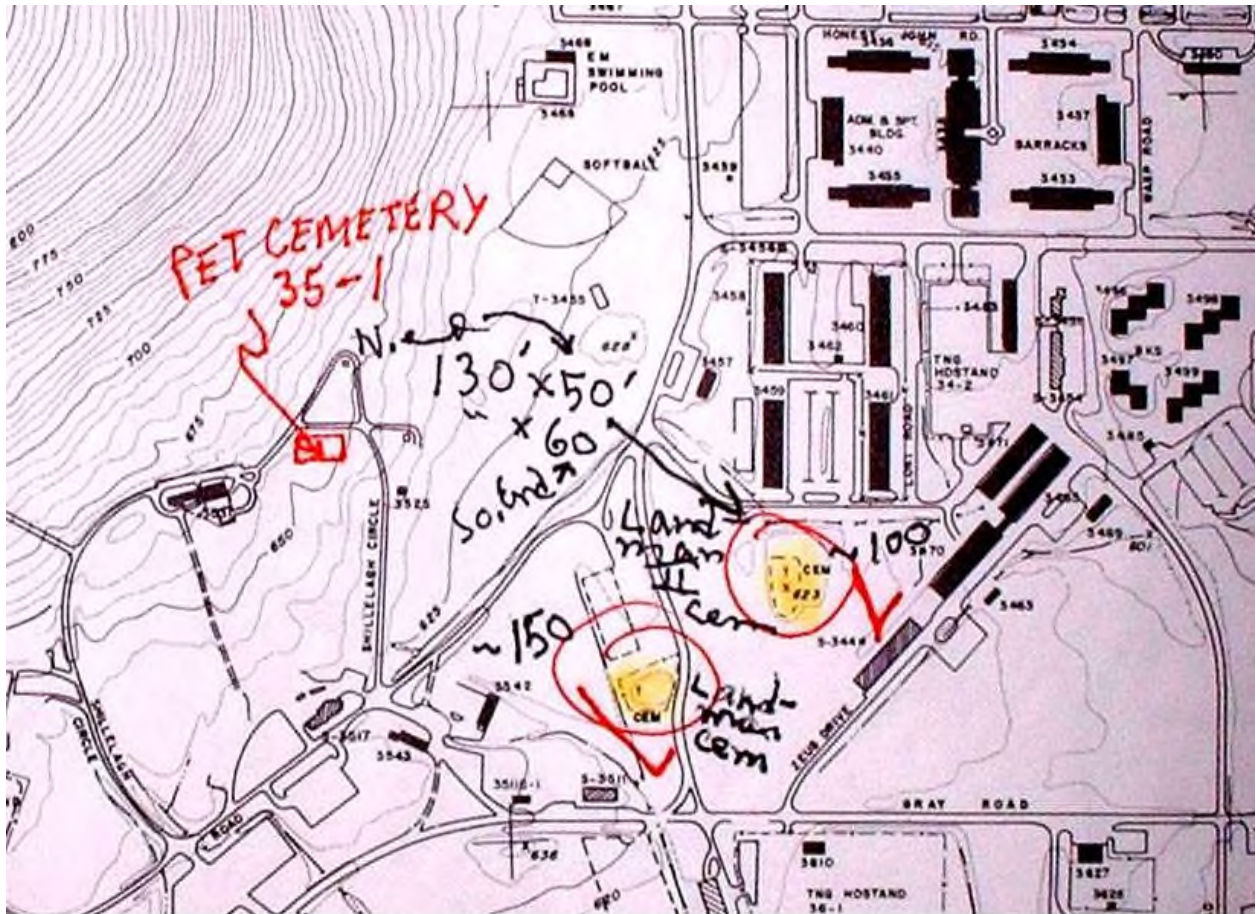


REDSTONE PET CEMETERY (35-1); Madison Co. AL; December 17, 2003

Fire ant mound over Rusty's marker.



Northeast corner of Sheet 5, General Site Map, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co. AL; Oct. 1986



Northeast corner of Sheet 5, General Site Map, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co. AL; Oct. 1986

There is actually very little known of this cemetery, except that it is for pets. There were old reports and articles about it in the *Redstone Rocket*, according to Beverly Curry. Likewise, it was reported or rumored that there were horses and an elephant buried in the cemetery, but that is not necessarily substantiated by any markers or other evidence today. Indeed, there could be some confusion about burial of the elephant with a story reported in the *OLD HUNTSVILLE MAGAZINE* that a circus elephant died in Huntsville many years ago and was then buried somewhere in the area. Perhaps that area was what is now Redstone Arsenal. At least the arsenal residents had a place to put their beloved pets for a time and to show their children how funerals were done for loved ones.

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