

In fact, the markers that are in the cemetery today are not thought to be the originals. They appear to be made of concrete in recent times. In Dorothy Scott Johnson's book THE CEMETERIES OF MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA, Vol. I (1971), on page 281 the marker for Margaret Matkin is described in a note as follows: "The marker on Margaret Matkin's grave was most unusual. It was in the form of a large cement box with the inscription on the top side, face up." There is no surface evidence of such a box there today, but about 3 inches under the soil on the east side of Margaret's tombstone is a large slab of concrete or stone that could well have been part of the box that Mrs. Johnson described in 1971.

Mary's obelisk has been broken and patched. The patch was performed by the Sparkman Marble & Granite Works of Huntsville, according to Monty Sparkman, owner and operator of the business.