

At least it is known that the Holdings were not buried in the Inman Cemetery, due to the presence of their tombstones elsewhere. In later times, the Inman Cemetery was definitely used for black family burials, as those are the only remaining tombstones with inscriptions today. A remotely possible explanation of the name of the cemetery is that “Emeline” could have been a given name for the Inman for whom the cemetery is named. There may have been a tombstone in the cemetery at one time for an “Emeline Inman”, who may have been a wife or child of Isaac Inman or one of his descendants, but this is not considered at all likely. There were no black Inman families noted in the old census records for Madison County, but there could well have been a black Emeline (nickname or variant for the name “Emily”?) with another surname who became the commonly recognized namesake of the cemetery for those of more recent generations in the area. Someday perhaps a buried tombstone will be found for an Emeline in the cemetery to help solve the mystery. For now, it seems that it would be appropriate to simply identify the cemetery as the **Inman Cemetery**. For the interested researchers, there are a number of additional data files on the CD media provided to the Army offices regarding the Madison County Inman families.

Returning to today’s appearance of the cemetery, the photo below gives the visual impressions upon approaching the gate into the fenced area.