

As recounted in the 1933 newspaper article, Charity Allison Cooper Lee / Lea died childless in March of 1872. However, she lost her home by sheriff's sale in 1857 due to inability to pay her debts. Since she no longer owned the home and the land that contained the nearby cemetery, she provided in her will for funds to transfer the graves of her two husbands (James Cooper and Houston H. Lea) to the graveyard at Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, where her former neighbor and husband of her niece (Rev. Alexander Penland) preached for a number of years. A photo of his grave at Ebenezer is shown below:



**Ebenezer Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Hobbs Island Road, Madison County, Alabama; March 22, 2000**

The Ebenezer Church Cemetery is much larger than the little Penland - Cooper family cemetery on the arsenal. In fact, because the church cemetery is immediately behind an active church, it is well-maintained. The